

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER RIVER ROOM
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA 71449
6:30PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 31TH, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mr. Frank Davis
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Stanley Vidrine
Mr. Bobby Williams
Mr. Ron Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Jimmy Foret
Mr. Jerry Holmes

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

There were ten (10) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit, Mr. Foret, and Mr. Holmes were absent: however, a quorum was established.

Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux recognized Dr. Stuart Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Louisiana State Parks which is a division of the Department of Louisiana Culture, Tourism and Recreation under the leadership of the Lt. Governor office. Dr. Johnson stated that he wanted to thank the Board and the wonderful staff of the Sabine River Authority for their help as well as the Friends of Hodges Support Group with decorating Hodges Gardens State Park for the Christmas Holidays. He continued that there were over 7,500 visitors to the park to see the lighted displays within the park during the month of December.

OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-PUBLIC MEETING SOLICITING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR TOLEDO BEND HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT: Mr. Pratt asked Mr. Carl Chance, SRA

representative on the Re-licensing Team to brief everyone on the public meeting that the Board would be attending. Mr. Chance stated that the Texas public meeting had been held in Orange, Texas the day before and there was no public attendance. He continued that the purpose of the meeting was to allow the general public and all stakeholders to make comments regarding the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement that was produced by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) who is responsible for re-licensing the Toledo Bend Project. He stated that the document is approximately 278 pages in length and covers the environmental aspects of the operation of the reservoir. He stated that draft EIS includes the various “settlements” with the agencies involved in the re-licensing process as well as the agencies that fully support the plan. He explained that the public meeting was being conducted by the FERC and would follow a particular agenda which was as follows: Open the meeting; Reading of the Articles; Staff Introductions and then the floor would be open for public comments. He stated in order to make a comment, the individual is to state their name, and then address the FERC panel. He stated that the re-licensing Team would not be making any statements or comments. He stated that the final public comments are due to FERC by August 5th. He continued there is a 45-day period in which to FERC will produce a final Environmental Impact Statement and then 90-120 days for the license to be issued by the Commission.

The Board attended the FERC public meeting.

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

Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERMAN NASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN

RON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY