

1 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the December 10th, 2015 meeting were in
2 the packet and asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, he asked for a motion
3 to approve the minutes **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve**
4 **the minutes of the Board meeting of December 10th 2015 meeting. Motion carried**
5 **unanimously.**

6 **STAFF REPORTS:**

7 **Item#1-TBPJO-**Mr. Pratt stated that he would give the overall engineering report
8 and Mr. Carr will give the operational report. He stated that Mr. Rumsey's Annual report
9 was included in the packet. He stated that this one gives a history of operations for 2015-
10 a high water year. He stated that SRA would continue to follow the Guidelines for power
11 generation and lake level. He reminded everyone that Unit #2 was down for repairs
12 which would be discussed later; therefore, it is necessary to open the Spillway Gates
13 along with Unit #1 running continuously for 24 hours, 7 days a week. He stated that once
14 the threshold is met, then the gates will be lowered or even closed. He stated that
15 approximately 11,000cfs was being released through the spillway gates and if the other
16 generator was operational, it would be releasing approximately 7,000cfs so the spillway
17 gates would still be open, but not as high. A discussion was held concerning generation
18 during the months of June, July and August as to whether the power generated was
19 primary or secondary. Mr. Rumsey explained that it is not broken down as such, but the
20 Authority receives the same dollar amount per kilowatt. He stated that it was only
21 necessary to keep track of the 65,700mwh which is required by the Power Sales
22 Agreement.

23 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that Shoreline Permits for the month of
24 December 2015 was New Structures: 2@\$35--\$70; Transfer Structure: 1@\$35; Transfer
25 Water Withdrawal-1@\$100 for a total of \$205.00. He stated that staff continues to work
26 on FERC License Compliance. He stated that under **Article #401-Erosion Monitoring**
27 **and Management on Non-federal Lands**, still waiting on FERC to approve the Plan
28 that was filed August 31st, 2015. He stated that under **Article #403-Spillway Flow**
29 **Release Plan** the draft is out for Resource Agency Review and repair is due to FERC
30 February 26th 2016. He stated that under **Article #410 Revised Recreation**
31 **Management Plan**, still waiting on FERC approval of revisions requested by FERC. He

1 continued that under **Article #411-Shoreline Management Plan**, a meeting was held on
2 January 26th 2016 at the SRA/TX Toledo Bend Division Office at which time SRA/LA
3 proposed auditing fifty (50) miles of developed shoreline and fifty (50) miles of
4 undeveloped shoreline in 2016 for encroachments and unpermitted structures. He stated
5 that under **Article #412-Programmatic Agreement and Historic Properties**
6 **Management Plan**, both sides of the reservoir's shoreline surveys have been completed
7 which included monitoring/delineations. He stated that the Annual Report for activities
8 conducted under the **HPMP** for 2015 deadline is due to FERC January 31st 2016; the
9 report has been reviewed and should be submitted on time. He stated that no response
10 had been received from the Tribes on a request to participate in Traditional Cultural
11 Properties (TCP) inventories after a second letter was sent to them in December 2015.
12 He stated that the **Forest Service 4(e) Condition #14-Erosion Monitoring and**
13 **Management Plan** has had a consultation with THC and Tribes, but are waiting on
14 Decision Memo from the USFS. He stated that high lake level conditions have
15 prohibited doing baseline survey, but if USFS would approve to proceed, the monuments
16 could be installed. He stated that **Section #18-Fishway Prescription** the team had
17 completed the draft Upstream Eel Passage Plan out for Resource Agency Review and the
18 plan has to be submitted to FERC by February 1st 2016. He stated that comments and
19 recommendations had been received from USWFS, TPWD and LDWF and a draft to
20 these responses is being prepared. He stated that the team decided on January 22nd 2016
21 to ask FERC for a sixty (60) day extension to have a meeting with resource agencies to
22 work out details of the Plan before being submitted to FERC.

23 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that at the reports from the **Toledo Bend**
24 **Joint Operations** and the **Sabine River Diversion Canal** was included in the packet and
25 if there are any questions, he would try to address them. He stated that at the **Toledo**
26 **Bend Division**, the crew continues to work on the office at San Miguel Park. He stated
27 that the crew took down the Christmas lights at Hodges Gardens and Mrs. Ferguson
28 stated that there were approximately 12,000 visitors. He stated that the crew is putting up
29 lights at Oak Ridge Park. He stated that other crew members are at San Miguel Park
30 working on the office as well as remodeling Cabin #13 making it handicap accessible.

1 He stated that buoys are in good condition. He stated that work has started on the seawall
2 at Cypress Bend Park which will be discussed later.

3 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was
4 included in the meeting packet. She stated that at the **Toledo Bend Division** Revenue for
5 November was \$677,074.91; Expenses were \$419,527.66 showing a profit of
6 \$257,547.25. She stated that at the **Diversion Canal Division** Revenue was
7 \$808,835.29; Expenses were \$176,852.81 showing a profit of \$631,982.48. She
8 continued that at the **Toledo Bend Division** Revenue for December was \$940,287.72;
9 Expenses were \$585,296.22 leaving a profit of \$354,991.50. She stated at the **Diversion**
10 **Canal Division** Revenue for December was \$472,546.82; Expenses were \$280, 276.97
11 leaving a profit of \$192,269.85. **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to**
12 **approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
13 **unanimously.**

14 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Charles Soileau, attorney addressed the Board
16 concerning the Leaseback area that a property owner has access to concerning the cutting
17 of timber/trees located on the leaseback area.

18 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

19 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1: Executive Director & Deputy Director**

20 **Contracts:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that both contracts had been included in the Board
21 Packet. He stated that he would like to discuss/approve the Deputy Director's contract
22 first. He asked if there were any questions, if not, he asked for a motion. **Mr. Foret**
23 **moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the contract for the current Deputy**
24 **Director-Barton Rumsey as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Goodeaux
25 stated next to be discussed/ approved was the Executive Director's Contract for Jim Pratt
26 which is a four-year contract. Mr. Pratt stated that this is the same exact contract that was
27 approved in 2008 and 2012 only changes are the dates and the salaries. He stated that the
28 reason for the salary change was due to the 4% merit increase that is received each year.
29 He explained that he had entered into the deferred retirement option program in January
30 4th 2016 so from this point forward, his retirement was "locked in" which was saving the
31 agency approximately \$55,000.00 a year on related benefits because the Authority no

1 longer has to contribute to retirement on his behalf. He stated that there are a few major
2 obstacles to address over the next months or even years related to the power sales
3 agreement, related to finding a new executive director as well as a new engineer and
4 compliance issues concerning FERC. Mr. Goodeaux stated that built into the contract is
5 a clause that he does not receive his 4% salary increase unless all SRA employees are
6 able to receive their increase due available funds. Mr. Pratt interjected that there was also
7 a termination clause that can be executed by either party if so necessary. He stated that
8 he would give a six month notice. Mr. Foret stated that he wanted to discuss that clause.
9 He stated that he would like to look at Section #III, #4. He stated that he would like a
10 year to give enough time for hiring the new employee and let that person work with Mr.
11 Pratt for a few months. **Mr. Foret moved to amend the termination clause to one year**
12 **instead of six months. Motion failed due to lack of second.** Mr. Pratt stated that he
13 would not give notice until a person had been hired and had worked for the Authority for
14 six months or longer before leaving. Mr. Davis stated that he wanted to question Section
15 #VI, #1-Amendment to the contract which states both parties must agree. Mr. Pratt
16 stated that it's simple as that if a need arises to make an amendment to the contract, both
17 parties must agree. Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any other questions, if not he
18 asked for a motion to approve the Executive Director's contract. **Mrs. Scott moved,**
19 **seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Executive Director's Contract as circulated.**
20 Mr. Williams asked what Mr. Pratt's current salary is. Mr. Pratt stated that the
21 \$147,804.80 which is stated in the contract is the current salary. Mr. Williams stated that
22 Section IV, #3 states that the SRA would pay his hospitalization. Mr. Foret stated that it
23 states that he can participate in the hospitalization program and is also entitled to a
24 \$50,000.00 term life insurance policy and the premiums shall be paid in accordance with
25 the guidelines established by the Office of Group Benefits. Mr. Williams stated that the
26 Executive Director is not entitled to annual leave or sick leave as defined and determined
27 by any Civil Service rules or regulations; however, he shall be allowed a total of thirty
28 (30) days vacation time per year during the term of the contract. Mr. Pratt stated that
29 those days do no accrue like the Civil Service Employees, it is "use it or lose it". Mr.
30 Goodeaux stated that there was a motion on the floor and he asked for the vote. **Yeas:**
31 **10 Nays: 1. Motion carried.**

1 **Item #2-Accept ALH, No.5 Bi-Annual Audit:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the
2 audit report had been included in the Board packet and asked if there were any questions.
3 She stated that there were no issues with the audit. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
4 **Davis to accept the ALH, No.5 Bi-Annual Audit Report as circulated. Motion**
5 **carried unanimously.**

6 **Item #3-Grant Request for Saltwater Barrier-Lower Sabine River:** Mr.
7 Williams had presented each member with a copy of some research that he had prepared.
8 He stated that he felt that the Board of Commissioners needed to approve making a
9 request for funds to do a study as to how to construct a saltwater barrier to prevent any
10 future possibilities of saltwater encroachment into the Diversion Canal which would
11 prevent the industries and farmers from being able to use the water from SRA's canal
12 system. He stated that a study would cost approximately \$2 million dollars. He stated
13 that the request would be made to the Federal Government. He also stated that he would
14 like to request that the Louisiana representatives ask the members of the Toledo Bend
15 Joint Operation Board to make the same request as well as SRA/Texas and the Sabine
16 River Compact Commission. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic that**
17 **the Board of Commissioners, State of Louisiana make a request to the Federal**
18 **Government for \$2 million dollars to fund a study to construct a saltwater barrier**
19 **on the lower Sabine River. Yeas: 3 Nays: 8. Motion failed.**

20 **Item #4-Major Repairs to Seawall at Cypress Bend Park:** Mr. Carr stated that
21 he had discussed with the Parks Committee on January 21st 2016 this issue, but at the
22 time, he did not have an approximate cost available. He stated that the crew has cut
23 pieces out of the concrete sidewalk and the "voids" are approximately 6-8 feet deep. He
24 stated that the plan is to fill in with gravel and then with concrete. He stated that the
25 gravel should be able to hold the weight of the concrete. He stated that the approximate
26 cost for materials that are needed is \$30,000.00 which would be funded from the Major
27 repairs account. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the repairs**
28 **to the seawall at the Cypress Bend Park at the approximate cost of \$30,000.00.**
29 **Motion carried unanimously.**

30 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

31 **1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.**

1 2) Parks: Mr. Davis stated that the Committee had met January 21st 2016 at
2 10:00am. He stated that Mrs. Ferguson made an information presentation
3 concerning the performance in our parks which has grown over the past year.
4 He stated that the Committee had a couple of recommendations to the Board.
5 **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to close out Project #10-700**
6 **Pendleton Office Addition at the total cost of \$27,468.75 and re-allocate**
7 **the remaining funds of \$12,531.22 to Project #10-600 Pendleton FF&E .**
8 **Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Foret**
9 **to increase the budget for the San Miguel Office Project #7a-?? an**
10 **additional \$25,000.00 due to the electrical line that had to be moved.**
11 **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Davis stated that the Committee had
12 discussed building a “splash pad” for children at Oak Ridge Park instead of a
13 fishing pier due to the lack of an area where water would be deep enough to
14 allow fishing as well as no swimming/beach area. He stated that the staff had
15 met with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury to discuss the idea and it met with no
16 opposition. He stated that there was \$30,000.00 in the budget for the fishing
17 pier which would be used to cover the cost of the splash pad, but SRA would
18 have to add approximately \$20,000.00 to cover the total cost which is
19 estimated to be \$50,000.00. He stated that this suggestion was tabled until the
20 Executive Director could meet with the Water Districts that provide water in
21 the area because the splash pad has to have treated water.

22 3) Leaseback: Mr. Pratt stated that the Committee had met January 2^{1st} 2016 at
23 the Pendleton Office. He stated that the Committee had discussed the
24 proposed Encroachment Policy to meet requirements set forth by the FERC.
25 He stated that no recommendation at this time for approval. He stated that
26 staff has put the policy on the website for public comments and then it will be
27 discussed at the next Leaseback Committee meeting with a possible
28 recommendation. He stated that the other item discussed was an Event Permit
29 Application which is to be used by groups who wish to hold an event located
30 on some of the areas within the Project Boundary such as Anderson Island.
31 He stated that this item was also tabled until a later date.

- 1 4) Finance: No meeting.
- 2 5) Water Sales: No meeting.
- 3 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

4 **LEGAL REPORT:** Executive Session: **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by**
5 **Mr. Arbuckle to move into Executive Session. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
6 **Burgess to re-convene from Executive Session. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
7 **Gibbs to adopt a resolution to have Unit #2 repaired at the approximate cost of \$1.7**
8 **million dollars and SRA Louisiana will seek reimbursement for all payments for the**
9 **repair to Toledo Bend Unit #2 through Arbitration or other legal action. Motion**
10 **carried unanimously.**

11 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that with the high
12 lake level, salvinia was being washed in/out of various areas. He stated that LA
13 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries had done a good job of spraying which seems to be
14 the most effective way to try to control the vegetation. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded**
15 **by Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director’s report as presented. Motion**
16 **carried unanimously.**

17 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be February 25th, 2015 at
18 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

19 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.
20 **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to adjourn. Motion carried**
21 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, VICE- CHAIRMAN

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FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY