

1 **ADVANCED COPY – SUBJECT TO CORRECTION**
2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
3 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
4 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
5 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
6 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
7 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
8 **MANY, LA**
9 **1:00PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH , 2010**

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13 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Robert Conyer, Chairman**
14 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman**
15 **Mr. Bobby Williams, Secretary**
16 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
17 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
18 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
19 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**
20 **Mr. Larry Kelly**
21 **Mr. Therman Nash**
22 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
23 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**

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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
26 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**

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29 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
32 **Carl Chance, IT Mgnt Consult-SRA, Many, LA**
33 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
34 **Ron Thompson, Atty, Baton Rouge, LA**

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36 **There were nine visitors.**

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39 Mr. Conyer called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
40 Conyer led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit
41 and Mr. Gibbs were absent; however a quorum was established.

42 Mr. Conyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing
43 none, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Burgess**
44 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion**
45 **carried unanimously.**

46 Mr. Conyer stated that the minutes of the September 23rd , 2010 meetings were
47 circulated within the packet. He asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, he
48 asked for a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
49 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the September 23rd, 2010 meeting**
50 **as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 STAFF REPORTS: #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 164.37
2 msl. He stated that the unit was running 2 hrs on Monday and Wednesday and 4 hrs on
3 Friday for downstream flow. He continued that FERC inspection of the spillway will
4 begin next week. He stated that each gate will be opened and checked for any problems.

5 Item #2-Computer Network/Re-licensing/Hazard Mitigation Update: Mr. Chance
6 stated that upgrades to the computer system are continuing. He stated that fiber optic
7 costs for upgrading were cost prohibitive, and staff had to reconfigure the best way to
8 upgrade the system. He stated that equipment had been ordered. He stated that a couple
9 of the “bubbling wells” had been plugged. He stated that initial studies report were due
10 to FERC on October 29th, 2010 for review. He continued that the Water Quality Study as
11 well as the Chinese Tallow Tree Study is not complete but the end is near. He stated that
12 there would be meetings at the SRA Texas office on November 17th an 18th to review all
13 stakeholder and FERC comments. He stated that Greg Wobbe and Jed Pruett with Metro
14 Planning would give an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Wobbe presented
15 each member with a handout giving a brief description. He stated that the project had
16 started in July 2009. He continued that the plan had been submitted to the Governor’s
17 Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and received approval. He
18 stated that the plan was the sent to FEMA for review; received some comments that had
19 to be addressed and returned and currently are waiting on the approval from FEMA to
20 move forwarded. He stated that approximately 30 property owners had signed up for the
21 Phase I of the Vernon Parish project and if approval is received, the total cost of the
22 project would be \$2,166,233.00 and SRA’s contribution to the project would be
23 approximately \$231,558.00 of which would be the labor and equipment element for
24 demolition work.

25 Item #3- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that the emergency repair at the
26 Diversion Canal is complete. He stated that Claiborne Street siphon is in service; KCS is
27 complete and will be back in service next week after some cleanup, and Citcom will be
28 next with dewatering of the canal to begin November 1st. He stated that the canal had
29 been drawn down and there are no problems at Westlake Petrochem after they lowered
30 their intake pipes. He stated that vandals built a fire on one of the crossover bridges on
31 Canal #2 which resulted in extensive damage and staff contacted ORM; however, staff

1 has been instructed to start repairs since it is essential to the operation. He stated that two
2 locks were cut to gain access to the bridge. He stated that the maintenance building at
3 Pendleton office has been inspected by the Fire Marshall and a permit to occupy has been
4 granted. He stated that plans are to make the move before the next board meeting. He
5 stated that plans are underway to begin the fishing pier at Site 15 allowing the pile driver
6 to place those pilings and then move up to Site 10 to drive those pilings. He stated that
7 bids were opened, intent to award was sent out without any compliant and a contract has
8 been sent to the successful bidder for review. He stated that Williams Brothers
9 Construction was the successful bidder. There was some discussion concerning the piers.
10 He stated that work continues on the office at Cypress Bend Park, electrical upgrades at
11 Pleasure Point Park and renovations on the cabins at San Miguel Park. He stated that
12 staff has been working with Ducks Unlimited and TBLA to prepare for their upcoming
13 event. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Staff reports**
14 **as presented and circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 OLD BUSINESS: None.

