

1 not brought before the Board which stated that “any SRA employee who recommended a
2 contractor should indicate that SRA does not have knowledge if the contractor is properly
3 licensed or insured”. He stated he was not sure why this was not brought before the
4 Board at the meeting, but he felt it was necessary to point out that if an employee
5 recommends a contractor, and there are problems with the work performed, SRA could
6 possibly have a liability issue and with no action of this Board, I think that probably in a
7 court of law, a case will come up sooner or later that the SRA would be liable. He stated
8 that a scenario would be some leaseback holder asked an employee of the SRA; I will say
9 that the minutes of the Board meeting reflected that “Mr. Pratt stated that staff does not
10 provide a list of contractors nor recommends a contractor”. He continued however if the
11 leaseback holder casually asked who has built piers or boathouses on the lake, or who has
12 built structures on the leaseback property, and that employee answers them and it comes
13 to pass that the leaseback holder calls one of those contractors and maybe he doesn’t live
14 here, but has a camp and they work a deal up to construct a pier and in the process of that
15 construction one of the employees of the contractor drowns, electrocuted, or injured for
16 life, then that could come back to the SRA so without action of the Board, I say SRA
17 possibly has a liability. Mr. Cupit stated that he would like for staff to contact legal to
18 see if indeed SRA has some sort of liability. Mr. Goodeaux suggested that if legal feels it
19 is necessary to draft a resolution or motion to be adopted at the next meeting. Mr. Pratt
20 stated that he would contact legal and report at the next meeting.

21 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments: None.

22 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 166.05’msl which meant
23 that the level had risen approximately 6 ½ ft from the record low of 159.42’ msl which
24 was recorded in November 2011. He stated that no generation would take place unless
25 the level was above 169.5’msl. He stated that recorded rainfall on February 14th, at the
26 dam was 11.2 inches year-to-date. Item #2- Re-licensing: Mr. Chance stated that FERC
27 issued an AIR (Additional Information Request) on February 9th which starts the clock
28 running on reaching a settlement or the agencies filing their conditions. He stated that is
29 an AIP (Agreement in Principal) is reached and filed with FERC, it has to be by April
30 9th. He stated that Agencies have to file their conditions by June 9th regardless. He stated
31 that AWG Downstream Issues has not met; however the only outstanding issue is the

1 eels. He stated that USFWS has cancelled the last two scheduled meetings, including the
2 one that was set for February 23rd. He stated another meeting has been scheduled for
3 February 29th. He stated the date of March 27th has been selected to have the AIP
4 completed to allow for time to send around for signatures and filing with FERC. He
5 stated that the current timeline sort of looks like this: USFS last meeting on February
6 15th; SRATX is working on an agreement to operate, upgrade, and maintain the 6FS
7 recreation areas: Erosion study is making progress except the FS is wanting 12
8 monitoring stations instead of 6; Heritage Resources continues to was all their shoreline
9 surveyed (approximately 250 miles) and are not worried about the other 900 miles and
10 staff continues to push for only those areas were erosion is affecting resources; Chinese
11 Tallow-in an effort to settle this issue, we offered to purchase \$15,000.00 per year in
12 chemicals to enhance their current eradication program, but a counter offer was made
13 asking for \$75,000.00 per year which was not acceptable since \$150,000.00 per year for
14 the last three years on the 160,000 acres in their forest with only approximately 4,000
15 acres in the project boundary. He continued that meetings are scheduled for February
16 28th, March 13th, and March 27th (to complete AIP). Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr
17 stated that as the result of the drought, the crew has cut 165 dead trees in the parks this
18 month. He stated that new 50 ft walking Trail Bridge has been built at Cypress Bend
19 Park. He continued that Cabin #2 at san Miguel has been sided and new metal roof
20 installed and in Cabin #5, the crew is working on the interior. He stated that the crew is
21 relocating the fish cleaning station at Cypress Bend Park and those materials have been
22 ordered. He stated that the barge has been moved to Converse Bay Park for dredging;
23 even though the work is not complete, the public can launch there. He stated that bids for
24 SRD for the bypass pumps at Station #3 and Station #4 in the amount of \$566,596.00
25 with an estimated delivery date of mid-June2012. He stated that bids were accepted for
26 motors and drives for Station #3 and Station #4 in the amount of \$781,600.00 with
27 includes upgrading Station #4 motor from 250HP to 300HP, controllers for all four
28 pumps and an adaptor plate for both pumps at Station #4. He stated that the estimated
29 date for delivery of the motors and pumps is September 2012. He stated that there are
30 three Capital Projects that SRD will be bidding in-house for cost saving reasons and they
31 are: Item #8-(\$120,000) gate rehabilitation-this project was done in the past and he was

