

## **Babcock Ranch Report for Calendar Year 2009**

We are pleased to present this report on the operations, activities and accomplishments for the Babcock Ranch, Inc. (BRI) for the fiscal year 2009. This report is a requirement of Ch. 259.1053 of the Florida Statutes and will become much more important once BRI assumes management authority for the 73,239-acre preserve in Charlotte and Lee Counties.

Babcock Ranch, Inc. members for 2009 included:

R.Z. "Sandy" Safley – Board of Trustees appointee (Chair)  
Dr. Hilary Swain – Board of Trustees appointee (Vice Chair); Appointed as Chair.  
Manley Fuller – Board of Trustees appointee (Treasurer)  
Dr. Bill Hammond – Kitson and Partners, LLC appointee  
Dr. William H. Wilcox – Charlotte County appointee  
Erick Lindblad – Lee County appointee  
James Bryan – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry (DOACS/DOF) appointee  
Dr. George Tanner – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) appointee

No replacement appointment for Mr. Cary Lightsey (Resigned in 2008) – Board of Trustees appointee has yet been made.

During 2009, management activities at Babcock Ranch were the responsibility of the partnership between Babcock Ranch Management, LLC (BRM), Babcock Ranch, Inc. (BRI), the Board of Trustees, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Division of Forestry, and Lee County, Florida. BRM is the Manager of BRP (BRP Manager) for the duration of the Management Agreement. BRI is an advisor to the BRP Manager during the term of the Management Agreement (until June 2011, with an optional extension for another 5 years), and assumes management of BRP (becomes the BRP Manager) when the Management Agreement terminates. During 2009, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida division of Forestry were Lead Managing Agencies acting in a technical advisory role to the BRP Manager, and the Lee County portion of BRP.

Babcock Ranch Management, LLC (Manager) provided a detailed report of its operations and activities for 2009 to BRI and to the Department of Environmental Protection under a separate cover.

During calendar year 2009, BRI reviewed and commented on the Recreation Plan for the preserve prepared by the Genesis Group at two publically noticed meetings of its Board of Directors. BRI has also, through its chairperson, facilitated additional meetings with the State agencies and the Manager to improve communications.

BRI 501c3 application was prepared during 2009 and was finalized and approved.

BRI has prepared an expenses report for calendar year 2009. BRI has very limited operating funds remaining for 2010 and will need to work with DOF and FWC to seek additional funds for travel expenses in order to continue meeting, and for management planning preparation for the eventuality of a transfer of management responsibilities to BRI.

Babcock Ranch Inc. members for 2009-2010 (appointed June 10, 2009) include:

Dr. Hilary Swain – Board of Trustees appointee. Appointed as Chair.

R.Z. “Sandy” Safley – Board of Trustees appointee. Appointed as Vice Chair.

Manley Fuller – Board of Trustees appointee (Treasurer).

Dr. Bill Hammond – Kitson and Partners, LLC appointee.

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Erick Lindblad – Lee County appointee.

James Bryan – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry (DOACS/DOF) appointee.

Dr. George Tanner – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) appointee. Appointed as recording Secretary.

BRI is still awaiting a replacement appointment for Mr. Cary Lightsey (Resigned in 2008) – This Board of Trustees appointee has not yet been made.