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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE
15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Daniel Cupit, Chairman
Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Frank Davis, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mr. Byron Gibbs
Mr. Jerry Holmes
Mr. Mike McCormic
Mr. Therman Nash
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Stanley Vidrine
Mr. Bobby Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Carl Chance, IT Director 1-SRA, Many, LA
Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA
There were nine (9) visitors.

37 Mr. Cupit called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Cupit
38 led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret was absent; however,
39 a quorum was established. .

40 Mr. Cupit asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing
41 none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mrs. Scott moved,**
42 **seconded by Mr. Davis to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried**
43 **unanimously.**

44 Mr. Cupit stated that the minutes of the August 27th, 2015 meeting were in the
45 packet and asked if there were any corrections. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by**
46 **Mr. Arbuckle to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of August 27th, 2015**
47 **meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

48 **STAFF REPORTS:**

1 Item#1-TBPJO-Mr. Pratt stated that he would give the overall engineering report
2 and Mr. Carr will give the operational report. He stated that Mr. Rumsey's report was
3 included in the packet. He stated that the lake level was 168.14' msl. He continued that
4 Unit #2 was still down for repairs of the oil leak. He stated that the proposed fall outage
5 for maintenance and repair for Unit #1 will not be done since Unit #2 is down.

6 #2-Shoreline: Mr. Chance stated that he would give the Shoreline report first.
7 For the Month of August: New Structures-14 @\$35 each, a total-\$490; New Water
8 withdrawal-3@\$100 each- a total \$300; Transfer Water withdrawal-1@\$100 Total, fees
9 collected: \$890.00. He stated that the FERC compliance effort continues with the HPMP
10 field work for the first year completed on the Texas side; also, the contractor has
11 completed approximately three miles along the Louisiana side and will probably
12 complete their work next week. Ronnie Cole has taken them to a couple of the islands
13 utilizing the Shoreline boat this week. He stated that Article 401 Erosion Monitoring
14 Plan for Non-Federal Lands has been submitted to FERC. He stated that the cultural
15 resource survey of proposed sites were conducted during HPMP field surveys; and staff
16 is awaiting technical memorandum from Freese & Nichols, Inc., recommending six of the
17 remaining eight potential sites to the USFS. He stated that work continues on the Safety
18 Plan and Signage Proposal. He stated that staff has been collecting data for Article 404-
19 Water Quality and Cofferdam Effectiveness Monitoring and so far, no data has been
20 below 20 degrees C threshold, so there shouldn't be a need to conduct a cofferdam
21 survey. He stated that for Section 18 -Prescription for Fishways (eel passage) staff is
22 working to get the draft Portable Ramp Trap and Upstream Passage Plan out for resource
23 agency review soon. He stated that Ronnie Cole has assisted with the Forestry
24 Awareness Program in DeSoto and Sabine Parishes School System. He stated that the
25 server that was approved for purchase has been installed by John Graham and is working
26 great. He stated that John continues to work with AT&T and other providers to get a
27 fiber connection to the backbone here at the Pendleton Office and at Cypress Bend Park.
28 He stated that Pleasure Point Park has received 1,882 hits; Cypress Bend Park -2,216 and
29 SRA-1,270 on Facebook.

30 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the **Toledo Bend Division** the crew
31 continues to work on the Wastewater Treatment Pond at the resort. He stated that work

1 continues on the remodeling of the kitchen. He stated that work continues on the RV
2 pads and levees at Oak Ridge Park. He stated that the crew continues general
3 maintenance and upkeep on all cabins and RV sites at all parks. He stated that the buoy
4 crew has been on the water extensively and our buoys are now in better shape than they
5 have been in a long time. He stated that TBLA declined our request for a Cooperative
6 Endeavor Agreement for playground equipment. He stated that a total of three seawalls
7 have failed during the spring and the crew has moved equipment on site and started the
8 repair work on the first one at the resort where there are two seawalls in need of repair.
9 He stated that other one is at Pleasure Point Park. He stated that at the **TBPJO Division**,
10 the contractor has completed electrical repairs in the spillway gallery which SRA-LA
11 crews assisted with the project. He stated that Gate #5 has been completely refurbished
12 and the SRA-LA crew moved the stop logs to Gate #4 which leaves only Gates #3 and
13 #11 needing to be repaired. He stated that the Contractor has almost completed the Relief
14 Well Project in which they are working on the electrical controls; however the wells are
15 pumping manually. He stated that the repair of the spalling on the spillway is underway
16 where the SRA-LA crew jack-hammered eight sections out to expose rebar and ready for
17 the concrete pour possibly next week. He stated that the SRA-LA crew assisted the
18 spillway gate contractor whenever necessary. He stated that staff was working on the
19 third quarter piezometer readings and will be completed by September 30th. He stated the
20 crew continues the normal levee maintenance, mowing, weed-eating and spraying of
21 herbicide. He stated that at the **Sabine Diversion Canal Division**, Projects #1, and #3
22 are completed and all outstanding invoices have been paid. He stated that Projects #2,
23 #4, and #5 have been completed and all outstanding invoices have been paid. He stated
24 that these projects will be closed out at the October meeting and any remaining will be
25 recommended for re-allocation if necessary. He stated that CIP Project #11-Pump
26 Stations #3 and #4 Pump Foundation Repair has been completed and this will also be
27 recommended for closure at the October meeting. He stated that a contract has been
28 entered into with Meyers & Associates to administer CIP Project #6. He stated that
29 M&A has hired T. Baker Smith Surveying to obtain a preliminary survey to calculate the
30 quantity of material to be moved and to follow-up with quality control surveys to make
31 sure the contractor performs to specifications. He stated that there have been two

1 instances of siphons plugging up due to grasses getting caught in the entrance and the
2 SRD crew had to work overtime in both cases and had to rent a long reach hoe to clear
3 one siphon. He stated that staff continues to work with Sasol to finalize the Water
4 Infrastructure Agreement (WIA) for the permanent crossings that the Board approved at
5 the August meeting. He stated that Matheson Tri-Gas (MTG) had been informed that the
6 Board had approved their Pump Station move on Canal #3 as well as the amendment to
7 their Water Sales Agreement (WSA) to show the increased demand rate of (1,000 GPM)
8 and staff understands that MTG will be submitting prints for the SRA to approve before
9 moving forward with their planned project. He stated that a draft copy of a WIA and
10 WSA had been sent to Lake Charles Methanol (LCM) for their review. He stated that
11 staff has learned that LCM is experiencing some difficulty getting a discharge permit
12 with the new Clean Water Act provisions that became effective August 2015.

13 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was
14 included in the meeting packet. She stated that at the Toledo Bend Division Revenue for
15 July was \$771,088.65; Expenses were \$390,710.14 showing a Profit of \$380,378.51. She
16 stated that at the Diversion Canal Division Revenue was \$400,956.03; Expenses were
17 \$305,204.92 showing a profit of \$95,751.11. She continued that at the Toledo Bend
18 Division Revenue for August was \$592,073.65; Expenses were \$712,451.22 showing a
19 loss of \$120,377.9; at the Diversion Canal Division Revenue was \$306,479.19; Expenses
20 were \$279,269.53 showing a Profit of \$27,209.66. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr.**
21 **Arbuckle to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
22 **unanimously.**

23 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

25 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

26 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve Truck Purchase:** Mr. Medlock stated
27 that he could purchase a 2008 F150 with 24,000 miles for \$14,600 from Federal Surplus
28 Vehicles and was requesting approval to purchase and add to the fleet. **Mr. Goodeaux**
29 **moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the purchase of a truck from Federal**
30 **Surplus in the amount of \$14,600. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **Item #2: Approve Annual Audit FY'14-'15:** Mr. Steven DeRouen stated that
2 the year-end audit for FY'14-'15 had been completed and sent to the Legislative
3 Auditor's Office for review on August 31st. He stated that each Board member was sent
4 a copy within the meeting packet. He stated that there were no issues with the audit and
5 that is because of the good job Mrs. Ferguson and her accounting department does with
6 handling the business operations of the Authority. He stated that the end-of-the-year
7 Cash and Cash Flow Equivalents statement shows a net increase of \$2,658,310.00 and
8 this was mainly due to the increased power generation sales. He stated that the Authority
9 is in good financial position at this time. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Davis**
10 **to approve the Annual Audit for FY'14-'15 as presented and circulated. Motion**
11 **carried unanimously.**

12 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 13 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.
14 2) Parks: No meeting
15 3) Leaseback: No meeting.
16 4) Finance: No meeting.
17 5) Water Sales: No meeting.
18 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

19 **LEGAL REPORT:** No report.

20 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that he would attend a
21 Water Resource Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge the following week and that the
22 Sabine River Compact Meeting would be held October 16th & 17th in San Antonio,
23 Texas. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Executive**
24 **Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 Mr. Cupit stated that the next meeting would be October 22nd, 2015 at 1:00pm at
26 the Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.; however, Mr. Pratt asked that the meeting
27 date be changed to October 29th 2015 due to staff having to travel to the Sabine Compact
28 Meeting the week before and Mrs. Ferguson would not have all the information to
29 complete the financial report since there were five Thursdays in the month. Mr. Cupit
30 stated that the meeting date would be October 29th 2015 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton
31 Bridge Office.

1 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cupit asked for a motion to adjourn.

2 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried**

3 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.**

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FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY

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