

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND DRIVE
MANY, LA 71449
11:00AM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Frank Davis, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr
Mr. Jerry Holmes
Mr. Stanley Vidrine
Mr. Bobby Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mrs. Estella Scott

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 Director 1-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA
John Lair, Engineer 6-SRA, Many, LA
There were fourteen (14) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Burgess and Mrs. Scott were absent; however, a quorum was established.

Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pratt stated that staff would like to add under Old Business, Item #1-Authorization to Purchase a Truck for the Toledo Bend Division. Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to approve the addition to the agenda as well as adopting the amended agenda. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the September 25th, 2014 meeting were in the packet and asked if there were any corrections. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 23, 2014 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Item#1-TBPJO-Mr. Lair stated that the lake level was 168.27' msl. He stated that Chairman Goodeaux had toured the powerhouse on November 19th and the tour included the powerhouse control room, the generators, running gear for the turbines and auxiliary equipment. He stated Chairman Goodeaux also met with and encouraged our contractors who were finishing up outages on both generation units. He continued that Unit #2 completed its outage which started on September 6th and became available for service on November 20th; this outage lasted longer than expected due to blade seal issues. He stated that Unit #1 had a short outage on November 17th to address a gate seal problem and became available for service on November 21st. He stated that the divers had completed the inspection of the upstream and downstream areas of the powerhouse and a report with videos would be forthcoming. He stated that a collection of logs at the very bottom of the powerhouse upstream trash racks was discovered by the divers and would need to be removed. He stated that the new powerhouse relief well contract is out for bids. He stated that the advertisements had been placed with the Port Author News, Orange Leader, Beaumont Enterprise, Lafayette Sun, Lake Charles American Press, and the Newton County News. He stated that these advertisements had run on November 23rd & 30th as well as December 7th. He stated that SRA would be having a pre-bid meeting on December 8th at 10am at the Texas side Dam Facility and the bid opening would be held December 16th at 2:00pm.

Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that under Article #404-Coffer Dam Monitoring report which collects the mean daily temperature of 45 days during August and September during which the project was generating under normal conditions was 20degrees Celsius for 0% of the monitored days; consequently, no action was required. He stated that under Article #405-Weekend Flow Testing staff continues to work with the Agencies to establish the ten (10) benchmarks downstream; getting permission from landowners, etc. He stated that under Article #411-Developing a plan to submit to FERC on how we will audit and monitor for encroachments (houses & sewers) and unpermitted structures. He stated that the report was due to FERC on February 28th 2015. He stated that the **Permit Report for October** showed **New Structures: 7- \$245; Existing Structures: 8, \$280; New Water Withdrawals: 1-\$75; Transfer Water Withdrawals: 3-\$263, TOTAL (21) \$933.00**. He stated that the **Permit Report** for

November showed New Structures: 4-\$140; Existing Structures: 0; Transfer Structures: 3-\$105; New Water Withdrawals: 2-\$166.67; Transfer Water Withdrawals: 2-\$200, TOTAL (11) \$611.67.

Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the Toledo Bend Division the crew has been clearing dead trees and limbs within the parks. He stated that there were some large pine trees that needed to be removed and the crew would be going down to the Dam to help remove them. He stated that the Hodges Gardens Lighting Project is complete; however SRA had entered into a co-operative agreement to help with this project for five years and there are two years remaining. He stated that the crew is working on remodeling Cabin #8 at San Miguel and when finished, would probably move to Cabin #12 which would be remodeled for the handicap visitor. He stated that the remodeling at Pendleton Office is almost complete except for the break room; however, the form has been prepared for the addition at Pendleton Office in anticipation of the delivery of the concrete the next week. He stated that Pleasure Point Office cleanup is complete. He stated that at the TBPJO/dam office, the crew had been involved with moving the stop logs at the Dam from Gate #2 to Gate #3. He stated that the contractor is working on Gates #3 and #5 which leaves two remaining gates for repair #4 and #11. He stated that the crew had refurbished the eaves on the Louisiana office at the dam. He stated that two culverts were replaced one on the spillway road and one on the tailrace road; and re-surfaced the powerhouse road and the tailrace road with gravel. He stated the crew had completed the last of the mowing the levees for the year. He stated that the crew had completed the required weekly, monthly and quarterly surveillance checks for FERC. He stated that staff plans to review the video that the divers provided to check on the possible removal of the logs at the spillway. He stated that the SRD staff and he had a meeting with Civil Construction and Meyers & Associates to discuss temporary crossings. He stated that the buoy crew had been on the lake replacing buoys were needed. He stated that the crew also brought in a "fish house" that was requested to be removed by the Shoreline Department. He stated that the crew has over 10,000 buoys marking approximately 180 miles on the Louisiana side.

Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the report was included in the meeting packet. She stated that for the month of October 2014, the Toledo Bend

Division showed revenues that were \$596,174.00; expenses were \$548,666.53 showing a profit of \$47,507.47. She continued that the Diversion Canal Division revenues were \$459,203.19; expenses were \$276,470.26 showing a profit of \$182,732.93. **Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to accept all the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

SPECIAL REPORTS: Mr. Don Brenan with American Liberty Hospitality, No. 5 expressed thanks to the Board for a great working relationship with them and for SRA helping out with purchasing and repairs for the Cypress Bend Golf Resort.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-. Authorize Purchase Truck for Toledo Bend Division: Mr. Carr stated that one of the trucks currently being used needed some repairs. He stated that staff had researched the cost (\$1,800 or more for just minor repairs to the 10+ year old truck) vs the purchase of a new truck and was therefore, making a request to purchase the new truck. He stated that the new truck to be purchased was a FORD one-ton crew cab at the approximate cost of \$27,000.00 not to exceed \$30,000.00. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to authorize the purchase of a new one ton truck for the Toledo Bend Division not to exceed the total cost of \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- KCS Expansion: He stated that Barton Rumsey, Phil Finn and I had visited with Richard Meyer and Wayne Harris of Meyer & Associates to formulate a plan to proceed with the KCS expansion project. He stated that the points of discussion were as followed: 1) Setting a realistic budget for the project which could be as much as \$8.5 million dollars which includes a 15% factor added for project contingencies which amounts to \$990,000; 2) If the Board approves entering into this Water Infrastructure Agreement with KCS, then staff would submit this budget to KCS; 3) If acceptable to KCS, SRA would then enter into a Water Infrastructure Agreement with KCS which would state that SRA would not be financially responsible for any costs of this project including all overruns, change orders or other contingencies; 4) SRA would then enter into a contract with Meyer & Associates for design, request for proposals construction and inspection; 5) SRA would have servitude agreements between SRA and KCS for all affected ground. He stated that staff is requesting that the Board

approve entering into the Water Infrastructure Agreement with KCS and the Meyer & Associates Contract and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve SRA entering into the Water Infrastructure Agreement with KCS as well as a contract with Meyer & Associates for the KCS Expansion Project and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #2- Temporary Canal Crossings for Sasol Project: Mr. Carr stated that staff had a meeting with Fluor Engineering, a representative of Meyer & Associates as well as a representative of Civil Construction to review procedures for installing three (3) temporary canal crossings for Sasol construction to begin. He stated that the request is for crossings at #5 and #6 for hauling materials to the location and the crossing at #2 for personnel parking area and access to a batch plant to be erected on site. He stated that the following are items that were considered: 1) Crossing #2 and #5 will both be on Canal #8 and will only have impact on customer; 2) Crossing #6 will impact all customers from Station #3 in addition to Entergy and MTG and there are concerns in the fact it will cross the canal at an angle; 3) Crossing material will consist of geotech fabric, mats, and washed gravel to eliminate turbidity to our customers; 4) Sasol has insisted on all three crossings; 5) Although these are to be listed as “temporary” staff feels it could be up to two (2) years; 6) SRA has been assured that no fuel deliveries would use these crossings nor any other product that could contaminate the canal system; 7) Traffic restrictions would apply since gates would be kept locked and flagmen would control traffic during the day to keep the public out of the area; 8) Major concerns for the levees and SRA staff is waiting for a design plan from Meyer & Associates and Civil Construction for approval. He stated that staff is asking that the Board approve SRA to enter into an agreement with Civil Construction to install these crossings as requested with Meyer & Associates doing the design and inspection under contract with Civil Construction and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve SRA entering into an agreement with Civil Construction to install the crossings as requested with Meyer & Associates doing the design and inspection under contract with Civil Construction and to authorize the**

Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.
- 2) Parks: No meeting.
- 3) Leaseback: Committee Chairman Vidrine stated that the Committee had met on November 19th. He stated that the new Permit Application Packet was included in the Board meeting packet for everyone to review. He asked if there were any questions. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to approve the new Permit Application Packet as presented. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Vidrine stated that the Sabine Parish Police Jury has made a request for a right-of-way on Lakeside Loop where bridge construction was planned to take place. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Bobby Williams to approve the right-of-way request by the Sabine Parish Police Jury and authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the minutes of the November 19th 2014 meeting of the Leaseback Committee as circulated. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4) Finance: No meeting
- 5) Water Sales: No meeting.
- 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that Mrs. Kathy Ebarb of the accounting department had taken a position with Northwestern State University at Natchitoches and wished her well with her new position. He continued that he would be attending a Water Resource Meeting in Lake Charles December 18th and would be speaking to the group. He stated that staff was still awaiting a ruling on the Land Exchange Amendment if passed, would exempt any fees for the Forest Service. He stated that Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks, Executive Director of the Sabine Tourist Commission had been elected President of the Louisiana Tourist Promotion Association and would be hosting the annual Board meeting at Cypress Bend Resort and Conference

Center. He stated that Mrs. Curtis-Sparks had sent an invitation to the luncheon which would be held on January 28th and if any of the Board members would like to attend to contact Mrs. Anderson to make the arrangements. He stated that a fishing pier had been built up at Garrett Park in Logansport that has a floating dock which was the compliments of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury. He wished all the Board a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be January 22nd, 2015 at Pendleton Bridge Office in Many, Louisiana at 1:00pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.**

NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERMAN NASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN

FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY