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3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
4 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**  
5 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
6 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
7 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**  
8 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**  
9 **MANY, LA 71449**  
10 **1:00PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Chairman  
12 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman  
13 Mr. Frank Davis  
14 Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.  
15 Mr. Ned Goodeaux  
16 Mr. Jerry Holmes  
17 Mr. Therman Nash  
18 Mrs. Estella Scott  
19 Mr. Bobby Williams  
20 Mr. Ron Williams

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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Norman Arbuckle  
23 Mr. C. A. Burgess  
24 Mr. Daniel Cupit  
25 Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary

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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-SRA, Many, LA  
31 Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

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33 **There were fifteen (15) visitors.**

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35 Mr. Vidrine called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
36 Vidrine led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Arbuckle, Mr. Burgess,  
37 Mr. Cupit, and Mr. Gibbs were absent; however, a quorum was established. Mr. Vidrine  
38 welcomed the new Board member Mr. Jerry Holmes and asked him to give a brief bio of  
39 himself.

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

44 Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27<sup>th</sup>,  
45 2012 meeting and the minutes of the Special Call meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as circulated.  
46 Mrs. Anderson stated that on Page 3, line 11 the revenue should read \$448,130.36 instead  
47 of \$48,130.36. Mr. Williams stated that he was not listed as present on the Special Call  
48 minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Anderson stated that these would be corrected for the record.

1 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to approve the minutes of the**  
2 **September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as well as those of the “Special Call” meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
3 **with the approved corrections. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None

5 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 167.91’ msl and one unit  
6 would be running 2 ½ hrs every other day. He stated that these releases for downstream  
7 flow have accumulated to about 1.2 million acre feet of water released downstream. He  
8 stated that an updated outage report was provided for each member present. He stated  
9 that he would remind everyone that the downstream flow release is considered  
10 “secondary power”. He stated that the outages are to provide time for necessary  
11 maintenance to the powerhouse facilities. He stated that Entergy’s budget for the  
12 maintenance was \$1,214,000.00.

13 Item #2-Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that Monday, October 22nd, was the  
14 deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments on “Offer of Settlement”,  
15 comments on final license application, recommendations, preliminary terms and  
16 conditions, and preliminary prescriptions. He stated that as expected, all the agencies  
17 filed their comments and Notice of Intervention as well as three additional comments was  
18 filed. He continued that these were #1: American Whitewater and Sabine Whitewater  
19 Club claiming there was not enough opportunities for whitewater recreation below the  
20 spillway and asked for intervention; #2-Mr. Bob Stump of DeRidder disagreed with our  
21 findings and studies on the condition of the lower Sabine River pertaining to fishing and  
22 asked for intervention; and #3-Mr. Harold Temple objected to two (2) Shoreline  
23 Management Plan items. Mr. Chance stated that he felt that the FERC would not pay  
24 much attention to these items. He stated on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline for  
25 filing the reply to the comments which the Toledo Bend Project Re-licensing Team is  
26 preparing. He stated that the remainder of the schedule was as follows: April 2013-  
27 FERC issues DEIS; June 2013-Comments due on DEIS(45-day comment period); and  
28 September 2013-FERC issues FEIS.

29 #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the Diversion Canal, bids for electrical  
30 upgrades in all pump stations were received and an award has been made to Lake Charles  
31 Electric in the amount of \$1,533,430.00. He stated that the work is to be substantially