1 working on a similar scope of work with minor changes; Item 10-(\$198,000) grating for
2 intakes-this project was done in the past and he was working on a similar scope of work
3 with minor changes; and Item #7-(\$390,000) SCADA system upgrades since SRD has
4 the core SCADA system in place, and are getting prices from Louisiana Radio for the
5 components needed to provide our required information. He stated that it will be
6 necessary to put up a 120ft tower at Station #1 and possibly another tower at Gate #2. He
7 stated that he was working with the Calcasieu Parish with the possibility of sharing a
8 tower they have about halfway to Station #1 and letting them share ours once built at
9 Station #1 and this could eliminate the tower at Gate #2. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
10 **seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion**
11 **carried unanimously.**

12 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments:

13 Item #1- Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee-George Commons: Mr.
14 Commons, Chairman of TBCAC addressed the Board. He stated that the group had made
15 a records request of SRA to release copies of all documents the SRA had in possession
16 that the SRA concerning the water sales proposal with Toledo Bend Partners, LLC. He
17 stated that this was a 'public records request' submitted to Mr. Jim Pratt on February 2nd.
18 He stated that Mr. Pratt and staff have been very cooperative to-date and understand the
19 requested materials are in electronic form. He continued that they are waiting for a
20 decision from you the Board as to what should the charges levied providing us these
21 documents. He stated that just to let you know, approximately 4,000 copies of pages of
22 documents are involved. He stated that based on the Board charges that have been
23 quoted to us, this would be \$1,000.00 in hard copy or \$855 in electronic download
24 disc/flash drive with a mere flick of the wrist. I am here at this point asking you to
25 waive these charges as allowable by law by this organization because TBCAC is a non-
26 profit organization whose sole purpose is to educate and activate the community with
27 regard to issues of public interest and concerns. He stated that we had been told many
28 times by you, the SRA is transparent in all its dealings and I hope that you will see the
29 value in convincing the public to believe that your transparency policy in granting this
30 waiver. He stated that we do not believe that charging the public \$0.25 per copy when
31 Budget Printing would do it between \$0.10-\$0.15 cents per copy and is reflective of the

1 transparency statements nor is reflective of the cost that SRA incurred to provide them
2 electronically. He stated “I thank you for your consideration.” He asked is there were
3 any questions. Mr. Pratt stated that the letter of response to the TBCAC, the first
4 paragraph was pinned by SRA legal counsel. He also stated that the Board policy
5 pertaining to digital data is referenced. After some discussion, **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
6 **seconded by Mr. Cupit to deny the request to waiver the fees for the information**
7 **requested. Mr. Vidrine called for a roll call vote: Yeas: Arbuckle, Cupit, Gibson,**
8 **Goodeaux, Nash, Scott, Valentine, Williams, Vidrine. Nays: 0 Abstain: Kelly.**
9 **Motion carried.**

10 Item #2-Discuss Revised Auction List: Mrs. Ferguson stated that staff had
11 prepared an initial list of things to be auctioned; however some of those items have been
12 removed from the list and there has been an addition of some other items. She stated that
13 two vehicles, a 150 gallon fuel tank along with timber cuts at Cypress Bend Park and
14 Pleasure Point Park were added to the list. She stated that the list had been provided in
15 the Board packet along with the maps of the selected timber to be cut. Mr. Pratt stated
16 that staff suggested the timber cuts at Cypress Bend Park and Pleasure Point Park which
17 are thinning. He stated that he contacted in writing Cypress Bend Resort who in turn was
18 in agreement to the timber cut. He stated that due to the timber cuts, SRA is required to
19 hire an auctioneer. Mr. Williams asked if any of the items could be sent to the Vo-
20 technical schools in the various parishes to be used for class projects etc. Mrs. Ferguson
21 stated that it could, but staff feels the items to be auctioned were not “worthy” to be
22 transferred to the schools. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**
23 **“revised auction list” provided by staff. Motion carried unanimously.**

24 Item #3-Rescind the September 17, 2001 motion concerning park fees: Mr.
25 Goodeaux stated that the motion of September 17th, 2001 stated that SRA parks would
26 forgo charging launching fees once the lake level got to 166’msl and below was approved
27 due to the recommendation of the Mrs. Curtis-Sparks who was the Executive Director of
28 SRA at that time. He stated that since SRA had made the effort to keep the launches in
29 the parks accessible to water even during the low lake levels, then the fees should be
30 collected for being able to use the facilities whether the individual is fishing, picnicking,
31 swimming, or whatever. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to rescind**

1 the motion of September 17th, 2001 to charge entrance fees to the SRA parks
2 regardless of the lake level; re-instate the fees effective February 27th 2012, and to
3 schedule a Development & Parks Committee meeting to study these fee in the future
4 to see if necessary adjustments need to be made due to lake level. Motion carried
5 unanimously.

6 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None

7 Item #1-Approve January 2012 Financial reports: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the
8 reports were circulated within the Board packet. She stated that year-to-date for Toledo
9 Bend Division showed revenues of \$2,331,467.94; expenditures of \$4,700,537.86 leaving
10 a deficit of \$2,369,069.92. She stated that the year-to-date for the Sabine River Diversion
11 Canal showed revenues of \$2,694,480.19 expenditures of \$1,468,548.27 leaving a profit
12 of \$1,225,931.92. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**
13 **January 2012 Financial Report as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
14 **u n a n i m o u s l y .**

15 COMMITTEE REPORTS: #1-Diversion Canal- Mr. Cupit stated no meeting.

16 Item #2- Development & Parks: **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**
17 **approve the minutes of the committee meeting of January 17th as circulated. Motion**
18 **carried unanimously. .** Item #3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: **Mr. Williams**
19 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the minutes of the January 17th**
20 **meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

21 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr. Williams
22 stated no meeting. Item #2- Water Sales- Mr. Kelly stated no meeting but he would get
23 with staff and set a date for a public forum to answer the questions received during the
24 comment period on the water sales. **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to**
25 **direct staff to schedule a Water Sales Committee meeting to be held March 22nd,**
26 **2012 at Cypress Bend Conference Center. Motion carried unanimously.** Item #3-
27 Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order and he opened
28 the floor for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Cupit nominated Mr. Nash and Mr.**
29 **Arbuckle seconded the nomination asking nominations cease. Mr. Nash was elected**
30 **by acclamation.** Mr. Nash asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Arbuckle moved,**
31 **seconded by Mr. Nash to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he had been invited
2 to speak at the Tulane Law School Environmental Law and Policy meeting. He stated
3 that Jack Tatum of SRA Texas would also be attending as well as Carl Chance. **Mr.**
4 **Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Executive Director's report.**
5 **Motion carried unanimously.**

6 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that there had not been any activity on any of
7 the pending lawsuits. He stated that a Leaseback Committee Meeting would be held on
8 March 8th at 6:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office to discuss the commercial violations.

9 Mr. Vidrine reminded the Board that the next regular meeting would be held on
10 Thursday, March 22nd, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office or possibly at
11 Cypress Bend Conference Center. Staff would notify everyone.

12 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn.
13 **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
14 **adjourned at 2:27pm.**

15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

STANLEY VIDRINE, CHAIRMAN

DANIEL CUPIT, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY