

1 on Agriculture. Mr. Sebren thanked the Board for allowing Miss Arnold to give her
2 speech. He stated that she would be attending the National FFA Convention in
3 Indianapolis, IN to compete in the national competition on October 21st representing the
4 State of Louisiana.

5 STAFF REPORTS: #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was
6 168.56' msl. He stated that staff was working with re-licensing contractor-Bio West who
7 was conducting a fishing study downstream and had reduced the schedule for this
8 purpose. He stated that only one unit would be running two hours on Monday and six
9 hours on Friday. He stated that the bypass pipe repair was almost complete. He
10 continued that there were approximately twenty applicants for the engineering position
11 and review along with interviews would be forthcoming.

12 #2-Operational Report: Mr. Carr presented each Board member a copy of his
13 prepared report. Mr. Carr stated that the motor protection has been installed, but there are
14 some problems with the system due to "old" wiring with Pump Station #1 and these are
15 being addressed. He stated that Balar Engineering has complete the topographic survey
16 for the event pavilion at Cypress Bend Resort and once foundation prints are received,
17 then construction can began. He stated that a total of \$20,000 from four of the Oilman's
18 Tournaments has been committed to this project. He stated that approval from the Fire
19 Marshall's office had been received on the plans for Cabin #8 at Cypress Bend Park and a
20 materials bid list has been submitted to all interested parties. He stated that the beach
21 repair at Pendleton Bridge Office has been placed on hold since swimming season is
22 pretty much over. He stated that the Cypress Bend Resort project was now complete. He
23 stated that all of the water contracts for SRD had been signed except for Air Liquide;
24 however, this company is paying the new rate. He stated that staff had obtained cross
25 section readings of the canal for dredging purposes. He stated that staff had prepared a
26 scope of work to be sent out for bids as well as staff researching the purchase or rental of
27 the equipment for SRA Staff to do the dredging. He stated that staff is working with a
28 company on designing a two-sided sign for the location markers to be placed on the
29 reservoir. He stated that the Toledo Bend Lake Association has committed \$9,000 to
30 cover the project cost. SRA/LA presented Salvinia weevils to the Bi-State Alliance
31 members for distribution on the Texas side of the reservoir. He stated that the Sabine

1 Parish Water Committee appointed by Senator Long met and discussed long and short
2 term solutions to the current water problems. He continued that the SRD Siphon Project
3 is ongoing with the engineer researching new pipe lining technology and then bid
4 documents would be prepared. He stated that a list of park improvements had been
5 submitted to the DeSoto Parish Police Jury for Oak Ridge Park in anticipation that the
6 Jury would underwrite the costs of the improvements. He stated that SRD Levee repair
7 canal 2D had been completed and the canal was at normal level. He stated that the
8 damaged part of the jetty at Cypress Bend Park was ongoing as well as the renovation of
9 the floating pier. He stated that at Pleasure Point Park, 150 trash receptacles had been
10 built; there are 15 pads that need to be renovated to complete this project and one of the
11 bathhouses was complete with the other two in progress. (See attached.)

12 #3-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Chance reviewed the history of the project. He
13 stated that currently discussions are being held as to what studies must be performed to
14 meet the requirements of FERC. He stated that there were several study requests made on
15 behalf of the Texas agencies that seemed to be of no “interest” to the project as a whole
16 and staff is awaiting final approval from FERC on these studies. (See attached.)

17 #4-Hazard Mitigation Plan- Mr. Chance stated that Metro Planning is the
18 consultant on the project and has been holding public meetings at various locations for
19 public input. He stated that the next meeting will be October 13th at 10:00am at South
20 Toledo Bend State Park. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to accept
21 all staff reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried.**

22 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Williams gave the Board a recap of the
23 Five-State El Camino Meeting he had attended in Mississippi. He stated that the plans
24 are to four-lane Highway 6 from I-49 to the Pendleton Bridge. He stated that Louisiana
25 has funds to do 3.1 miles from I-49 to Hagewood and this project would begin in the near
26 future.

27 OLD BUSINESS: None.

28 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1 Approve SRA Annual Audit: Mr. Steve DeRouen,
29 CPA representing The Broussard Group, presented a copy of the audit report to each
30 member present. He stated that current assets totaled \$63,162,372.00. He stated that the
31 SRA staff does an excellent job of recordkeeping and that there were no deficiencies or

1 material weaknesses noted. Mr. Williams stated that since the board was not able to
2 review the report prior to the meeting, he would like to suggest tabling the approval until
3 a later date. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to table approval of**
4 **the SRA Annual Audit Report until the next Board meeting allowing all members to**
5 **review to their satisfaction. Motion carried unanimously.** (See attached.)

6 Item #2- Approve Confidential Assistant Contract: Mr. Pratt stated that Barton
7 Rumsey currently held this position. He stated that in the past, it was known as the
8 Deputy Director's position which had restrictions on the number of hours Mr. Rumsey
9 could work; however, he has reached the specific age where this is no longer necessary
10 and allows him the ability to work 40 hours if necessary and to receive the annual 4%
11 merit increase. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the contract**
12 **for the Confidential Assistant position with Barton Rumsey. Motion carried**
13 **unanimously.**

14 Item #3-Approve the expenses for Commissioners Goodeaux, Kelly, and Vidrine
15 to attend Water Resource Meetings: Mr. Kelly stated that it was interesting to be able to
16 listen to discussion concerning the State's water resources for the future. He thanked all
17 who attended and stated that Mr. Pratt would be chairing the Groundwater Resource
18 Commission. **Mr. Valentine moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve**
19 **reimbursement of expenses for Commissioners Goodeaux, Kelly and Vidrine for**
20 **attending the Louisiana Water Resource Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

21 Item #4-Approve Purchase of GPS Equipment/Software: Mr. Chance stated that
22 the current system is outdated and needs to be replaced. He stated this is a valuable piece
23 of equipment not only to shoreline, but to the buoy crew as well. He stated that the total
24 cost of the replacement system was \$10,862.00. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr.**
25 **Cupit to approve the purchase of the GPS Equipment/Software in the approximate**
26 **amount of \$10,862.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

27 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Racca stated no
28 meeting.

29 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Committee had not
30 met, but would like to hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 30th at 2:30pm to
31 discuss current projects.

1 #3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Conyer stated that the committee had not
2 met, but asked staff about the status of the Attorney General Opinion request. Mr. Pratt
3 stated that a conference call had been held with the AG's office as well as SRA Staff and
4 that the opinion would be coming soon.

5 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.
6 Williams stated no meeting.

7 #2-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Cupit stated no meeting.

8 #3-Water Sales: Mr. Vidrine stated no meeting.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he **Mr. Goodeaux**
10 **moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Executive Director's Report as**
11 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 LEGAL REPORT: None.

13 Mr. Kelly stated that the next meeting would be October 22nd, 2009 at 1:00pm at
14 the Pendleton Bridge Office. Mr. Pratt stated that normally the November and December
15 meetings are held in conjunction with each other due to the holiday schedule. He stated that
16 the staff was planning that meeting for December 17th at Cypress Bend Resort.

17 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
18 **Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
19 **Meeting adjourned at 2:23pm.**

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STEPHEN RACCA, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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