



1 come to the meeting and make a presentation on the Haynesville Shale which has  
2 impacted several of Northwest Louisiana parishes due to land leasing for gas exploration.  
3 Mr. McCotter along with Mr. Paul Pratt gave a very informative power point presentation  
4 concerning the Haynesville Shale and the future of natural gas usage. Mr. Kelly thanked  
5 both gentlemen for sharing their time with the Board.

6 STAFF REPORTS: #1-Employee Introductions: Mr. Pratt stated that he would  
7 begin with the staff introductions and then allow the supervisors to introduce their  
8 perspective employees per their department.

9 #2-TBPJO: Mr. Rumsey handed out an update on the lake level along with the  
10 generating schedule. He stated that during prime power time starting in May, the lake  
11 level was 172' msl which held until May 27<sup>th</sup> when the reservoir showed decrease in the  
12 level. He stated that deficient inflows from June through September 1<sup>st</sup>, resulted in  
13 voluntary curtailment of generation by the power companies in an effort to be able to  
14 generation at least some minimal amount of power through September. He continued  
15 that the power companies did not receive the contractual amount. He stated that minimal  
16 downstream flow releases were done. He stated that the total rainfall for the month of  
17 October was 16.53 inches. He stated that the spillway gates that to be opened during the  
18 month. He stated that the maintenance repairs on Unit #1 had been completed and that  
19 the unit went back online November 1-10 for test runs and into full operation on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
20 then back to some limited operations when a new problem arose with the governor  
21 system. He stated that both units were back operational 24 hours a day since November  
22 18<sup>th</sup> except when the units were shut down allowing installation of the eel lights. He  
23 stated that there is a minor oil leak in one of the units that will have to be repaired thus  
24 the unit will be shutdown when this repair is done. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded**  
25 **by Mr. Valentine to approve the report presented for the Toledo Bend Project Joint**  
26 **Operations. Motion carried unanimously.**

27 #3-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Mel Swoboda, Re-licensing Manager gave a brief  
28 update on the studies that are being performed as part of the requirements for the re-  
29 licensing application.

30 #4-Operational Reports: a. SRD: Mr. Finn gave an updated report on the siphon  
31 repairs as well as the roofing of the maintenance building at the Sulphur office. He stated

1 that staff had met with Meyers & Associates to discuss the siphon repairs in order to  
2 complete specifications for bid purposes. He stated that staff had meet with a  
3 representative of Levingston Engineers to discuss a possible water contract.

4 b. Boat Lanes: Mr. Blake Gregory gave a report that approximately  
5 10,000 buoys had been placed in the north/south boat lanes as well as east/west lanes. He  
6 showed those present the new “directional” buoy which will have signs pointing to the  
7 various marinas and campgrounds along the Louisiana side.

8 c. Operational/Special Projects: Mr. Daniel Jones gave a report on the  
9 ongoing projects in the parks. He stated that blueprints had been received on the Event  
10 Pavilion at Cypress Bend and awaiting bids. He stated that bids for the new office at  
11 Cypress Bend were to be opened on December 17<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the bathhouse  
12 renovation project at Pleasure Point was complete as well as the sewer upgrades. He  
13 stated that the new Maintenance Building for Pendleton Office had been ordered and site  
14 preparation had been completed for the building and are ready to pour the foundation.

15 d. Tourist Information Center: Mrs. Cheryl Ebarb stated in her report that  
16 the total number visitors from various states and countries that had signed the guest  
17 register at the Toledo Bend Tourist Information Center was 15,936. She stated that the  
18 Center currently has two State Certified Tourist Counselors and they would be attending  
19 the Tourism Summit in Monroe to network as well as take the written exam for re-  
20 certification in January 2010.

21 e. Employee Appreciation Day: Mrs. Susie Anthony stated that in May  
22 the annual Employee Appreciation Day was held at Cypress Bend Park. She stated that  
23 the employees enjoyed games, door prizes and a hamburger lunch. She stated that  
24 Employee of the Year was Mr. Ron Mitchell from the Diversion Canal Office, and Team  
25 of the Year was Pleasure Point Park. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Racca to**  
26 **approve all staff reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

27 Mr. Kelly expressed thanks and appreciation to the entire Sabine River  
28 Authority Staff on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

29 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Ron Gwin, General Manager of Cypress Bend  
30 Resort read a letter to the Board complimenting the maintenance crew and their work  
31 performance while doing some improvements at the resort. He stated that all concerns

1 with “guest interruption” were soon depleted once management saw what  
2 professionalism the crew betrayed. He stated that on behalf of the owners of the hotel  
3 and the Cypress Bend Staff, many thanks to Sabine River Authority for a wonderful job.

4 OLD BUSINESS: None.

5 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve Sept '09-Oct '09 Financial Report: Mrs.  
6 Ashley Rainey stated that the report had been circulated within the packet. She stated  
7 that revenue for September was 341,573.10; expenditures were \$1,184,921.02 showing a  
8 deficit of \$843,347.92. She continued with the October revenue at \$568,565.84;  
9 expenditures were 448,362.15 showing a profit of \$120,203.69. She stated that year-to-  
10 date revenue was \$1,888,053.13; expenditures were \$2,414,996.45 leaving a deficit of  
11 \$526,943.32. She stated that the September revenue for the Diversion Canal was  
12 441,776.16; expenditures were \$172,119.33 showing a profit of \$269,656.83. She  
13 continued with the October revenue was \$333,958.12; expenditures were \$186,857.50  
14 showing a profit of \$147,100.62. Year-to-date totals were revenue of \$1,565,829.23;  
15 expenditures were \$584,787.10 leaving a profit of \$981,042.13. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**  
16 **seconded by Mr. Racca to approve the September '09 and October '09 Financial**  
17 **Reports for the Toledo Bend Operations and the Diversion Canal Operations as**  
18 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

19 Item #2- Approve the ALH, No. 5 Bi-annual Audit for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Mrs.  
20 Kellie Ferguson stated that the audit report had been included within the Board packet.  
21 She stated that it was “clean” audit and asked if there were any questions. **Mr. Williams**  
22 **moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the ALH, No5. Bi-annual Audit for**  
23 **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

24 Item #3-Adopt a Resolution and Approve Memorandum of Understanding with  
25 Vernon Parish Police Jury for Mitigation Plan: Mr. Chance stated that all information  
26 had been provided within the Board packet. He stated that this request was part of the  
27 Hazard Mitigation efforts allowing residents to participate in the Federal Emergency  
28 Management Program on a voluntary basis to move from flood prone properties in the  
29 floodway of the Sabine River. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to**  
30 **adopt the Resolution and Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the**  
31 **Vernon Parish Police Jury in support of the Mitigation Plan as part of the re-**

1 **licensing project and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary**  
2 **documents for the MOU as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3           Item #4-Approve the Contract with Metro Planning for Vernon Parish Grant  
4 Application, Phase I: Mr. Chance stated that a copy of the contract had been circulated  
5 within the Board packet for review. He stated that Metro Planning had previously done  
6 contract with other areas on the same type of Mitigation Plan. **Mr. Conyer moved,**  
7 **seconded by Mr. Valentine to approve the contract with Metro Planning for Vernon**  
8 **Parish Grant Application, Phase #1 and to authorize the Executive Director to**  
9 **execute any and all documents pertaining to the aforementioned contract. Motion**  
10 **carried unanimously.**

11           COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Racca stated no  
12 meeting.

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

14           Item #3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Conyer stated that the committee  
15 had not met. Mr. Pratt stated that no Attorney General's opinion has been received at this  
16 time.

17           SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.  
18 Williams stated no meeting. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to**  
19 **approve the minutes of the October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 meeting as circulated. Motion**  
20 **carried unanimously.**

21           #2-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Cupit stated no meeting.

22           #3-Water Sales: Mr. Vidrine stated no meeting.

23           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that his report had been  
24 circulated within the Board packet. He stated that he would be attending the Louisiana  
25 Groundwater Task Force meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge as well as the Louisiana  
26 Association of Conservation Districts to be held January 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> also in Baton Rouge.  
27 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Executive Director's**  
28 **Report as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

29           LEGAL REPORT: None.

1 Mr. Kelly stated that the next meeting would be January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Pendleton  
2 Bridge Office at 1:00pm. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New  
3 Year.

4 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**  
5 **Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adjourn. Motion carried**  
6 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.**

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**LARRY KELLY, CHAIRMAN**

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**STEPHEN RACCA, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**NED GOODEAUX, SECRETARY**