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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA
11:00AM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND , 2011**

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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Robert Conyer, Chairman**
12 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman**
13 **Mr. Bobby Williams, Secretary**
14 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
15 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
16 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
17 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
18 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**
19 **Mr. Larry Kelly**
20 **Mr. Therman Nash**
21 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**

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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
25 **Mrs. Estella Scott**

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

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33 **There were sixteen (16) visitors.**
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36 Mr. Conyer called the meeting to order. Mr. Conyer dispensed with the Prayer
37 and the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that all commissioners
38 were present and a quorum was established.

39 Mr. Conyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr.
40 Pratt stated that staff would like to add under Old Business, Item #1-Shoreline
41 Management Plan. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to amend the**
42 **agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Valentine moved, seconded by Mr.**
43 **Arbuckle to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

44 Mr. Conyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of August 25th
45 meeting. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of the**
46 **August 25th, 2011 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.**

47 **OLD BUSINESS:** #1-Shoreline Management Plan: Public Comments were made
48 by Mr. Mike Randolph, contractor, addressed the Board concerning the restrictions on the
49 size of boathouses on Toledo Bend reservoir. He stated that most of the boathouses that

1 he had constructed had been approximately 2,500 sq ft or larger and the proposed new
2 regulations would allow a boathouse to be up to 1,500 sq ft. He stated that this
3 restriction would impact the real estate market as well as all the contractors who build
4 boathouses, piers and seawalls. He would like the Shoreline Management Plan allow the
5 permit for boathouses to continue with the current plan, with no size restriction as long as
6 the pier length and boathouse do not pose a problem for access by the property owner's
7 neighbors. He stated that the permit would be done a on an individual basis at the
8 owner's desgrection. Mr. Pratt stated that at the Leaseback Committee meeting, a
9 discussion was hel on the Shoreline Management Plan. He stated that legal counsel for
10 the re-licensing project, Mr. Chuck Sensiba had answered several questions during the
11 meeting and he continued to rerate that the current draft was a preliminary copy to be
12 included within the re-licensing application and that staff would take an additional ninety
13 days to review and revise the plan to meet the needs of the Sabine River Authority, State
14 of Louisiana. He stated that the FERC will review the plan, other resource agencies will
15 review the plan and as time goes, there will be public hearings on the plan. He stated that
16 all the information collected would be reviewed by the re-licensing team and any
17 necessary changes would be included in the final draft. Mr. Pratt stated that during the
18 meeting, there were three items that needed to be addressed by the Board. He continued
19 that Item #1- Boathouse size to be at least 2,500 sq ft; Item #2-Encapsulated foam or plan
20 Styrofoam, and Item #3-Dredging limits. Mr. Pratt stated that it was suggested that
21 encapsulated foam be used by everyone wanting to build docks/piers. He stated that the
22 current limits by the Corps of Engineers for dredging is that no more than 25 cubic yards
23 of "spoil" be removed under the current permitting process otherwise, the individual will
24 have to submit an application to the Corps of Engineers for a permit to remove more than
25 25 cubic yards. **After some discussion, Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to**
26 **restrict boathouse size to 2,500 sq ft; allow private property owners to use**
27 **encapsulated foam or Styrofoam; however, Commercial property owners must use**
28 **encapsulated foam under their docks; and for dredging permits to be a minimum of**
29 **1,000 cu yds with a maximum of 4,000 cu yds. Motion carried unanimously. Mr.**
30 **Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the preliminary draft of**

1 **the Shoreline Management Plan to be included with the re-licensing application to**
2 **FERC on September 30th, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-RFP for Out-of-State Water Sales: Mr. Pratt stated
4 that a letter had been received from the Governor’s office with written directions that
5 SRA put together a request for proposal for the out-of-state water sales contract. He
6 stated that he was requesting authorization to allow the Board Chairman, Water Sales
7 Committee Chairman, the Executive Director and SRA Staff to prepare the RFP and “let”
8 for bids. He continued that once the bids were received, then each would be “scored” and
9 reported to the Board for action to accept or reject. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr.**
10 **Arbuckle to authorize the Board Chairman, Water Sales Committee Chairman,**
11 **Executive Director and SRA staff to prepare a RFP for out-of-state water sales**
12 **contract, to let for bids and to report back to the Board to make a recommendation**
13 **to accept or reject the bids. Motion carried unanimously.**

14 Mr. Conyer reminded the Board that the next regular meeting would be held on
15 Thursday, October 27th at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

16 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.
17 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried.**
18 **Meeting adjourned at 11:53pm.**

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ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN

STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY