

1 to the Cypress Bend Conference Center. He explained that hardi-plank was being used to
2 replace the “stucco” type siding. He then moved his presentation to the Blue Lake
3 Landing area to show the infestation of the “aquatic vegetation” problem. He stated that
4 the Lake Association which sponsors the Bass Unlimited Fundraiser each year, was
5 interested in helping SRA to do repairs to the boat launch and possibly dredging out the
6 access canal to the lake. He stated that this is a very popular area for locals and visitors
7 that have free access to launching their boat as well as a great fishing area. He stated that
8 the SRA staff had installed galvanized cable for fisherman to tie their boats to when
9 fishing under the Pendleton Bridge instead of using the conduit used for the lighting. Mr.
10 Jack Vermeire of the Lake Association stated that his board members would like to ask
11 the SRA to enter into a partnership to overlay the parking lot, do the dredging, and to
12 repair the boat launch at Blue Lake Landing. He stated that the approximate cost could
13 range from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Pratt stated that the board would have to wait until
14 more definitive information could be provided and then it would have to be presented to
15 the board at a later date. Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to approve the staff reports. **Mr.**
16 **Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the Staff Reports as circulated**
17 **and presented. Motion carried.**

18 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Representative Howard addressed the board and
19 expressed his appreciation and support for the continued teamwork. Mr. Vermeire
20 addressed the board concerning SRA assisting the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
21 in eradicating the aquatic vegetation. Mr. Pratt stated that SRA at this time does not have
22 any plans to get involved with spraying the vegetation and would continue to refer all
23 concerns to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

24 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Adopt a resolution for bond refinancing: Mr. Pratt
25 stated that Mr. Lonnie Beweley, bonding attorney, had suggested that SRA pursue
26 refinancing the 2003 bonds in order to “lock-in” a lower interest rate. He stated that at
27 the July meeting, the board approved staff pursuing bids. Mr. Beweley stated that the
28 bids had been received and that Hancock Bank proposed a rate of 4.89%. After some
29 discussion, **Mr. Steed moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to accept the bid from**
30 **Hancock Bank with a 4.89% interest rate for refinancing the 2003 bonds and to**
31 **adopt a resolution for this process. Motion carried.**

1 Item #2-Notice of By-law Amendments: Mr. Kelly stated that these amendments
2 had been provided in the previous Board packet. He asked for a motion to amend Article
3 XI, Section #3-to change the meeting date from the fourth Wednesday to the fourth
4 Thursday of each month. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to amend**
5 **Article XI, Section #3 to change the meeting date from the fourth Wednesday to the**
6 **fourth Thursday of each month. Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to
7 amend Article IX, Committees, Section #5 (a): Delete: each standing committee, with the
8 exception of the Leaseback and Cutting/Marking Committee, shall have a fixed number
9 of members equivalent to a majority of the board membership; and in the second
10 sentence, the word other. The final amended version will read as follows: Each standing
11 committee shall have a minimum number of five members and a maximum number of
12 members not to exceed a majority of the board membership. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
13 **seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve amending Article IX, Committees, Section**
14 **#5(a) to each standing committee shall have a minimum number of five members**
15 **and a maximum number of members not to exceed a majority of the board**
16 **membership. Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to amend Article IX,
17 Section 11(c) to be deleted in its entirety. **Mr. Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Steed**
18 **to amend Article IX, Section 11(c) to be deleted in its entirety. Motion carried.** Mr.
19 Kelly asked for a motion to amend Article IX, Section 11(b) to be deleted in its entirety.
20 **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to amend Article IX, Section 11 (b) to**
21 **be deleted in its entirety. Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to amend
22 Article IX, Section 11(c) to change paragraph reference from “c” to “a”. **Mr. Goodeaux**
23 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to amend Article IX, Section 11(c) to change**
24 **paragraph reference from “c” to “a”. Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion
25 to amend Article IX, Section 11(d) to change paragraph reference from “d” to “b”. **Mr.**
26 **Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to amend Article IX, Section 11(d) to change**
27 **paragraph reference from “d” to “b”. Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion
28 to amend Article IX, Section 11 (e) to change paragraph reference from “e” to “c”. **Mrs.**
29 **Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Conyer to amend Article IX, Section 11 (e) to “c”.**
30 **Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to amend Article IX, Section 11 (f) to
31 change paragraph reference from “f” to “d”. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr.**

1 **Conyer to amend Article IX, Section 11 (e) to change paragraph reference from “f”**
2 **to “d”. Motion carried.**

3 NEW BUSINESS: None.

4 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal- (Note: Mr. Racca had
5 stepped away from the meeting.) Mr. Pratt stated that the committee had met prior to the
6 Board meeting. He stated that the committee would like to recommend that the board
7 rescind the motion made previously setting the new water rate for Agricultural Customers
8 to be the same as the Industrial Customers at the Diversion Canal until further notice. He
9 explained that staff felt that some more research needed to be done in order to set a new
10 rate for the Ag Customers. **Mr. Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to rescind**
11 **the motion made at a previous meeting concerning the water rate for Agricultural**
12 **Customers at the Diversion Canal. Motion carried.** Mr. Pratt stated that the Calcasieu
13 Parish wanted to build a frontage road along the canal which would repair a leak at the
14 current site. He stated that the committee recommends that the Board approve entering
15 into an agreement with the Parish and authorize the Executive Director to execute the
16 necessary documents. He stated that the project would not cost the SRA anything. **Mr.**
17 **Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the Calcasieu Parish**
18 **Frontage Road Project along the Diversion Canal and authorize the Executive**
19 **Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried.**

20 Item #2-Development and Parks: No meeting.

21 Item #3-Leaseback and Cutting/Marking: Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order.
22 He stated that due to the accepted amendments to the By-laws, he would like to
23 appointment the new members to serve on the committee. He stated that Mr. Arbuckle,
24 Conyer, Goodeaux, Nash, Williams, and Vidrine would serve. He opened the floor for
25 nominations for chairman. **Mr. Arbuckle nominated Mr. Conyer, seconded by Mr.**
26 **Vidrine and that nominations cease. Motion carried, Mr. Conyer was elected as**
27 **chairman by unanimous vote.** Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to close the meeting.
28 **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle. Motion carried. Meeting**
29 **adjourned.**

30 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: No meeting.

31 Item #2-Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting

1 . Item #3-Water Sales: No meeting.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that his report was
3 included in the Board packet. He stated that he did not have anything to add. Mr. Kelly
4 asked for a motion to approve the Executive Director’s Report as circulated. **Mr. Steed**
5 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Executive Director’s Report as**
6 **circulated. Motion carried.**

7 Legal Report: EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to convene
8 into Executive Session. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to go into**
9 **Executive Session. Motion carried.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to reconvene from
10 Executive Session into Public Session. **Mr. Steed moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux**
11 **to reconvene into public session. Motion carried.** No action was taken.

12 Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Steed would be moving therefore, vacating his seat on
13 the Commission. Mr. Cupit stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Steed for the time
14 he had served the SRA and that he would be missed. Mr. Racca asked that staff prepare a
15 resolution on their behalf to be presented to Ronald Steed for his years of faithful service
16 to SRA.

17 NEXT MEETING DATE: Mr. Kelly stated that the next meeting would be held
18 on September 25th, 2008 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office, Many, LA. .

19 With no further business to discuss, **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr.**
20 **Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm.**

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LARRY KELLY, CHAIRMAN

STEPHEN RACCA, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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