

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
3 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**  
4 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
5 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**  
6 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**  
7 **MANY, LA 71449**  
8 **1:00PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009**  
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Larry Kelly, Chairman**  
12 **Mr. Stephen Racca, Vice-Chairman**  
13 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Secretary**  
14 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**  
15 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**  
16 **Mr. Robert Conyer**  
17 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**  
18 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**  
19 **Mr. Therman Nash**  
20 **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
21 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**  
22 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**  
23 **Mr. Bobby Williams**  
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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **NONE**  
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27 **OTHER PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**  
28 **Becky Anderson, Adm. Asst. 5-SRA, Many, LA**  
29 **Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr3-SRA, Many, LA**  
30 **Carl Chance, IT MGT Cons. 1-SRA, Many, LA**  
31 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm. Program Dir 3-SRA**  
32 **Many, LA**  
33 **Mel Swoboda, P.E.-TBPJO, Orange, TX**  
34 **Neal Thibodeaux, Eng. Intern-SRA, Many, LA**  
35 **There were sixteen visitors.**  
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38 Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the prayer and Mr. Kelly  
39 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and all were present. Mr. Kelly  
40 introduced Mr. C.A. Burgess of Evans, Louisiana as the new Board member who was  
41 replacing Mr. Ron Steed of Leesville.

42 Mr. Kelly asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pratt  
43 interjected that a new law had gone into effect concerning amending the agenda. He  
44 stated that instead of a 2/3 vote of the Board, it must be a unanimous decision of the  
45 Board to be able to amend the agenda as well as take action on the item. He stated that  
46 staff would like to request to add under Old Business, Item #1- Rescind the motion made  
47 at the October 23, 2008 meeting concerning water sales from International Paper  
48 Company and Cleco to outsiders. Mr. Goodeaux stated that he would like to request to  
49 add under Old Business, Item #2-Re-allocate the Blue Lake Launch Funds of \$30,000 to  
50 Park Site 11. Mr. Kelly asked if there were any other additions or deletions. Hearing

1 none, he asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. **Mr. Valentine moved,**  
2 **seconded by Mr. Williams to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried**  
3 **unanimously.**

4 Mr. Kelly asked if there were corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked  
5 for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting as circulated.  
6 **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes of the**  
7 **December 18, 2008 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.**

8 Staff Reports: #1- TBPJO: Mr. Thibodeaux stated that the lake level was at  
9 168.57 msl. He continued that there had been very little generation done during the  
10 month. He stated that the maintenance repairs on the generators were progressing. He  
11 stated that both units would be down for about ten days, but should be back online by  
12 March 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there was a leak in the spillway pipe of the tail race that needed  
13 to be repaired and options for this repair was being evaluated. He stated that approximate  
14 cost could be up to \$40,000 for just the materials. He explained that he had been  
15 researching the Flood Plain Buyout Program for homeowners that would voluntarily  
16 participate in the program would receive fair market value for their property. He stated  
17 that funds provided through FEMA, who would also help with the program is a 75%-25%  
18 match and that the TBPJO would help with the program as well. He stated that the  
19 property from the lake junction down to the river would be the targeted areas for  
20 participation in the program.

21 Item #2-Relicensing Update: Mr. Mel Swoboda presented a powerpoint  
22 presentation to the Board. He stated that on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, the initial application  
23 had been filed electronically. He stated that the "Scoping Document" had been  
24 completed on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, submitted and meetings held for comments and  
25 possible study requests up to January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. He pointed out several studies that  
26 possibly would be performed and this would be a major part of the Relicensing process.  
27 He stated that the study period would be from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. He  
28 stated that he felt that the entire project would cost less than initially discussed. (See  
29 attached powerpoint presentation.)

30 Item #3-SRA Issues Presentation: Mr. Pratt stated that he had prepared a  
31 powerpoint concerning the water sales issues. He stated that there was apparently some

1 opposition to SRA selling water outside of the State to Texas. He stated that the  
2 members of the opposition had been contacting various governmental bodies such as the  
3 police juries, town councils, etc...to adopt a resolution asking for legislation that would  
4 prohibit the sell of water outside of the state. He stated that he had visited several parish  
5 and municipal governments to make the presentation in order to educate them on the  
6 issue of power generation versus water sales. He stated that he understood that the State  
7 of Texas was currently performing some inflow studies and those opposing the issues felt  
8 there was more to the studies and the studies would affect the Sabine River. (See  
9 attached copy of presentation.) Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to approve the staff reports  
10 as presented and circulated. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve**  
11 **the Staff reports as presented and circulated. Motion carried.**

12 Public Comments: Representative Frankie Howard addressed the Board and once  
13 again thanked them for a job well done. He stated that he and Representative Armes had  
14 been working closely to help Mr. Pratt with water issues at hand and that he would  
15 always be glad to help the Authority any time that he was called upon to do so.

16 Old Business: Item #1-Rescind the motion taken at the October 23, 2008 meeting  
17 concerning Item #3A –Water Sales by Cleco and International Paper Company. Mr. Pratt  
18 stated that once staff reviewed the current contract, it was decided that this action needed  
19 to be rescinded until further research could be done. He stated that he wanted to be sure  
20 to not cause any problems for these companies due to verbiage within the contract and  
21 bonding issues. **Mr. Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to rescind the**  
22 **motion/action taken concerning the water sales by Cleco and International Paper**  
23 **Company until further notice. Motion carried.**

24 Item #2-Re-allocate \$30,000 funds from the Blue Lake Launch Area: Mr.  
25 Goodeaux stated that he had visited the Cypress Bend Park and the sidewalk next to the  
26 swimming area, the sidewalk adjacent to the boat launch, and the end of the jetty were  
27 collapsing under current conditions. He stated that he would like to have these funds re-  
28 allocated to Site 11 to begin the reconstruction of these areas. He stated that right now,  
29 these areas are barricaded off so that park visitors cannot use those areas. Mr. Pratt  
30 explained that \$30,000 would not complete the project, but would make a good start  
31 especially in the beach swimming area. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr.**

1 **Arbuckle to re-authorize the \$30,000 previously allocated to Blue lake Landing to**  
2 **Cypress Bend Shoreline Repairs and that the \$30,000 be funded from the**  
3 **Revenue/Reserve Account into the Park Improvement Fund for this project.**

4 **Motion carried.**

5 New Business: Item #1-Request to cross IP Pipeline and authorize the Executive  
6 Director to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Chance stated that the request  
7 information was provided in the Board packet. He stated that this request was made from  
8 Louisiana Midstream Company who is building a gas pipeline and needed to cross the  
9 area of the water line. He stated that this was a standard request and that all parties  
10 concerned had reviewed the plans and recommend to the Board to approve such crossing.

11 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the pipeline crossing**  
12 **request made by Louisiana Midstream Company and to authorize the Executive**  
13 **Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried.**

14 Item #2-Hallmark well site request: Mr. Chance stated that again, the information  
15 concerning the request was provided within the Board packet. He stated that staff had  
16 reviewed the request and the well would be located within the leaseback and would like  
17 to see a dike built at the 172' msl. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to**  
18 **approve Hallmark Oil & Gas Company request for a well site request on leaseback**  
19 **as long as all specifications are met per the permit and authorize the Executive**  
20 **Director to execute the necessary documents.. Motion carried.**

21 Item #3-Ratify Boiler Repair Expense-Cypress Bend Resort: Mr. Pratt stated that  
22 Ron Gwin, General Manager of Cypress Bend Resort had contacted him about one of the  
23 boilers being down and it needed to be repaired. He stated that he felt it was an  
24 emergency issue and agreed with Mr. Gwin to do the repairs as soon as possible. He  
25 stated that Mr. Gwin had explained that the approximate cost would be \$27,000 and the  
26 funds in the replacement reserve account would be used to make the repairs. Mr. Gwin  
27 interjected that the final cost was closer to \$28,000. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by**  
28 **Mr. Arbuckle to approve the expenditure of \$28,000 from the replacement reserve**  
29 **account for broiler repairs at the Cypress Bend Golf Resort and Conference Center.**  
30 **Motion carried.**

1           Item #4-Approve Financial Report for December '08: Mrs. Ferguson stated that  
2 the revenue for the month was -\$606,329.68; expenditures were \$114,523.08 showing a  
3 loss of \$491,886.60. She stated that the million dollars SRA was to receive from the  
4 State for the re-licensing project was not funded therefore; the amount had to be removed  
5 from the books. She stated that the year-to-date loss was \$570,405.25. **Mr. Cupit**  
6 **moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the financial report for December '08.**  
7 **Motion carried.**

8           Item #5-Discuss Bank for C&R Account & Operating Reserve Account: Mrs.  
9 Ferguson stated that funds in the C&R Account and the Operating Reserve Account  
10 needed to be moved to a "trust" bank. She stated that staff suggests transferring these  
11 accounts to Hancock Bank & Trust of Baton Rouge who holds the bonds for the  
12 Authority in order to receive a better interest rate. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by**  
13 **Mrs. Scott to approve moving the C&R Account and the Operating Reserve**  
14 **Account to Hancock Bank and Trust. Motion carried.**

15           Committee Reports: #1-Diversion Canal: no meeting.

16           #2-Development & Parks: no meeting.

17           #3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: no meeting.

18           Special Committee Reports: #1-Finance & Personnel: no meeting.

19           #2-Fishing & Lake Management: no meeting.

20           #3-Water Sales: no meeting.

21           Executive Director's Report: Mr. Pratt stated that SRA was currently in the  
22 process of updating the information technologies along with the rest of the State. He  
23 stated that thanks to DOTD, SRA was able to receive some road re-claim that was used at  
24 the Blue Lake Launch. With no further addition, Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to accept  
25 the Executive Director's report as circulated and presented. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**  
26 **seconded by Mr. Valentine to accept the Executive Director's report as circulated**  
27 **and presented. Motion carried.**

28           Legal Report: none.

29           Mr. Kelly stated that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, February 26,  
30 2009 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office, Many, La.

1           With no further business, **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**  
2 **adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.**

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**LARRY KELLY, CHAIRMAN**

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**STEPHEN RACCA, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**NED GOODEAUX, SECRETARY**