

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, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Mr. Byron Gibbs, Chairman**  
11   **Mr. C. A. Burgess, Vice-Chairman**  
12   **Mr. Mike McCormic, Secretary**  
13   **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**  
14   **Mr. Daniel Cupit**  
15   **Mr. Frank Davis**  
16   **Mr. Jimmy Foret**  
17   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**  
18   **Mr. Jerry Holmes**  
19   **Mr. Therman Nash**  
20   **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
21   **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**  
22   **Mr. Bobby Williams**

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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     **None.**

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27 **OTHERS PRESENT:**     **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**  
28   **Warren Founds, III, Deputy Dir-SRA, Many, LA**  
29   **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**  
30   **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
31   **Carl Chance, IT Dir-SRA, Many, LA**  
32   **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
33   **Gene Guidry, Eng 6-SRA, Many, LA**  
34   **There were (10) visitors.**

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37                         Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
38 Gibbs led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that all members were present;  
39 therefore, a quorum was established.

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

44                         Mr. Gibbs stated that the minutes of the June 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting were in the  
45 packet and asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, Mr. Gibbs asked for motion  
46 to approve the minutes. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**  
47 **minutes of the Board meeting of June 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting as circulated. Motion**  
48 **carried unanimously.**

49                         **STAFF REPORTS:**

1           **Item#1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry stated that Primary and  
2 Secondary generation was made through the months of June, July and August. He stat  
3 that Unit #1 runs at a power rate of 40MW at ~7100cfs and Unit #2 runs at 35MW at  
4 ~6400cfs. He continued that the gross energy delivered for the months of June and July  
5 were 31,135MWH. He stated that the to-date (08/21/17) gross generation for the month  
6 of August is 12,128 MWH. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that SRA is working  
7 with Entergy in targeting to bring reservoir to a level of 168' msl by October 1<sup>st</sup>. He  
8 stated that inflow for the months of June, July and August to-date is 544,801AF (acres  
9 feet). And releases for those months was 682,766AF resulting in a net release of  
10 137,965AF. He stated that on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the reservoir level was 171.98' and on August  
11 21st it was 171.21' msl. **Spillway Status:** He stated that Freese and Nichols Inc is  
12 continuing to work on the engineering plans required for the spillway repairs. He stated  
13 that the following is the status of their work: A draft of the Basis of Design Review Set  
14 Drawings representing 75% of the design effort has been reviewed by SRA and  
15 submitted to FERC: construction scheduled initiated-approximately 11 months; and  
16 work initiated on the computational fluid dynamics model which is a 3-D model to be  
17 used by our engineers to run various discharge scenarios to determine how the water  
18 flows through the spillway. He stated that targeting the execution of work to begin Fall  
19 of 2017 and run into 2018 which will be the soil cement repairs to the peninsula upstream  
20 to spillway, 20" bypass pipe to be refurbished, concrete repairs on the discharge apron and  
21 total rip rap repair/replacement to be done. He stated that plans have been reviewed with  
22 resource agencies via teleconference. **Dam Status & FERC:** He stated that the schedule  
23 of the removal of trees near toes of dikes #1 and #2 assessed for tree removal by Project  
24 Crew just waiting on permissible weather and lower water level. He stated that  
25 installation of various French drain systems on dam and dikes is to be done; however the  
26 rip-rap upstream face of Dike #3 has been done. **NERC:** He stated that compliance  
27 continues with Certec assistance and coordination with Entergy. **Powerhouse:** He stated  
28 that Unit #1 Outage is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 which will be approximately six  
29 weeks with the Capital Project to Reline Cooling Pipes to be included. **Relief Wells:** He  
30 stated that the wells are working and keeping the aquifer at safe levels to prevent uplift of  
31 the Powerhouse discharge channel. He stated that three of the four wells are running

1 continuously. He stated that Well #17 trips off because aquifer does not feed in as fast as  
2 pump discharges so a technician is scheduled to install an ON/OFF control system on  
3 Well #17 (possibly #19) and program system sometime during September.

4 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. Chance was working with legal  
5 counsel in the field. (A copy of the Shoreline Report was handed out.) He stated that the  
6 activity for the Shoreline department was as follows: during the month of **JUNE 2017:**  
7 **New Structures: 5 @ \$35 total \$175; Transfer Structures: 2 @ \$35 total \$70; New**  
8 **Water Withdrawals: 0 @ \$100 Water Withdrawal Transfers: 1 @\$100 Past Due: 1**  
9 **@\$100 for a total of 9 permits with total receipts of \$445. JULY 2017: New**  
10 **Structures: 4 @ \$35 total \$120; Transfer Structures: 6 @ \$35 total \$210; New Water**  
11 **Withdrawals: 2 @ \$100 total \$200; Water Withdrawal Transfer: 5 @ \$100 total**  
12 **\$500 for a total of 17 permits with total receipts of \$1,030. Year Two Audit:** Mr.  
13 Pratt stated that staff has completed approximately 96 miles of the shoreline inspection  
14 fieldwork for Yr #2 Audit. He continued that the 4 miles left is one small subdivision  
15 and the remainder is undeveloped property. He stated that staff has spent numerous hours  
16 renaming the pictures to the permit number and printing follow-up letters for those that  
17 need additional field work for no permit plate or their boathouse etc.. is in need of  
18 repairs. He stated that some of these with no permit plates require staff to check with the  
19 Tax Assessor's database to determine the current owner. He stated that an example is  
20 staff took pictures at 277 sites; of those 277 sites, 79 sites had missing plates, or  
21 damaged, which is 28%. He stated that there have been 19 sites noted as possible  
22 encroachments; some with multiple structures and staff will follow-up with each of these  
23 to see the necessary issues are addressed to become in compliance. **FERC Compliance:**  
24 He stated that FERC approved the M% Water intake project on July 10<sup>th</sup>; a right-of-way,  
25 easement and water contract have been executed. He stated that last week, the location  
26 had been cleared for construction of the pump station. He stated that the July Eel Electro  
27 fishing was done on July 17<sup>th</sup> between 9pm and 11:30pm. He stated that in the Spillway,  
28 12 eels captured and 19 observed but not captured; in the tailrace, 10 were captured and 2  
29 observed. He stated that the August daytime electro fishing was done on the 17<sup>th</sup> in the  
30 spillway but not in tailrace because of generation. He stated that the extension request for

1 the TCP survey has been submitted to FERC. He stated that the Public Safety Plan is  
2 required by Article 3306 has been revised as requested and submitted to FERC.

3 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that work on the  
4 Pleasure Point seawall continues to be delayed due to high water levels. He stated that  
5 the routine park maintenance and weekend callouts continue and increase as visitor usage  
6 increases. He stated that the crew has completed concrete work on six (6) RV sites in the  
7 brown section at Cypress Bend Park. He stated that mowing and weed eating is going  
8 strong. He stated that refurbishing the cabins at Cypress Bend continue as well as the  
9 remodeling of cabins at San Miguel where there are only three left to be remodeled.

10 **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated that the reports were handed out. He stated that he  
11 would discuss the KCS Project later in the meeting. He stated that the third pump for  
12 Pump Station #3 and #4 are scheduled to be delivered in late September. He stated that  
13 the Citgo shutdown for installation of the valves for the new pumps at Pump Station #4 is  
14 complete. He stated that the diving company has performed the inspection and cleaned  
15 the sumps that the new pumps will be using at Station #3 and #4. He stated that Sasol's  
16 permanent crossings have begun on Crossing #1- the road/railroad and Crossing #2. He  
17 stated that the contractor has placed the pipes in both crossings and they are providing  
18 flow for downstream customers. He stated that the I-10 North frontage road project has  
19 begun with the frontage road length cleared and the road base being built. He stated that  
20 work is being completed on the box culvert installation in the Calcasieu Parish Police  
21 Jury lateral drainage on the east side of the SRA Canal. He stated that the water level in  
22 the canal was lowered to allow them to install their bypass pipe. He stated that a report  
23 on Canal #1 will be given later in the meeting. He stated that the Water Quality  
24 Equipment has been ordered. He stated that staff installed handrails and new floors on  
25 the cat walks at Pump Station #3 and #4 ensuring safety and better surface for mounting  
26 the equipment. He stated that a contract has been entered into with CC Lynch to install  
27 the equipment at Pump Station #1 discharge and Pump Station #3 and #4 intake. He  
28 stated that this should be completed by the end of the year. He stated that the Lyondell  
29 property was sold to Bio Lab and staff completed a new Water Sales Agreement with  
30 them allowing for a demand rate of 500 GPM and it is in effect now. He stated that this

1 WSA will expire on April 1, 2019 with all other Industrial Customers in Calcasieu Parish  
2 at which time, all water sold by SRD will be priced at \$.26 cents.

3 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that there will not be a  
4 financial report until staff receives the audit report along with the adjustments that need  
5 to be made. She stated that the audit report would be presented at the September Board  
6 meeting. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Staff  
7 Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

8 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

9 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

10 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1- Approve Dredging of Canal #1 @ SRD:** Mr. Carr  
11 stated that the final application for the permit to dredge Canal #1 to the USACE. He  
12 stated that all drawings and cross sections of the canal as it exists have been prepared. He  
13 continued that fourteen (14) contractors requested bid packets for the project and these  
14 sent to all that requested them. He stated that the estimated construction cost is  
15 approximately \$2 million with engineering costing approximately \$200,000 and along  
16 with approximately \$250 thousand dollars for Wetland Mitigation bringing the total  
17 estimated cost to \$2,450,000.00. He stated that this project is of the urgency due to the  
18 pumps not being able to handle the demands for water once all industrial customers come  
19 on board for water. He stated that there is \$872,695.08 left in the budget for Project #6.  
20 He stated that there is \$827,531.77 undesignated funds and \$206,000.00 in approximate  
21 interest which could be added to the initial budget of the project, would bring the total to  
22 \$1,906,226.85 just shy of the approximately \$2,450,000.00 needed for the completion of  
23 this project. He stated that these figures are estimated costs; however, there is enough  
24 funds to start the project without moving the extra funds until later. After some  
25 discussion, **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the moving of  
26 the remainder of undedicated Capital Improvement Funds from the 2011 Bond  
27 Issue to Project #6 Dredge of Canal #1 of the Capital Improvement Plan for the  
28 Diversion Canal and to authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary  
29 documents. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr.  
30 Cupit to approve staff moving \$500,000.00 from the reserve account to the budget  
31 for Project #6-Dredge of Canal #1. Motion carried. Yeas: 12 Nays: 1.**

32 **Item #2: Discussion of Hodges Gardens:** Mr. Pratt stated that he had been  
33 contacted by Mr. Charlie Weems, legal counsel for the Hodges Foundation concerning  
34 SRA taking over the management of Hodges Gardens Park. He reminded the Board that  
35 staff had prepared

36 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve the Budget for FY'18:** Mrs. Ferguson  
37 stated that a copy of the final budget for FY'18 was included in the board packet. She  
38 asked for any questions.

1           **Item #2: Approve KCS Project as Substantially Complete:** Mr. Carr stated  
2 KCS had asked SRA to oversee this project for them which was done along with the  
3 engineering staff of Meyer and Associates. He stated that there are a few items on a list  
4 that are being addressed, but essentially the project is complete. He stated that staff is  
5 asking that the Board accept this project as substantially complete and any remaining  
6 funds will be returned to KCS once all invoices are paid. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded**  
7 **by Mr. Arbuckle to approve and accept the KCS Project as substantially complete.**  
8 **Motion carried unanimously.**

9           **Item #3: Approve Truck Purchase for SRD:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that staff  
10 received notice from staff at the diversion canal that a truck had caught on fire and was  
11 burned while working out on one the levees. She stated that the truck would most  
12 probably be a total loss and it needed to be replaced; however, the new State contracts are  
13 not usually ready until January or February, so staff is requesting permission to proceed  
14 with the purchase of a new truck under the current contract at the approximate cost of  
15 \$27,000. She stated that funds for a new truck are provided for in the budget under  
16 Acquisitions. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the purchase**  
17 **of a new truck at the approximate cost of \$27,000 for the Sabine Diversion Canal**  
18 **Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

19           **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

21           **2) Parks:** No meeting.

22           **3) Leaseback:** No meeting.

23           **4) Finance:** No meeting.

24           **5) Water Sales:** No meeting..

25           **6) Fishery & Lake Management:** No meeting.

26           **LEGAL REPORT: Executive Session: Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr.**  
27 **Davis to convene into Executive Session. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr.**  
28 **Burgess to convene from Executive Session. Action from Executive Session: Mr.**  
29 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve increasing the Taylor-**  
30 **Porter-Breaux and Phillips, LLC contract for an additional \$40,000.00 for legal**  
31 **counsel during the Capital Properties, LLC et al vs SRA Case #068266 and Deloutre**  
32 **Property Rentals, LL et al vs SRA Case #068251 both of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Court,**  
33 **Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana. Motion carried unanimously.**

34           **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that the office would  
35 be closed September 4<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day holiday. He reminded those present that at  
36 any time anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office.

1 **Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director’s**  
2 **report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be September 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 1:00pm  
4 at Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

5 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

6 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried**  
7 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:05p.m.**

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**BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN**

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**C.A. BURGESS, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ESTELLA SCOTT, SECRETARY**