16 NEW BUSINESS:

17 Public Comment: None.

18 Item #1-Approve August 2010 Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson handed each
19 member a copy of the Financial Report. (See attached.) She stated that an error had been
20 found on the July 2010 Financial which has been corrected on the current profit/loss
21 statement and she would like to recommend that the Board approve July, August and
22 September's Financial Reports. She stated that for Toledo Bend Division, the year-to-
23 date total showed revenues of \$1,641,647.13; expenditures of \$1,972,317.69 leaving a
24 loss of \$330,670.56. She continued that for the Diversion Canal Division, the year-to-
25 date total showed revenues of \$1,244,475.73; expenditures of \$457,954.59 leaving a
26 profit of \$786,521.14. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the**
27 **Financial Report for July, August, and September 2010. Motion carried**
28 **unanimously.**

29 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Goodeaux stated no
30 meeting.

31 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated no meeting.

1 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated that a meeting was
2 held on September 29th. He stated that the committee had several recommendations for
3 the Board. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the Pipeline**
4 **fees of \$350 per rod for right-of-way and \$7,500 per acre for surface use of roads**
5 **and pads. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr.**
6 **Nash to approve the permit request for Forest Oil. Motion carried unanimously.**
7 **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to approve a permit request for**
8 **TriState Company. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded**
9 **by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the annual Leaseback Agreement including a \$100 fee**
10 **per year for leaseback that had never been issued or had been cancelled. Motion**
11 **carried unanimously. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve**
12 **the permit transfer request for Baudin Permit #1818. Motion carried unanimously.**
13 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the**
14 **September m29th, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Arbuckle stated
15 that a meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, November 30th at 2:00pm at the
16 Pendleton Bridge Office.

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

19 Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Kelly stated no meeting.

20 Item #3-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Vidrine stated no meeting.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the Park
22 Improvements for Park Site #2 were on hold due to a required study by the State
23 Historical Preservation Office. He stated that proposals for a Phase I study had been sent
24 to several certified archeologists. He stated that on November 6th, at 2:00pm, there
25 would be a reception honoring the late Frances Walker for all her many years of
26 volunteering around the Sabine Parish area especially Toledo Bend and SRA. He
27 referenced the pie chart that was presented to each member concerning the number of
28 rooms on the reservoir and the rates along with the rates that are being charged. He
29 stated that LA Wildlife and Fisheries was performing a review concerning the
30 standardization of fishing regulations with Texas Parks and Wildlife for the reservoir.

1 **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Executive Director’s**
2 **Report as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Ron Thompson stated that Mr. Sanders would be moving
4 his mobile home and legal counsel is awaiting a timeline for the move to take place. He
5 stated that Seals is working with an engineer from the Pineville area along with the
6 Department of Health and Hospitals concerning his leaseback issue. There again, legal
7 counsel is waiting for a timeline as when this project would be complete. He continued
8 that the Ethics issue seemed to be strictly due to the “commercial” property involvement
9 for the individual who is employed by the SRA.

10 Mr. Williams stated that he Sabine River Compact had held their bi-annual
11 meeting at the Sabine River Authority Texas Office in Orange, Texas on October 8th and
12 he wanted to report that the water quality of the Sabine River and Toledo Bend Reservoir
13 was very good.

14 Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be December 9th, 2010 at 10:00am
15 at the Cypress Bend Resort Conference Center.

16 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.

17 **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
18 **adjourned at 2:51pm.**

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BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY

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