

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
6 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
7 **MANY, LA 71449**
8 **1:00PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 2014**
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**
12 **Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman**
13 **Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary**
14 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
15 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
16 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
17 **Mr. Frank Davis**
18 **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.**
19 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
20 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
21 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
22 **Mr. Bobby Williams**
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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Jerry Holmes**
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27 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Carl Chance, IT Director 1-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
32 **Daniel Jones, Fac Maint Asst Mgr 1-SRA, Many, LA**
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34 **There were thirteen (13) visitors.**
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37 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
38 Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Holmes was absent;
39 however a quorum was established.

40 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
41 Hearing none, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr.**
42 **Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to adopt the circulated agenda.**
43 **Motion carried unanimously.**

44 Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 23rd, 2014
45 Board meeting. Mr. Williams stated that a correction needed to be made on Page #1 date
46 from October 16th to December 12th, 2013; second correction Page #4-Old Business Item
47 #1-Approve Bylaws – Mr. Foret was nay so therefore the By-laws were not adopted
48 unanimously. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of**

1 **the Board meeting of January 23rd , 2014 meeting with the stated corrections .**

2 **Motion carried unanimously.**

3 STAFF REPORTS:

4 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 169.45' msl. He stated
5 that the threshold for February has been 169.0' msl and the month of March is 169.50'
6 msl. He stated that he had received an email that one of the units had went out a couple
7 of weeks ago, which was due to the wicket gates which control the water flow into the
8 hub that turns the generator. He stated that on top of the generator there is an actuator
9 arm that opens and closes which has a shear pin that had sheared. He stated that the
10 opinion was that there probably was an obstruction which led to a company with divers
11 that went down and removed the obstruction possibly a piece of wood and re-surfaced the
12 seals on the wicket gates and it is now ready for service. He stated that in addition, the
13 capital improvement project of refurbishing the spillway gates which is in the budget. He
14 stated that the plan is to do gates #2,6,8 , and 10 which includes welding, sandblasting,
15 painting, and replacing the seals with the structures. He stated that the project should be
16 completed around the end of July with final completion mid-August. He stated there
17 have not been any problems with the project.

18 Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Chance handed a copy of the letter written by
19 Senator Mary Landrieu to each Commissioner. He stated that he was appreciative of
20 Senator Landrieu writing the letter showing her support for issuance of a 50-year license
21 for the project instead of a 30-year license due to the cost. He stated that a new
22 commander has been appointed by the President so hopefully the Commission will meet
23 and issue the new license.

24 Item #3-Operational:

25 a) Toledo Bend-Mr. Jones stated that the maintenance crew has been working on
26 the Administrative Building and has a completed another office renovation and is about
27 90% complete with the hallway renovations. He stated that there are two more offices as
28 well as the kitchen that are left to be done. He stated that at Park Site #2-Oak Ridge the
29 DeSoto Parish Police Jury has completed the blacktopping process. He stated that the
30 SRA crew has installed the partitions in both of the restrooms in the RV pavilion which

1 completes this project. He stated that staff is waiting for the Fire Marshall's approval so
2 that the pavilion can be opened to the public.

3 b) SRD Division: Mr. Carr stated that Projects #1, #3, #8, #9 and #10 are all
4 complete. He stated that Project #2 Pump Station 3 electrical should be completed by
5 March 27th; Project #4 Pump Station 4 electrical should be completed by April 24th;
6 Project #5 Pump Station 1 electrical should be completed by May 22nd and Project #7
7 SCADA System should be completed by June 19th. He stated that staff is working with
8 F. Miller and Sons to compile a scope of work on Project #6 and as soon as the scope is
9 completed, the project will go out for bids. He stated that Project #7 SCADA System-
10 Phase #1 is completed and Phase #2 will be completed and tested after all electrical work
11 is complete. He stated that Project #9 Highway 90 has cured in place liners however
12 there is still a leak; staff is working with Python Grouting to find the leak and resolution
13 of the problem. He continued that it is suspected the source is of the leak is around the
14 headwall even though staff has not received the post construction video to show that the
15 liner had sealed correctly and SRA will hold payment until this issue is resolved. He
16 stated that the SRA crew is waiting on Lake Charles Electric to clear the area before they
17 can slide the grates into place at Pump Station #3 and #4. He stated that the grates are
18 installed at Pump Station #1.

19 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that there is no financial report
20 due to computer revisions.

21 SPECIAL REPORTS: Mr. Ricky Yeldell, biologist with LA Department of
22 Wildlife & Fisheries addressed the Board. He presented each member with a copy of the
23 Water Body Management Plan for Toledo Bend Reservoir. He stated that Part VI-A gave
24 the history of the reservoir such as what studies have been done in the past, regulations
25 and vegetation. He continued that in Part VI-B was the actual recent evaluation and
26 recommendations. He stated that to make a summation of this part of the plan, he
27 continued there were several areas he would like to discuss. He stated that his
28 department had participated with the FERC re-licensing project for the reservoir and to
29 report any significant changes within the water body. He stated that these pages
30 discussed the study of the growth and mortality of the bass and crappie species within the
31 reservoir. He stated that no problems were identified. He asked that the members turn

1 to Page #29 & #30. He stated that within these pages the report discusses the condition
2 and imbalance problems of the reservoir. He stated that problematic vegetation is the
3 Giant Salvinia which is concentrated in areas that are sheltered from wave action or water
4 currents. He stated that WLF has hired a contractor who uses airboats to get into these
5 tight areas and spray the aquatic vegetation. He stated that estimate of covered acreage as
6 of September 2013 was 1,209 areas. He stated that current catfish regulations restricted
7 the harvest of blue and channel catfish to no more than 5 fish daily and each fish must be
8 over 20 inches in total length. He stated that to help with this issue, a meeting has been
9 scheduled with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in April to discuss changing these
10 regulations. He stated that it does take legislative action in order to change these
11 regulations on the reservoir. He lastly stated that his department would continue to be a
12 part of the FERC re-licensing process as needed, perform bi-annual monitoring of aquatic
13 plant species to identify any problem areas, placement of artificial reef structures and
14 educate the public of their location and to reach an agreement with TPWD regarding
15 recreational harvest regulations of blue and channel catfish. Mr. Goodeaux thanked Mr.
16 Yeldell for his informative report.

17 OLD BUSINESS: None.

18 NEW BUSINESS: None.

19 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

20 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.

21 2) Parks: Mr. Ron Williams stated that the Committee had met on February 19th
22 to discuss the following items: **a) Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by**
23 **Mr. Foret to closeout Project #02-6000 at \$113,636.80 and #02-5000 cost**
24 **\$23,610.16 for Oak Ridge Park. Motion carried unanimously. b) Mr.**
25 **Ron Williams moved seconded by Mr. Foret to approve the amend the**
26 **Park Improvement Budget as follows: for Park Site #2-Oak Ridge as**
27 **follows: Project #02-600 RV Guest Pavilions from \$105,000.00 to**
28 **\$113,636.80; Project 02-1000 Beach from \$40,000.00 to \$13,000.00; 02-**
29 **3000 Beach Pavilion from \$35,000.00 to \$29,753.00 to build picnic shelters**
30 **similar to the ones at Pendleton Bridge; 02-4000 Playground renovation**
31 **from \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00; 02-5000 Picnic Tables change it to**

1 **\$23,610.16; and to add Project #02-6000 Fishing Pier to be built on the**
2 **“spoil” jetty and probably bid the job to a contractor at the cost of**
3 **\$30,000.00 leaving a total budget of \$479,854.00. Motion carried**
4 **unanimously. c) Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Foret that**
5 **the Committee recommends keeping the rental rate for the Event**
6 **Pavilions at Oak Ridge Park at \$100 per event. Motion carried**
7 **unanimously. d) Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Foret that**
8 **the Committee recommends the event stage at Cypress Bend Park be**
9 **rented at \$150 per day per event. Motion carried unanimously. e) Mr.**
10 **Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Foret that the minutes of the**
11 **Parks Committee meeting of February 19th be approved as circulated.**
12 **Motion carried unanimously.**

13 3) Leaseback: Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Committee chairman stated that the
14 Committee had met on February 19th. He stated that staff gave an update on the
15 Commercial properties that were in non-compliance. He stated that all
16 violations were being resolved pending a final survey which could not be done
17 until April. He stated that staff presented each Committee member with a
18 proposed permit fee list which was discussed and the Committee decided to
19 allow the public to submit in writing there opinions. He stated that no action
20 was taken and this item was tabled until a meeting could be held in March
21 allowing time for review of all comments submitted. He asked that the staff
22 send copies to everyone for review prior to the meeting. He stated that the last
23 item discussed was a boathouse issue by property owners. He stated that both
24 parties had their legal representatives with them. He stated that the Committee
25 suggested that the two parties get together and resolve their issue because it was
26 felt that the issue was not one that involved the SRA; however, this item was
27 tabled until the March meeting at which time, hopefully the two parties involved
28 will have come to an agreement. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Foret to**
29 **approve the minutes of the Leaseback Committee as circulated. Motion**
30 **carried unanimously.**

31 4) Finance: No meeting.

1 5) Water Sales: No meeting.

2 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

3 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that no new developments in the
4 downstream flooding suits. He stated that a “writ” request had been made to the US
5 Supreme Court to hear the cases which they may or may not choose to hear. **Mr.**
6 **Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to accept the legal report as presented.**
7 **Motion carried unanimously.**

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the Toledo Bend
9 Lake Association’s annual Bass Unlimited Banquet would be held on May 30th at
10 Cypress Bend Park. He stated that if any of the members would like to purchase a ticket
11 for \$45 per person, please see Mrs. Anderson. He stated that the office would be close on
12 Tuesday, March 4th 2014 in celebration of Mardi Gras’s “Fat Tuesday”. **Mr. Burgess**
13 **moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to accept the Executive Director’s report as**
14 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be March 27^h, 2014 at 1:00pm
16 at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

17 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.
18 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
19 **Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST:

RON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY