1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	B P	UTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY STATE OF LOUISIANA GOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE 15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY MANY, LA THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 <sup>TH</sup> , 2011
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Robert Conyer, Chairman Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman Mr. Bobby Williams, Secretary Mr. Norman Arbuckle Mr. C.A. Burgess Mr. Daniel Cupit Mr. Byron Gibbs Mr. Carlton Gibson Mr. Ned Goodeaux Mr. Larry Kelly Mr. Therman Nash Mrs. Estella Scott Mr. Kermie Valentine
25 26	MEMBERS ABSENT:	None.
27 28 29 30 31 32 33	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 Mgnt Consult-SRA, Many, LA Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA
34 35		There were five visitors.
36 37	Mr. Conyer called th	e meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
38	Conyer led the Pledge of All	egiance. The roll was called and it was noted that all
39	members were present; there	efore, a quorum was established.
40	Mr. Conyer asked if	there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pratt
41	stated that he would like to a	dd under New Business, Item #4-Emergency Repair Pump
42	Station #3 and Item #5-Auth	orize travel for Commissioners Conyer and Kelly due to
43	Water Sales negotiation mee	tings. Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux
44	to adopt the amended agen	da. Motion carried unanimously.
45	Mr. Conyer stated that	at the minutes of the January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 meeting were
46	circulated within the packet.	He asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, he
47	asked for a motion to approv	re the minutes as circulated. Mr. Burgess moved, seconded
48	by Mrs. Scott to approve the	ne minutes of the January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 meeting as
49	circulated. Motion carried	unanimously.

2	#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 164.57. He stated that there
3	had been a request for emergency power and this request was fulfilled. He stated a report
4	by Freeson-Nichols stated that there were some areas along the face of the dam that could
5	use some repair when weather permitted and due to the current low lake level, it was
6	decided to fill the exposed small cracks at this time. He stated that a local fisherman who
7	writes articles for the Lake Charles American Press had put in his article that repairs to
8	the dam continue and public. He stated that Mr. Goodeaux brought the article to his
9	attention because staff was not aware of the so-called repairs. Mr. Goodeaux asked that
10	perhaps the Executive Director could request a report from the Toledo Bend Project Joint
11	Operations so that all parties are kept informed of events taking place on the reservoir.
12	Item #2-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Chance stated that the draft license application
13	is almost complete. He stated that sometime in April it would be necessary to hold a
14	Joint Operations meeting to adopt a resolution to go along with the application process.
15	He stated that FEMA had approved the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and this would be
16	brought for approval at the March meeting.
17	Item #3- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that the electrical and office for
18	Cypress Bend Park should be completed in March. He stated that the last liner at the
19	Diversion Canal had been installed and would be back on line next week. He stated that
20	this project would be considered complete and under budget.
21	Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the staff
22	reports circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.
23	OLD BUSINESS: None.
24	Public Comment: None.
25	NEW BUSINESS:
26	Public Comment: None.
27	Item #1-January 2011 Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the report was
28	circulated within the Board packet. She stated that the current year-to-date showed the
29	Diversion Canal with income of \$2,867,867.21; expenditures of \$1,278,290.07 leaving a
30	profit of \$1,589,577.14. She stated that the current year-to-date for Toledo Bend showed
31	income of \$2,959,255.61; expenditures of \$4,680,276.66 showing a deficit of

STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

- 1 \$1,721,021.05. Mrs. Ferguson stated that she was awaiting information from the banks
- 2 concerning the interest paid on SRA accounts. Mr. Valentine moved, seconded by Mrs.
- 3 Scott to approve the January 2011 Financial reports as circulated and presented.
- 4 Motion carried unanimously.

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stated that the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries would like to re-locate to be
more accessible not only to the various areas they serve, but to the public. He stated that
they have been housed at the dam office and would like to build a new office on SRA
property located between the fence of the maintenance area and Bridge Bay Resort where

Item #2-Re-location Request by LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries: Mr. Pratt

- there is approximately 2 acres. He stated that SRA would not have any costs involved in
- 11 the building. Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to authorize staff to
- 12 prepare an agreement or MOU to be brought back for Board approval with the LA
- 13 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to build an office on adjacent SRA property
- 14 and state within the agreement that all improvements to said property become the
- 15 property of the SRA if future abandonment occurs. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16 Item #3-Resolution for Attorney General's opinion concerning Title 41k, Section
- 17 1605 "State land and Archaeological Preserves.": Mr. Pratt stated that this request relates
- 18 to the future projects for Park Site 2-Oak Ridge. He stated that the Phase 1 study showed
- 19 the possibilities of Native American artifacts present in the area and a Phase 2 Study
- would search deeper for evidence. He stated that the Phase 2 study would cost
- 21 approximately \$38,000. He stated that it was felt that an Attorney General's Opinion
- 22 would clarify if this particular law governs whether or not park improvements could be
- done in the future. Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt a resolution
- 24 requesting an Attorney General's Opinion as to whether SRA must comply with
- 25 Title 41, Section 1605-"State land and Archaeological Preserves". Motion carried
- 26 unanimously.
- Item #4-Emergency Repair to Pump Station #3: Mr. Carr stated that the actual pump had gone out. He stated that this station serves Conoco, PPG, Air Liquid and Lyondel. He stated that an estimated cost to repair the pump is \$78,000. He stated that staff has looked into "renting" pumps for this Station at the approximate cost of \$71,000
- 31 for the first month and \$47,000 for each month thereafter. He stated that the customers

- 1 are questioning the integrity and quality of service that the SRA is providing to them.
- 2 Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to ratify the emergency repair to the
- 3 pump at Pump Station #3 to the cost of \$78,000. Motion carried unanimously. Mr.
- 4 Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to authorize the Executive Director and the
- 5 Facility Maintenance Manager to look into rental of bypass pumps or what is
- 6 necessary to quality service to the customers along the canal. Motion carried
- 7 unanimously.
- 8 Item #5-Authorize Travel Reimbursement for Commissioners Conyer and Kelly
- 9 due to Water Sales Negotiation meetings. Mr. Pratt stated that the Board had directed
- 10 Commissioners Conyer and Kelly to help with the negotiations of the out-of-state water
- sales and there has been some travel out-of-town for this process. Mr. Burgess moved,
- seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve travel reimbursement for Commissioners
- 13 Conyer and Kelly incurred due to negotiation meetings for the out-of-state water
- 14 sales contract. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Goodeaux stated no
- meeting; however one is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Citgo Park.
- 17 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Committee had met
- prior to the Board meeting. He stated that several items were discussed. He stated that
- 19 the Committee would like to recommend closure of Project 10-800, 10-900 and 10-400
- 20 which left funds in the amount of \$1,307.32 to be re-allocated to other park improvement
- 21 project areas. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the closure
- of Projects 10-800, Maintenance Fencing; 10-900, Maintenance Entrance Road and
- 23 10-400, Maintenance Shop and re-allocate the remaining funds from these projects
- 24 in the amount of \$1,307.32 to other park improvement projects. Motion carried
- 25 **unanimously.** Mr. Goodeaux stated that in order to complete the Cypress Bend Park
- 26 entrance and office along with building access to the Pleasure Point Fishing Pier
- 27 additional funds of \$44,617.68 was needed and that these funds could come from the
- \$148,650.00 that was earmarked for the parks. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr.**
- 29 Arbuckle to approve allocating \$44,617.68 of the 2000 timber sale funds to the park
- 30 improvement budget to complete the following 10-1000, Pendleton Fishing Pier
- 31 Overage; 15-1000, Pleasure Point Fishing Pier Overage; 11-2000 Cypress Bend

2 Road/Parking Area. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by 3 Mr. Cupit to re-allocate the remaining timber sales funds of \$104,032.32 to the 4 general fund to be used as needed. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Goodeaux 5 stated that staff continues to work on the Cypress Bend Office. He stated that the fishing 6 piers at Site 10 and Site 15 are complete except for the lighting detail. He stated that all 7 SRA Park Site launching ramps were open except for Converse Bay and Blue Lake 8 Landing. He continued that due to the concern over the archaeological situation all work 9 at Park Site 2-Oak Ridge has been suspended until further notice. He stated that the 10 Committee discussed raising the rate for monthly RV sites at Cypress Bend Park. Mr. 11 Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to raise the monthly RV rates for 12 Cypress Bend Park to \$200 per month plus electricity and taxes for waterfront and \$160 per month plus electricity and taxes for non-waterfront and these rates would 13 14 become effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. 15 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated no meeting. 16 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr. 17 Williams stated no meeting. 18 Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Kelly stated that the Committee had not met since the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the 19 minutes of the Water Sales Committee on January 19th, 2011 as circulated. Motion 20 21 carried unanimously. 22 Item #3-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Vidrine stated no meeting. 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report. Mrs. 24 Anderson thanked the Board and the Executive Director for the opportunity to prompt the 25 Toledo Bend Lake Country. She stated that in January when Ms. Ebarb, Ms. Mitchell 26 and she had attended the Tourism Summit in Baton Rouge, all had passed the Tourist Counselor's exam and were certified once again. She stated that at the Tourism Summit, 27 the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission was awarded the "Louey" award 28 for the best Tourist Commission with a budget of \$250,000 to \$750,000. This is the first 29 30 time in the history of the Commission.

Entrance Road Overlay; Cypress Bend Fencing and Pleasure Point Gravel

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1	LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that there were no new developments with
2	the downstream lawsuit. Mr. Chance stated that a letter was sent to Mr. Seals informing
3	him of the restraining order and staff has visited the site to see if he had done anything
4	prior to filling the injunction. He continued that Mr. Seals has removed the septic system
5	to his personal property. He stated that the Sanders Case had a Summary Judgment that
6	would be heard on March 3 <sup>rd</sup> . He stated that Mr. Thompson was retiring and Mr. Luke
7	Edwards from Lafayette has been interviewed and hired to represent the SRA in Mr.
8	Thompson's absence. He stated that Mr. Thompson would be present for the Sanders
9	case hearing.
10	Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 at 1:00pm at
11	the Pendleton Bridge Office.
12	With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.
13	Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting
14	adjourned at 2:48pm.
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