1 completed within 270 days and ready for final payment within 315 days of a notice to  
2 proceed. He stated that there is a \$750 per day penalty for all days over the substantially  
3 completed time of 270 days and the same penalty applies to the completion date of 315  
4 days. He continued that there were three bids received for the job: #1-Kaough & Jones  
5 Electric--\$1,923,000; #2-Earnest P. Breaux Electric--\$1,938,000; #3-Lake Charles  
6 Electric--\$1,533,430. He stated that bids were received for procurement of diesel bypass  
7 pumps and new drives and electric motors and this bid was awarded to National Pump  
8 and DSI for the combined amount of \$1,348,196. He stated that the bypass pumps have  
9 been built and are sitting in the National Pump Yard in Beaumont for delivery to our site  
10 once the contractor is ready for them. He stated that the electric motors and drives are  
11 being built and are scheduled for delivery in February 2013. He stated that the DSI bid  
12 was accepted in May 2012 with an estimated delivery of 30 to 35 weeks. He stated that  
13 bids were received for Bypass Pump installation and this bid was awarded to Sea Level  
14 Construction in the amount of \$1,061,100. Other bids were as follows: #1-Blake D.  
15 Hines--\$1,331,900; #2-Cecil D. Gassiot LLC--\$1,080,000; #3-Sea Level Construction  
16 Inc--\$1,061,100. He stated that these bids included all work listed under Projects #1-#5  
17 in Phase #1 of the Capital upgrades to total \$3,942,726 which is within our construction  
18 budget for these items. He stated that the total construction budget for the above  
19 mentioned items submitted to this Board when asking for the Capital Improvement Bond  
20 Issue was \$5,010,000 including contingency costs. He stated that Project #8of Phase #1  
21 (Repair and repairing of Canal Level Gates) the low bid of \$259,000 was accepted and  
22 work has begun with one side of Control Gate #3 having been removed and inspected.  
23 He stated that the low bid was substantially over the \$120,000 estimate. He stated that  
24 Project #10 (New galvanized grating for pump station intakes) a bid of \$47,314 was  
25 awarded to Creole steel and Fabrication and this work has begun. He stated that the  
26 estimated costs for this project were \$198,000. The three bids received were as follows:  
27 #1-Creole Steel--\$47,314; #2-Custom Metal Fabricators--\$60,616; #3-Sulphur Sheet  
28 Metal--\$96,880. He stated that Project #7 (New Scada Monitoring System) work has  
29 begun which includes towers at all monitoring sites and radio transmitters on Phase #1  
30 with a completion date set for December 31, 2012 at an estimated cost of \$141,885. He  
31 stated that Phase #2 would be installed with the new pump station electrical equipment.

1 He stated that Philip Finn and Matt Istre will continue to conduct daily inspections of  
2 these ongoing projects in addition to Myers and Associates minimum weekly inspections.  
3 He stated that the Lake Charles Cogen Project reservation agreement expired and they  
4 have agreed to renew this agreement which will expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 with an  
5 automatic 5-year renewal. He stated that he along with Phil and Matt had a meeting with  
6 eight members of Citgo staff on October 24<sup>th</sup> to address their concerns over the Capital  
7 Projects at Pump Station #4. He stated that the meeting went well, all concerns explained  
8 to their satisfaction. He stated at Cypress Bend Park, Cabin #9 plans were submitted to  
9 the Fire Marshall's Office and approved. He stated that the construction of the cabin is  
10 underway with all framing material completed; installation of the siding is taking shape  
11 as is inside finishing work. He stated that at San Miguel, all the cabins in the inner circle  
12 (8) have been completely remodeled with new roofs vinyl siding and interior with one  
13 more to complete vinyl siding and roofing. He stated that plans have been submitted to  
14 the Fire Marshall's Office for the new office building at San Miguel. He stated that staff  
15 has not received the plans for the pavilions and/or the wastewater disposal unit back from  
16 the Fire Marshall's office and DHH. He stated that DeSoto Parish has issued us a Permit  
17 and we have requested Cleco to install the meters and turn on the power. He stated that  
18 staff has stamped foundation plans and building plans from Balar and are waiting for Fire  
19 Marshall approval to open the new RV Section which should occur early 2013 which  
20 contains 24 new full hook-up concrete pads.

21 #4-Financial: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the revenues for the Toledo Bend  
22 Division for September 2012 were \$316,505.91; expenditures were \$1,025,033.20  
23 showing a loss of \$708,527.29. She continued that the revenues for the Diversion Canal  
24 Division were \$280,250.56; expenditures were \$271,204.91 showing a profit of  
25 \$9,045.65. She stated that year-to-date totals for Toledo Bend were revenues of  
26 \$1,209,213.20; expenditures of \$2,187,025.51 showing a loss of \$977,812.31. She stated  
27 continuing with year-to-date totals, those for the Diversion Canal showed revenues of  
28 \$1,180,879.98; expenditures of \$736,515.09 leaving a profit of \$444,364.89. She stated  
29 that the Current Park Improvement Report shows that the budget is \$963,863.34 of which  
30 \$319,723.40 has been spent leaving a balance of \$644,139.94. She stated that the other  
31 report showed the Diversion Canal Capital Improvement Program that has a budget of

1 \$7,412,000.00 of which \$728,133.47 has been spent leaving a balance of \$6,683,866.53.

2 **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Staff Reports as presented.**

3 **Motion carried unanimously.**

4 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Leaseback Violations-Sepulvado's Landing, Solan's,  
5 and Shadow's Landing: Mr. Joe Carbo asked to address the Board before the discussion  
6 of Sepulvado's Landing. He stated that he had met with Mr. Pratt a few days before the  
7 meeting to discuss three mobile homes in particular located at Sepulvado's Landing that  
8 are owned by individuals on fixed incomes and who do not have the funds to move their  
9 homes. He stated that he had used the current survey of the area and that each of the  
10 mobile homes was approximately 20ft. in violation. He asked the Board to grant an  
11 exception to these individuals. Mr. Pratt stated that the FERC has not even approved or  
12 disapproved the Shoreline Management Plan that was submitted with the re-licensing  
13 application so the Board could not action upon his request at this time. Mr. Ronald  
14 Brandon, attorney representing Mrs. Maudie Sepulvado Woodruff presented each  
15 member with a list and timeline of corrections. He stated that a survey was done and one  
16 of the main concerns was the placement of the oxidation pond which would be removed  
17 and located above the original take line. He stated that he felt all encroachments could be  
18 addressed by the January 1, 2013 deadline unless winter prevented the progress. He  
19 stated that he would keep the Board informed. Mr. Wayne Ferrant representing Solan's  
20 Campground stated that there were twelve (12) violations of which six will move and the  
21 other six will be in compliance. He stated that the septic systems and lift stations will be  
22 addressed according to the current guidelines and they will meet their deadline of July 1,  
23 2013. Mr. Pratt stated that Mrs. Patricia Naleszinck of Shadow's Landing had called to  
24 say that "she was on task", but he wasn't quite sure what that meant. He stated that this  
25 property owner had approximately forty (40) violations. He stated that staff would  
26 continue to work with these owners and keep the Board updated.

27 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve request to purchase a stump grinder: Mr.  
28 Carr stated that since the drought of last year, SRA had lost several hundred trees which  
29 the maintenance crews have cut down and removed the debris. He continued that the  
30 numerous stumps have become a nuisance and dangerous to the mowing crews as well as  
31 visitors walking in the wooded areas of the park. He stated that staff has researched

1 several different types of stump grinders, but procurement has found it near to impossible  
2 to prepare a bid for the grinder because each company has its own specifics as to what  
3 service the equipment could provide. He stated that several machines were brought on  
4 site for demonstrations and the Vermeer Grinder was selected as the one that met the  
5 Agency's needs the best. He stated it maneuvered within and around the trees as well as  
6 other areas with no problem and the stabilization of the machine was much easier to  
7 achieve especially in damp areas. He stated that he spent several months reviewing the  
8 different machines and this particular one is a 60 horsepower track type. He stated that  
9 the cost of the grinder is \$45,091.70. He stated that the Agency has a trailer that can be  
10 used to haul the equipment to each location. He stated that if the Vermeer Grinder was  
11 purchased, the company would provide safety training for employees. **Mr. Foret moved,**  
12 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the purchase of the Vermeer Stump Grinder at**  
13 **the approximate cost of \$45,091.70. Motion carried unanimously.**

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 15 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order and asked the  
16 Secretary to call the roll of the Committee. Absent was Mr. Burgess, Mr.  
17 Cupit and Mr. Gibbs; therefore no quorum was established so no chairman  
18 was elected at that time.
- 19 2) Development & Parks: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order and asked  
20 the Secretary to call the roll of the Committee. Absent was Mr. Arbuckle;  
21 therefore a quorum was established. Mr. Vidrine opened the floor for  
22 nominations for Chairman. **Mrs. Scott nominated Mr. Goodeaux for**  
23 **Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foret and that the nominations cease.**  
24 **Motion carried unanimously and Mr. Goodeaux was elected by**  
25 **acclamation. Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Scott**  
26 **moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn the Committee. Motion**  
27 **carried unanimously.**
- 28 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order  
29 and asked the Secretary to call the roll of the Committee. Absent was Mr.  
30 Arbuckle; therefore a quorum was established. Mr. Vidrine opened the floor  
31 for nominations for chairman. **Mr. Nash nominated Mr. Arbuckle,**

1           **seconded by Mr. Bobby Williams. Mr. Foret nominated Mr. Ron**  
2           **Williams who declined. Mr. Vidrine closed the nominations. Mr.**  
3           **Arbuckle was elected by acclamation. Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to**  
4           **adjourn. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to adjourn the**  
5           **Committee. Motion carried unanimously.**

6           SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7           1) Finance & Personnel: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order and asked  
8           the Secretary to call the roll of the Committee. Absent were Mr. Burgess and  
9           Mr. Cupit; however a quorum was established. Mr. Vidrine opened the floor  
10          for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Goodeaux nominated Mr. Bobby**  
11          **Williams, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams with nominations cease.**  
12          **Motion carried and Mr. Bobby Williams was elected by acclamation. Mr.**  
13          **Bobby Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Goodeaux moved,**  
14          **seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

15          2) Water Sales: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order and asked the  
16          Secretary to call the roll of the Committee. Absent was Mr. Arbuckle;  
17          however, a quorum was established. Mr. Vidrine opened the floor for  
18          nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Foret nominated Mr. Goodeaux, seconded**  
19          **by Mr. Holmes with nominations cease. Mr. Goodeaux elected by**  
20          **acclamation. Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ron**  
21          **Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. Motion carried**  
22          **unanimously.**

23          3) Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Vidrine called the Committee to order and  
24          asked the Secretary to call the roll of the Committee. Absent were Mr.  
25          Arbuckle, Mr. Cupit, and Mr. Gibbs therefore no quorum was established and  
26          no election of Chairman at that time.

27          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that on October 10<sup>th</sup>,  
28          2012, a meeting was held at the Pendleton Office with representatives from SRA-Texas  
29          and Louisiana, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Louisiana Department of  
30          Wildlife and Fisheries to discuss the Salvinia situation on Toledo Bend. He stated that  
31          the problem area identified was approximately 600 acres in the uppermost portion of the

1 reservoir. He stated that spraying had already taken place in different areas by a contract  
2 sprayer hired by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. He stated that with  
3 the winter months fast approaching the group felt an aerial spraying would be best;  
4 however, there was some concern for the Cypress Trees. He continued that LDWF  
5 aquatic personnel would generate details of the application plan including herbicide type,  
6 rates, timing, etc. He stated that the State of Texas requires a formal application for  
7 applications of this nature and it takes approximately two weeks to receive an approval.  
8 He stated that the Sabine River Compact group met in New Orleans. He asked Mr.  
9 Bobby Williams who is a Louisiana representative for the group if he would like to say  
10 anything about the meeting. Mr. Williams stated that he wanted everyone to know that  
11 the quality of the water of the Sabine River was very good. Mr. Pratt stated that the  
12 group meets twice a year and the Spring 2013 meeting would be held in Shreveport,  
13 Louisiana. He stated that SRA is helping Hodges Gardens State Park with their  
14 Christmas Festival. He stated that SRA crews are helping with trenching and installing  
15 electrical. He stated that this is a cooperative endeavor between SRA and the Office of  
16 State Parks. He stated some of the local businesses are helping such as Rivers Builders  
17 Supply donated 25 sheets of plywood for figurines. He stated that the Sabine Parish  
18 Tourist Commission as well as SRA is making a monetary donation along with other  
19 local businesses to help defray the costs in preparation for the Christmas event for the  
20 Parish and visitors. He stated that Ronny Cole, SRA Land Specialist was a guest speaker  
21 at a Forestry Workshop and that he, Jim Pratt, would be speaking to the Toledo Bend  
22 Citizens' Advisory Committee at their next meeting. He stated that November 6<sup>th</sup> is a  
23 holiday due to the election and that November 12<sup>th</sup> is another holiday for staff due to  
24 Veterans' Day. He stated that Civil Service Human Resources would be in the Pendleton  
25 Office conducting their yearly audit. Mr. Pratt stated that since Thanksgiving falls on our  
26 regular Thursday meeting date, there would not be a meeting in November so a combined  
27 meeting of November/December would be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Chairman  
28 Vidrine would not be available, but Vice-Chairman Goodeaux would preside. **Mr. Nash**  
29 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Executive Director's report as**  
30 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

31 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

1 Mr. Vidrine reminded the Board that the next regular meeting would be held on  
2 Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00am at the Cypress Bend Resort Conference  
3 Center.

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

5 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**  
6 **adjourned at 3:15pm.**

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**STANLEY VIDRINE, CHAIRMAN**

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**NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

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**BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY**