

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE
15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Frank Davis
Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.
Mr. Byron Gibbs
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Stanley Vidrine
Mr. Bobby Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. C. A. Burgess
Mr. Jerry Holmes

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

There were five (5) 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. Burgess and Mr. Holmes were absent; however a quorum was established.

Mr. Goodeaux introduced Senator Gerald Long who addressed the Board. Senator Long thanked the Board and Staff for doing a great job taking care of the Sabine River and the Toledo Bend Reservoir. He stated that the SRA was well represented in the legislature in Baton Rouge and with that, he stated that “good things” would continue for the Sabine River Basin with more development of the Comprehensive Water Management Program to be established for the entire state. He stated that Louisiana is looking to the future how to better use our natural resources, especially water to the benefit all the people of the state. He stated once again, thanks for doing a good job and I’m proud of the work done by the Sabine River Authority.

Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pratt stated that staff would like to add under Old Business, Item #2 “SRD” Capital Improvement **Mr.Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to amend the agenda.**

1 **Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt**
2 **the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Call Board
4 meeting of July 31st, 2013. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the**
5 **minutes of the Special Call Board meeting of July 31st, 2013 meeting as circulated.**
6 **Motion carried unanimously.** Staff requested to amend the agenda to add the minutes
7 of the June 27th, 2013 Board meeting as well as the minutes of the June 27th, 2013 of the
8 Development & Parks Committee and the Finance & Personnel Committee held on the
9 same date. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to amend the agenda to**
10 **approve the minutes of the June 27th, 2013 Board meeting, the minutes of the June**
11 **27th, 2013 Development & Parks Committee meeting and the June 27th, 2013**
12 **meeting minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee. Motion carried**
13 **unanimously. Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the minutes**
14 **of the June 27th, 2013 Board meeting; the June 27th, 2013 Development & Parks**
15 **Committee meeting and the June 27th, 2013 Finance & Personnel Committee.**
16 **Motion carried unanimously.**

17 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments.

18 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 167.78' msl. He stated
19 that prime power generation had ceased and the current schedule was for downstream
20 flow. He stated that on Mondays & Wednesdays 2hours; Fridays 4hours and no
21 generation on weekends. He stated that year-to-date approximately 900,000 acre feet had
22 been released with 400,000 stored. He stated that the agency had not incurred any
23 liability as for as having to purchase power for the companies due to the lake level. He
24 stated that the Diversion Canal has not encountered any problems with low water levels.
25 Item #2-Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that the re-licensing team filed the
26 comments on August 5th, 2013 for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)t. He stated
27 that all that's left is to wait for the final EIS and the new license.

28 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the Toledo Bend Division renovation
29 has begun within the offices at Site 10-Pendleton Bridge. He stated that staff had met
30 with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury representatives to discuss changing the scope of work
31 for Park Site #2 –Oak Ridge which will be discussed during old business. He stated that

1 staff continues to work on the water sales agreement with Sasol as well as all the
2 industrial customers concerning water availability. He stated that the staff has been
3 dealing with aquatic vegetation especially Salvinia in the canal system and are addressing
4 the situation.

5 Item#4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the auditors had just
6 completed their annual review and will present their final report at the September
7 meeting. She reminded the Board that there was not a June financial report available
8 because she has to wait to get any instructions from the auditor to be able to close out the
9 month of June as well as FY'13. She stated that at the September meeting, she should be
10 able to have the June, July and August financial reports available.

11 **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as**
12 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments.

14 Item #1- Update on Leaseback Issues: Mr. Chance stated that Solan's Landing
15 was in complete compliance. He stated that there were sixteen permits issued to those
16 who remain within the campground and the violation cleanup was done in a timely
17 manner. Mr. Pratt stated that Sepulvado's Landing was still working on evicting those
18 individuals that need to move their mobile homes and staff is working on permitting
19 those that are within compliance. He stated that staff will continue to monitor. Mr. Pratt
20 stated that he had visited Shadow's Landing to see what had been done to resolve their
21 leaseback issues. He stated that all of the trailers had been moved or either their
22 "electrical" service had been disconnected waiting to move the mobile home. He stated
23 that staff would continue to monitor their progress.

24 Item #2-Update on Capital SRD Projects & Budget Amendment: Mr. Carr stated
25 that he had prepared a sheet for the Board to review. He stated that staff would like to
26 recommend moving \$702,000.00 for the proposed Phase II into Phase I to help defray
27 some of the "overages" that have been experienced during some of the individual projects
28 in Phase I. He continued that any of the funds remaining funds would be earmarked for
29 Phase II as originally planned. He stated that application had been made to the office of
30 Corps of Engineers in Galveston, Texas for a long-term permit which impacts some of
31 the projects. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve**

1 amending the budget to add \$702,000 of Phase II funding into Phase I to help
2 reduce cost overages and all remaining monies once the projects are paid in full, will
3 be replaced into Phase II funding. Motion carried unanimously.

4 Item #3--Approve to Review ALH, No. 5 Lease Agreement: Mrs. Ferguson stated
5 that ALH, No.5 had asked to see if SRA would be agreeable to amending the agreement
6 to allow SRA to purchase items for Cypress Bend Resort and allow ALH, No.5 to
7 reimburse SRA. She stated that SRA could utilize State Contract Services which are
8 usually much cheaper than conventional prices. Mr. Pratt stated that staff would like to
9 recommend permission from the Board to allow our legal services to review the entire
10 lease agreement to consolidate or remove any items that are no longer pertain to or
11 necessary to the agreement. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**
12 **approve for SRA legal counsel to review the lease agreement and consolidate or**
13 **condense the agreement and to look into the purchasing request by ALH, No.5.**
14 **Motion carried unanimously.**

15 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

16 There was no new business to discuss.

17 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

18 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to Order. He opened
19 the floor for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr.**
20 **Vidrine to nominate Mr. Foret as Chairman. Mr. Cupit moved, seconded**
21 **by Vidrine that nominations cease. Motions carried unanimously and**
22 **Mr. Foret was elected by acclamation.** Mr. Foret asked for a motion to
23 adjourn the Committee. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to**
24 **adjourn. Motion carried.**

25 2) Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Committee had met prior
26 to the Board meeting and Mr. Ron Williams had been elected Chairman. Mr.
27 Ron Williams stated that the Committee had discussed several items. **Mr.**

28 **Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to recommend to the Board**
29 **to approve the following action: #1-close out Project #02-200 Oak Ridge**

30 **RV pad addition at the cost of \$110,145.00; Item #2-modify Oak Ridge**

31 **Improvements to include an additional \$280,000 from the DeSoto Parish**

1 Police Jury to add projects 02-1000 Beach, 02-2000 Renovate Existing
2 pads, 02-3000 Beach Pavilion, 02-4000 Playground Renovation, and 02-
3 5000 Picnic Tables; Item #3-Reallocate \$75,000 for San Miguel Enclosed
4 Pavilion to 7A-4000 Renovate Existing Enclosed Pavilion (\$25,000), 7A-
5 3000 Renovate Existing Cabins (\$35,000), and 15-7000 Pleasure Point
6 Office Renovation (\$15,000) and Item #4-Modify Park Rules &
7 Regulations which changes tent camping price to be Park specific
8 between \$15 to \$25 depending upon which park a person is camping and
9 to establish a rental fee of \$100 for the Event or Beach Pavilion at Oak
10 Ridge Park. Motion carried unanimously.

11 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order.
12 He opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Foret moved
13 seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to nominate Mr. Vidrine as chairman.
14 Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Nash that nominations cease.
15 Motions carried unanimously. Mr. Vidrine was elected by acclamation.
16 Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee. Mr. Foret moved,
17 seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. Motion carried.

18 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

19 1) Finance & Personnel: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order. He
20 opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Vidrine moved,
21 seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to nominate Mr. Cupit for Chairman.
22 Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Ron Williams that nominations cease.
23 Motions carried unanimously. Mr. Cupit was elected by acclamation.
24 Mr. Cupit asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ron Williams moved,
25 seconded by Mr. Bobby Williams to adjourn. Motion carried.

26 2) Water Sales: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order. He opened the
27 floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by
28 Mr. Bobby Williams to nominate Mr. Burgess for Chairman. Mr. Davis
29 moved, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams that nominations cease. Motions
30 carried unanimously. Mr. Burgess was elected Chairman by
31 acclamation. Mr. Goodeaux in Mr. Burgess's absence asked for a motion to

1 adjourn. **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to adjourn.**

2 **Motion carried.**

3 3) Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order.

4 He opened the floor for nominations. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr.**

5 **Arbuckle to nominate Mr. Nash as Chairman. Mr. Gibbs moved,**

6 **seconded by Mr. Cupit that nominations cease. Motions carried**

7 **unanimously. Mr. Nash was elected by acclamation. Mr. Nash asked for a**

8 **motion to adjourn. Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn.**

9 **Motion carried.**

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that a handout had been

11 copied for each member concerning the Land Exchange that Senator Landrieu was

12 sponsoring Senate Bill #1484. He stated that Senator Vitter had held a town meeting in

13 Zwolle at which time he was able to speak to the Senator and ask for his support of SB

14 #1484. He stated that he had also supplied a copy of the Teche Vermillion Water Report

15 which he had visited during a Water Resource Committee meeting. He stated that the

16 project was done to prevent saltwater encroachment. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by**

17 **Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion**

18 **carried unanimously.**

19 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that legal had prepared a summary report on

20 the pending litigation. He stated that Item #1 was filed as a class suit, but was never

21 certified; moved to Federal Court and ordered for arbitration. He stated that Item #2 was

22 originally part of Item #1 Simmons Suit and has been removed to Federal Court. He

23 continued that Item #3 Martinez Suit is felt to have been abandoned since no action has

24 been taken on the case in approximately four years. He stated that Item #4 Simmons Suit

25 relates to flooding of property in 2009 and has been appealed to the 5th Circuit. **Mr.**

26 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to approve the legal report as**

27 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

28 Mr. Goodeaux stated that before adjournment, he wanted to appoint a committee

29 to review the bylaws of the SRA Louisiana Board of Commissioners. He continued that

30 he would like to meet with Ron Williams, Frank Davis, Jim Pratt, Kellie Ferguson and

31 Becky Anderson. He also asked that the Board members contact their perspective

1 Legislators to attend the next meeting or a future meeting of the Board of Commissioners
2 to express any concerns that they might have about SRA.

3 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be September 26th, 2013 at
4 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

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

6 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
7 **adjourned at 2:32pm.**

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17 **ATTEST:**

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