

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE
15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY
MANY, LA

2:00PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Conyer, Chairman
Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Bobby Williams, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Byron Gibbs
Mr. Carlton Gibson
Mr. Ned Goodeaux
Mr. Larry Kelly
Mr. Therman Nash
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Kermie Valentine

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Carl Chance, IT Consultant 1-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

There were ten visitors.

Mr. Conyer called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.

Conyer led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that all commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

Mr. Conyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried**

unanimously.

Mr. Pratt stated that he would like to introduce Ms. Sarie Joubert with

Chesapeake Entergy to make a "short" presentation about a community project for Sabine

Parish students. Ms. Joubert stated that beginning September 9th for eight weeks,

Chesapeake will be accepting applications for outstanding students in Sabine Parish who

deserve recognition for outstanding community, school, or other areas in which the

student has proven leadership. She explained that at the end of the eight weeks, two

1 students would receive laptop computers and their school would receive \$1,000 for
2 technology items for students' usage. She handed out copies of the applications and
3 thanked the Board for their time.

4 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

5 #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 161.50. He stated the Toledo
6 Bend Project Joint Operating Board had met to discuss amending the budget \$800,000 as
7 well as electing a new Chairman, Mr. Don Covington of Texas. He stated that water
8 quality had been affected due to the affluent from the Boise Plant at DeRidder located on
9 Anacoco Creek and it was felt that 3-hour run possibly would prohibit this from
10 happening due to the drought on Anacoco Lake. He stated however, the lake level is too
11 low for the generators to pick up the water so it is now necessary to open one gate eight
12 inches for continual flow. He stated that a letter had been received from the Sabine River
13 Compact Administration concerning the lake level and releases for downstream flow. He
14 stated that staff responded that all was being done to assure downstream flow releases.

15 #2-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Chance stated that September 30th was getting
16 closer for the final application to FERC. He stated that the re-licensing team met with the
17 Aquatics Work Group at SRA/TX in Orange on August 16th to report the results of the
18 modeling scenarios for generation runs and downstream flows the group had requested.

19 He stated that the model runs showed there were no significant changes in the flow rates
20 and wetted perimeter down river. He continued that the changes were the loss of prim
21 power/water. He stated that it was made very plainly to the Agencies that those were
22 unacceptable scenarios and a couple of modified scenarios that HDR was running were
23 submitted. He stated that the group would meet again to discuss those. He explained that
24 even though the FLA would be submitted n September 30th, work would continue to a
25 settlement agreement that would be an addendum to the FLA. He stated that the meeting
26 strengthened our position of no ramping up or down of the generators. He stated that a
27 meeting was held on August 17th and August 21st of Texas and Louisiana staff to work on
28 the Shoreline Management Plan. He stated that staff had met on August 18th with USFS
29 in Lufkin to discuss their input and concerns on the Chinese fallow, erosion and
30 recreation studies. He stated that Recreation studies were most concerned with ADA
31 compliance in restroom facilities in the parks that SRA/TX operates. He stated that the

1 erosion study discussion evolved around site selection and changes on the data collection
2 form. He stated that the Chinese Tallow study dealt with control planting and removal of
3 the trees. He stated that the HPMP was almost complete and work continues on the
4 Recreation Plan. He stated that a formal letter from the Department of Natural
5 Resources, Jeff Harris stating that the Toledo Bend Project does not have any effect on
6 the Coastal Zone or Coastal Zone resources and during the request, an example was
7 provided to Mr. Harris for review.

8 Item #3- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that at the Diversion Canal, Station
9 #3, Pump #2 is back out for repairs. He stated that repairs lasted less than 2 weeks and
10 all 4 bushings were totally destroyed. He stated that Best Pump Works is saying there is
11 debris in the wet well, but SRA had a diver remove all debris after the initial damage.
12 The plan is to send a diver down again to look for anything that might be in the well. I
13 am going to have him document his findings and forward to Best Pump Works. He
14 stated that Buna Electric is going to pick up the motor and drive today and inspect it at no
15 charge. He stated that they will document their findings to forward to Best Pump Works
16 as well. He stated that the industries served by State #3 have agreed to pay the majority
17 of the rental costs on the bypass pumps. He stated that SRA would have to pay \$3,000 of
18 the rental fee with the industries funding \$15,660.00 He stated that this is a 3-month
19 agreement and they would be billed monthly with their regular water bill. He stated that
20 conductivity levels at Station #1 have been acceptable for the past month with levels
21 running between 210 to 250. He stated that staff will continue to monitor this closely
22 with the new constant run of one gate open eight inches. He stated that a substantial
23 completion document on the siphon project has been signed by the Executive Director
24 and will be advertised for forty-five days. He stated that there would be no final payment
25 to Boh Brothers until the bill with Porta-Dam is resolved and the KCS charges are
26 confirmed and paid. He stated that at Toledo Bend work continues on the boat launches
27 at all parks and staff has moved the SRD trackhoe up here to help with the digging. He
28 stated that the boat launches at Oak Ridge, San Miguel and Cypress Bend have been
29 cleaned out and are good to 159.50 msl. He stated that rock is being placed at the end of
30 the concrete to keep the launches accessible. He stated that Pleasure Point is essentially
31 closed except to very small boats and probably would have to be closed by week;

1 however a spud barge could possibly be rented if it is felt necessary to keep the launch
2 open. He stated that the work on the irrigation system at Cypress Bend Resort is ongoing
3 and the final pour will be made next week. He stated that the 23 ft deep wet well and the
4 final pour next week would be the base for the pump house and the transformer pad for
5 the electricity; however approval from the State to run the electrical line has not been
6 received. He stated that elevation shots at Clyde's Crossing show that there is a bottom
7 elevation of 166 msl at the end of the pier and staff has not received any notification from
8 Toledo Bend Lake Association as to whether or not they are willing to participate in this
9 project. He stated that a bid has been accepted from Premier Fence Company for the
10 Cypress Bend Park Gates awaiting the signed contract. He stated that a RFP for materials
11 for the floating pier extension at Cypress Bend Park has been submitted several vendors.
12 He stated that painted fish donated by the Tourist Commission has not been installed
13 because the fish has to be weather coated before installation. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
14 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the staff reports as presented and circulated.**
15 **Motion carried unanimously.**
16 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comment: None.
17 Item #1-Out-of-State Water Supply Proposals: Mr. Pratt stated that this item
18 would be discussed by Mr. Kelly when it is time for the Water Sales Committee report.
19 Item #2-Amend Jones Walker Contract: Mr. Pratt stated that Jones Walker was
20 legal counsel for the water sale issues and the initial contract in this year's budget was for
21 \$10,000 and staff is requesting to amend the contract and the budget for \$30,000. **Mr.**
22 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve amending the Jones Walker**
23 **contract for legal services for an additional \$30,000 and to increase the Board**
24 **Budget by the same amount. Motion carried unanimously.**
25 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comment: None.
26 Item #1-Adopt resolution for SRD Bonds: Mr. Pratt stated that this resolution was
27 to finalize the Bond Issue for the SRD Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that the
28 bonds were for ten years at 3.04% callable in five years. **Mr. Williams moved,**
29 **seconded by Mr. Burgess to adopt the resolution in support of the Bond Issue for**
30 **the Diversion Canal Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**
31 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1 Item #1-Diversion Canal: Mr. Cupit stated no meeting.

2 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Committee had met

3 prior to the Board meeting. He stated that Mr. Carr had given a very good updated report

4 on projects within the park. He continued that the Committee discussed the Oak Ridge

5 Park Project in conjunction with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury. He stated that it is felt

6 that the SRA has done "due diligence" concerning the archeological concerns and would

7 like to proceed with the project plans. Mr. Pratt interjected that it is felt that if at some

8 point in time our crew is excavating at the site and finds artifacts that resemble bones

9 then activity would cease. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to**

10 **continue the improvements to Site #2-Oak Ridge Park in DeSoto Parish. Motion**

11 **carried unanimously.**

12 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated that the Committee

13 had met on August 8th. He stated that discussed was a permit request by CCGVertis for

14 seismic exploration in DeSoto Parish and the Committee recommends that SRA issue this

15 permit. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve a permit request**

16 **for seismic exploration in DeSoto Parish within the project boundary by CCG**

17 **Vertis. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Arbuckle stated that the Committee had

18 discussed and recommends approving a request for a right-of-way permit from Cleco

19 due to the moving of the irrigation system at Cypress Bend Golf Course, **Mr. Arbuckle**

20 **moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve a request for a right-of-way permit by**

21 **Cleco. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit**

22 **to approve the minutes of the August 11th meeting as circulated. Motion carried**

23 **unanimously.**

24 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.

25 Williams stated no meeting.

26 Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Kelly stated that the Committee had met prior to the

27 Board meeting to discuss the current proposed out-of-state water sales contract. He

28 continued that for several months, Mr. Conyer, Mr. Pratt and he had many meetings with

29 Toledo Bend Partners, LP discussing an out-of-state water sales contract. He stated that

30 the final draft had been circulated to each member and he stated that it is felt that the

31 contract meets the needs of both parties and protects both parties. He stated that the

1 Committee would like to recommend to the Board to approve signing the current contract
2 with Toledo Bend Partners, LP and send it to the Governor for his signature. Mr. Kelly
3 moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the out-of-state water sales contract
4 with Toledo Bend Partners, LP ; for the Chairman to sign the contract and to
5 forward to the Governor for his signature once the SOS is complete. Motion carried
6 unanimously.
7 Item #3-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Vidrine stated no meeting.
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt reminded the members that the
9 office would be closed for the upcoming Labor Day holiday. He stated that he did not
10 have anything else to report. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to
11 approve the Executive Director's report. Motion carried unanimously.
12 LEGAL REPORT: None.
13 Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be September 22nd, 2011 at
14 10:00am at Pendleton Bridge Office.
15 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.
16 Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting
17 adjourned at 2:58pm.



ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN



STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN



BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY