

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, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> , 2012**  
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**   **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Chairman**  
11                                   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman**  
12                                   **Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary**  
13                                   **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**  
14                                   **Mr. C.A. Burgess**  
15                                   **Mr. Daniel Cupit**  
16                                   **Mr. Frank Davis**  
17                                   **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.**  
18                                   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**  
19                                   **Mr. Therman Nash**  
20                                   **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
21                                   **Mr. Bobby Williams**  
22                                   **Mr. Ron Williams**  
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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**   **Mr. Jerry Holmes**  
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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:**   **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**  
27                                   **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**  
28                                   **Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA**  
29                                   **Steven DeRouen, CPA, Lake Charles, LA**  
30                                   **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**  
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32                                   **There were fifteen (15) visitors.**  
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34                   Mrs. Tammy Foster, Sabine Parish Clerk of Court administered the Oath of Office  
35 since the Commissioners had received re-appointments along with the new members who  
36 were replacing some of the other members.

37                   Mr. Vidrine called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
38 Vidrine led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that all were present. A quorum  
39 was established. Mr. Vidrine welcomed the new Board members-Mr. Frank Davis, Mr.  
40 Jimmy Foret, Jr and Mr. Ron Williams and asked each to give a brief bio of his self.

41                   Mr. Vidrine asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing  
42 none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Cupit moved,**  
43 **seconded by Mr. Burgess to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**  
44 **unanimously.**

45                   Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
46 meeting as circulated. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Bobby Williams to**  
47 **approve the minutes of the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting as circulated. Motion carried**  
48 **unanimously.**

1 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None

2 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 168.30' msl. He stated  
3 that it was time for the annual outage and presented each member with an Outage Report.  
4 He stated that the purpose of the outage was to remove, blast , inspect, repair and recoat  
5 Head Gate #4; turbine runner inspection; generator seals and upper guide bearing  
6 inspection; oil reservoir cleaning and visual inspection; wicket gate actuator repair with  
7 inspection repair and alignment; generator & thrust bearing cooler cleaned and inspected;  
8 and cooling water piping inspection study, optional repair pending study. He stated that  
9 the start date was September 17, 2012 and completion target date is November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

10 Item #2 -Re-licensing: Mr. Chance stated that since the July meeting and the  
11 filling of the offer of Settlement, things have slowed down some. He stated that there is a  
12 60-day comment period which started on August 23<sup>rd</sup> thru October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that  
13 the re-licensing team would have 45 days to answer any comments that were necessary.  
14 He stated that by April 2013 draft impact statement would submitted be and there would  
15 be a 60-day comments period and finally by September 2013 hopefully a license granted.  
16 He stated that the team was looking into a curator facility for the historical artifacts from  
17 the studies; most probably Stephen F. Austin State University and Northwestern State  
18 University. He continued that all documents filed with FERC could be found on the  
19 website for review. Mr. Goodeaux asked that staff send letters to the commercial camp  
20 owners concerning activity to correct their leaseback violations to be present and give an  
21 oral update at the October 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Mr. Chance stated that he would see that  
22 the letters were sent out.

23 #3-Operational: Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. Carr had a doctor's appointment and he  
24 would give his report. He stated that at Site 7A, vinyl and roofing is complete on all  
25 cabins except two; two more have been completed remodeled with 2 remaining. He  
26 stated that at Site 2 all concrete RV pads are complete with concrete, water and electrical;  
27 Balar engineering is finalizing the site plans for the pavilions and wastewater disposal to  
28 submit to the fire marshal and DHH. He stated at Site 11, the crew assisted the Toledo  
29 Bend Oilmen's tournament with their event. He stated that the crews continue to perform  
30 routine maintenance on cabins electrical repairs water line repairs, mowing, etc. He stated  
31 that the Diversion Canal, a bid in the amount of \$259,000 for gate rehabilitation has been

1 awarded to F. Miller Construction and work should start next week. He stated that a bid  
2 was awarded to Louisiana Radio in the amount of \$141,885 for improvements to the  
3 SCADA system and work has already begun. He stated that bids were being reviewed  
4 for new pump station intake grates and these will be reported on at the next meeting. He  
5 stated that both SRA and SRD went through the motions for hurricane preparedness prior  
6 to Hurricane Isaac even though it was not needed, but served as good training when and  
7 if the need arises.

8 #4-Financial: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the revenues for the Toledo Bend  
9 Division for August 2012 were \$523,878.62; expenditures were \$399,392.46 showing a  
10 profit of \$124,486.16. She continued that the revenues for the Diversion Canal Division  
11 were \$448,130.36; expenditures were \$321,545.39 showing a profit of \$126,584.97. She  
12 stated that year-to-date totals for Toledo Bend were revenues of \$892,707.29;  
13 expenditures of \$1,161,992.31 showing a loss of 269,285.02. Continuing with year-to-  
14 date totals for the Diversion Canal showed revenues of \$900,629.42; expenditures of  
15 \$465,310.18.00 leaving a profit of \$435,319.24. Mrs. Ferguson stated that she would like  
16 to recommend to the Board to approve placing \$100,000 of the Diversion Canal funds  
17 aside for emergency pump/motor repairs if the need arose due to the fact that Mr. Pratt's  
18 spending authority is \$10,000 without the Board approval. **Mr. Williams, seconded by**  
19 **Mrs. Scott to approve placing \$100,000 into an emergency pump/motor repair fund**  
20 **to be used if the need arises. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Ferguson stated that  
21 also within the report was the listing of the current Park Improvement Report which  
22 shows that the budget is \$963,863.34 of which \$305,014.21 has been spend leaving a  
23 balance of \$658,849.13. She stated that the other report showed the Diversion Canal  
24 Improvement Program that has a budget of \$7,412,000.00 of which \$576,398.72 has been  
25 spent leaving a balance of \$6,835,601.28. **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to**  
26 **approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

27 OLD BUSINESS: None.

28 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-SRA Annual Financial Audit: Mr. Steven DeRouen,  
29 CPA stated that he would like to review the audit with the Board. He stated that first of  
30 all, this was a "clean" audit and that the staff should be commended for a job well done.  
31 He stated that as of June 30, 2012, the SRA had total current assets of \$10,301,423.00 as

1 compared to \$9,711,704.00 the previous year. He continued that other noncurrent assets  
2 totaled \$67,647,335.00 bringing total assets to \$77,948,758.00 which had increased from  
3 the previous year of \$67,783,738.00. He stated that total liabilities current as well as log-  
4 term was \$15,048,823.00 up from the previous \$5,065,844.00 along with net assets which  
5 were \$62,899.935.00 for a total liabilities and net assets of \$77,948,758.00 which  
6 increased from the previous year of \$67,783,738.00. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by**  
7 **Mr. Cupit to accept the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 annual audit as presented. Motion carried**  
8 **unanimously.**

9 Item #2: ALH, No. 5 Bi-annual Audit: Mrs. Ferguson presented each member  
10 present a copy of the audit report. She stated that there a few items she would like to  
11 discuss. She stated the first item was the purchase of a mower which cost of \$10,611.00  
12 which is over Mr. Pratt's spending authority and staff recommends that the Board ratify  
13 the expenditure; furthermore, the purchase should have been brought before the Board  
14 initially because any expenditure over \$10,000.00 has to be approved by the SRA Board  
15 per conditions of the contract. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to ratify the**  
16 **expenditure of \$10,611.00 to purchase a mower for the Cypress Bend Golf Course.**  
17 **Motion carried unanimously.** She continued second item is in the report a "shortfall"  
18 of \$30,961.00 in the Replacement Reserve account that ALH, No.5 has to maintain. She  
19 stated that these funds are the result of 3% of the gross earnings from the resort services  
20 to be placed in the account for future purchases. **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr.**  
21 **Arbuckle to accept the bi-annual audit of ALH, No.5/Cypress Bend Golf Resort as**  
22 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

23 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 24 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.  
25 2) Development & Parks: No meeting.  
26 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: No meeting.

27 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 28 1) Finance & Personnel: No meeting.  
29 2) Water Sales: No meeting.  
30 3) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he had received  
2 several calls concerning the giant salvinia problem within various parts of the reservoir.  
3 He stated that he had been in touch with Senator Long and Secretary Barham of the  
4 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. He stated that Secretary Barham said he would see  
5 about hiring a contract sprayer to come to Toledo Bend and spray which might take a  
6 couple of weeks. He continued that staff had visited DeSoto Parish and approximately  
7 900-acres were affected with the vegetation. He stated that a suggestion of contacting  
8 Texas Parks and Wildlife to have a meeting to discuss their participation with the  
9 spraying program and hopefully this will take place in the very near future. He stated  
10 that the Sabine River Compact would be meeting in New Orleans on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He  
11 reminded everyone that Mr. Bobby Williams and Mr. Douglas Brandon were the two  
12 representatives from Louisiana and that Mrs. Ferguson served as their secretary and he  
13 served on the Technical Committee. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to**  
14 **approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

16 Mr. Vidrine reminded the Board that the next regular meeting would be held on  
17 Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

18 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn.  
19 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**  
20 **adjourned at 2:33pm.**

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**STANLEY VIDRINE, CHAIRMAN**

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**NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

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**BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY**