



1 **minutes of the Board meeting of October 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting as circulated. Motion**  
2 **carried unanimously.**

3 **STAFF REPORTS: Item#1-TBPJO-** Mr. Gibbs stated Mr. Guidry is not  
4 present due to a doctor's appointment; however, his report was circulated within the  
5 Board Packet and Mr. Founds would be glad to answer any questions. **Power House**  
6 **Operations:** The report stated that generation was made through November for  
7 downstream flows by using one unit two (2) hours every other day. Unit #2 was used  
8 through November 22<sup>nd</sup> while Unit #1 was in outage then from November.22<sup>nd</sup> to the end  
9 of the month, Unit #1 was utilized. Unit #1 runs at a power rate of 40MW at ~6700 and  
10 Unit #2 runs at 35MW at ~6500cfs.. Gross energy delivered for October was  
11 4,293MWH. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The report stated that in addition to the minimum  
12 downstream flows through the spillway gates (260.00cfs) releases are being made  
13 through two hours of generation every other day for downstream water supply. Level at  
14 beginning of November was 167.57'msl and at the end of the month, was 167.40'msl.  
15 FYI for November 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, the lake elevation was 167.33'msl. **Fall Outage:** Outage  
16 occurred on Unit #1 from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup> (6 ½ weeks). While both units  
17 were out, NERC/SERC relay, main transformer, relay DC Ops, and bus tested and/or  
18 calibrated. Head Gate #2 maintenance performed was replaced the chain bearing and  
19 water blasted and coated the gate. Wicket gate clearances were checked and adjusted as  
20 necessary. Cleaned and inspected blades and runner, checked seals (ok) and clearances  
21 (minor repairs. Ok). Cavitation damage found on blades and repaired same. Removed  
22 and refurbished generator and bearing coolers. Re-lined cooling pipes (SRA Capital  
23 Project). Removed and refurbished oil head (flush oil). Cleaned and inspected governor.  
24 Serviced the exciter (ok). **Spillway Repairs:** The report stated that a meeting was held  
25 November 15<sup>th</sup> with both SRA agencies and Freese & Nichols, Inc. Upstream cement  
26 repair and 20in pipe refurbishment will be handled through normal procurement process  
27 through TBPJO. The rip rap, spillway apron and chute repair (general repair) will be bid  
28 out by FNI. Advertisement for bids for Generap Repair will go out the second week in  
29 January 2018. Proposed schedule for work to be done: 1-General Repair bidding, 1<sup>st</sup>  
30 quarter; 2-Majority Construction, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter; 3-Rip Rap Installation, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.  
31 FNI is currently preparing a letter to FERC that includes project schedule as discussed in

1 the meeting. Reservoir Level: Plan to follow to the guide with Rip Rap work to coincide  
2 with the 168' msl level around October 2018. **Inclinometers:** SRA-TX and SRA-LA  
3 propose to install inclinometers on the remaining nine (9) gates at the Toledo Bend Dam  
4 Spillway. Feature and Benefits from the installation of these inclinometers are as follows:  
5 1- real time reporting (15-minute intervals on the web) of gate settings and subsequent  
6 flow rates which will be available 24/7; 2- prepares for the future of real time and  
7 forecasting of the Sabine River Basin downstream of the reservoir via interactive  
8 mapping tools with point and click capabilities; 3- public relations which shows that  
9 SRA-TX and SRA-LA are doing all things possible to keep the public informed of the  
10 status of the reservoir and basin. **NERC/SERC:** The report stated that Certec  
11 Corporation continues to support SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC compliance  
12 issues. Item #1a.-TBPIO Board Meeting Report: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Toledo  
13 Bend Project Joint Operation Board met on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the SRA Burkeville, Texas  
14 office at the dam which he and Mr. Burgess attended. He stated that there were several  
15 items on the agenda. He stated that one item that the USGS would like to see installed  
16 were the inclinometers on each gate to get a more accurate reading. He stated that the  
17 estimated cost is \$450,000.00 to purchase, install, and calibrate the inclinometers. He  
18 stated that the Board voted to purchase the nine inclinometers at the approximate cost of  
19 \$450,000.00. He stated that the other topic that was discussed was the "buy out" program  
20 for those who were flooded. He stated that Texas has a program in place for quite some  
21 time; however, there were four individuals present at the meeting who were interested in  
22 selling their property. He stated that this program is through the Federal government.  
23 Mr. Chance addressed the Board and stated that Louisiana had a program similar to the  
24 Texas program using Federal funding, but at the time Louisiana did not have anyone  
25 willing to participate in the program. He stated that are some items that are considered  
26 surplus which will be dispensed and removed from the inventory. Mrs. Ferguson stated  
27 that none of the monetary items that were approved did not increase the approved FY'18  
28 budget.

29 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that Shoreline Permits for **October 2017:**  
30 **New Structures – 15 @ \$35 = \$525; Transfer Structures: 1 @ \$35 = \$35; New Water**  
31 **Withdrawals- 0 @ \$100 = \$0 for a TOTAL of \$560.** He continued Shoreline Permits

1 for **November 1, 2017: New Structures – 10 @ \$35 = \$350; Transfer Structures – 0**  
2 **@ \$35 = \$0; New Water Withdrawals- 0 @ \$100 =\$0 for a TOTAL of \$350 for a**  
3 **GRAND TOTAL of \$910.** He stated that staff plans to finish field work and complete  
4 computer data base work within the following week. He stated that there are over  
5 twenty-five (25) encroachments thus far. FERC Compliance: He stated that the  
6 November electro fishing was a night time event completed on the 15<sup>th</sup>, nine (9) eels  
7 captured and six (6) observed in the spillway. He continued that one eel was captured  
8 and one observed in the tailrace. He stated that the December sampling is scheduled for  
9 December 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the water quality and cofferdam effectiveness monitoring  
10 report has been submitted as required by Article #404. He stated that the Erosion  
11 monitoring survey work for Year #1 report was submitted the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
12 He stated that the quarterly USFS was held on November at the Ranger Office.

13 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that work on the  
14 seawall at Pleasure Point is complete as well as the wall at the 17<sup>th</sup> green at the golf  
15 course. He stated that the concrete work on the RV pads at Cypress Bend Pak has been  
16 completed. He stated that remodeling continues on the cabins at San Miguel with two  
17 remaining to be done. He stated that refurbishing the cabins at Cypress Bend continues  
18 upon availability. He stated that site prep and concrete work has been completed for the  
19 new gates at San Miguel and the vendor will install the gates during December. He  
20 stated that staff has winterized the beach bathhouses and some of the cabins. **Sabine**  
21 **Diversion Canal:** He stated that the third pumps for Pump Station #3 and #4 failed to  
22 meet our specifications originally but have since been modified and now meets the specs.  
23 He stated that staff has received the pump curve certification and the method used for  
24 reshaping the impellers and are scheduling a new delivery date. He stated that the Sasol  
25 Permanent Crossing at the road/railroad location is moving forward. He stated that the  
26 siphons have been installed and work is moving along. He stated that pavement has been  
27 installed on both crossings. He stated that staff did a walk-through of both projects with  
28 Meyers and the contractor and we agreed on a punch list of things to be completed. He  
29 stated that a meeting was held with the contractor and Calcasieu Police Jury to address  
30 the leakage of the 1-10 North Frontage road project and the contractor installed interior  
31 bands on all the joints of pipe to solve the problem. CIP 6-Canal #1 Dredging: He stated

1 that a pre-construction meeting was held December 4<sup>th</sup> with Bertucci Company who is  
2 the contractor for the project and work will begin in early January with a completion time  
3 of 150 days. He stated that the water quality equipment instruments have been ordered  
4 and C.C. Lynch will be the contractor to install the equipment at Pump Station #1  
5 discharge and at Pump Stations #3 and #4 intake. He stated that SRD staff will provide  
6 the web based information to our customers. He stated that due to Axiall's additional  
7 reservation of 8,000 GPM, bigger pumps will need to be installed at Pump Station #3.  
8 He stated that staff will prepare a scope of work, preliminary budget and a method of  
9 funding to be presented at the January Board meeting. He stated that the Lyondell  
10 property that was sold to Bio Lab is complete and a new Water Sales Agreement with  
11 them allowing for a demand rate of 500GPM is now in effect and like all the other  
12 industrial customers in Calcasieu, this contract will expire April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. He stated that  
13 this water is supplied from Pump Station #3.

14 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that revenue for Toledo Bend  
15 for October was \$351,393.61; expenses were \$462,494.85 leaving a loss of \$111,101.24.  
16 She continued as of October 31<sup>st</sup> Toledo Bend has a profit of \$881,464.16. She stated  
17 that revenue for the Diversion Canal Division for October was \$494,415.77; expenses  
18 were \$219,316.96 leaving a profit of \$275,098.81. She stated that year-to-date the  
19 Diversion Canal has a profit of \$485,383.27. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr.**  
20 **Nash to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**  
21 **unanimously.**

22 Mr. Williams stated that he would like to report that the Sabine River Compact  
23 Administration had met in San Marcos, Texas. He stated that the chairman of this group  
24 is appointed by the President of the United States; however, the current chairman had  
25 passed away and thus far, no Chairman has been appointed. He stated that Mr. Douglas  
26 Brandon who is a Louisiana Representative along with him served as the Chairman for  
27 the fall meeting. He stated that he had several items on the agenda which were as  
28 follows: 1-hold an election for officers; 2-accept Roberts Rule of Order;3- select an  
29 official journal to publish minutes; 4-Official minutes be on the internet; 5-hold all  
30 meetings within the River Jurisdiction. He stated that all of his motions died due to the  
31 lack of a second.

1           **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Gibbs recognized Mrs. Bonnie Fox-Miles on her  
2 upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday December 10<sup>th</sup>. He also recognized the spouses of the Board  
3 members that were present. Mr. Jim Mifflin, president of the Toledo Bend Citizens’  
4 Advisory Committee congratulated Mr. Pratt on his upcoming retirement and thanked  
5 him for his commitment to keeping the public informed of the SRA’s operations and wish  
6 him well.

7           **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

8           **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1: M5 Contract Modification:** Mr. Pratt stated that  
9 there were two changes to be made to the contract which are strictly administrative. He  
10 stated that the word “grantee” be changed to “customer” and the name is to be changed to  
11 “M5-Louisiana Gathering, LLC”. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to**  
12 **approve the modifications to the M5 water contract to reflect “customer” instead of**  
13 **grantee and the new company name to “M5 Louisiana Gatherings, LLC”. Motion**  
14 **carried unanimously.**

15           **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Ratify Engineering Contract for Sasol Road and**  
16 **Railroad Crossing:** Mr. Carr stated that at the request of the SRA, Sasol agreed to  
17 engage Meyer & Associates for the design and inspection of the permanent road and  
18 road/railroad crossings. He continued that SRA has entered into a contract with Meyer &  
19 Associates for the design and inspection of these crossings who will invoice Sasol who  
20 will in turn send the funds payment to SRA to disperse to Meyer & Associates. He stated  
21 that this project will be done at no cost to the SRA and staff is requesting ratification of  
22 the contract with Meyer & Associates and SRA. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by**  
23 **Mrs. Scott to approve ratification of the contract with Meyer & Associates for the**  
24 **Sasol Road and Railroad Crossing Project at no cost to the SRA. Motion carried**  
25 **unanimously.**

26           **Item #2-Approve Emergency Repair at Pump Station #4:** Mr. Carr stated that  
27 at Pump Station #4, there was a clutch failure. He stated that Eagle Electric pulled the  
28 motor and drive. He stated that one of the motors and drives that were in storage was  
29 taken to Pump Station #4 to replace the units on Pump #2. He stated that the units pulled  
30 from stage were designated for the third pump at Pump Station #4 and need to be repaired  
31 before delivery of the new pump. He stated that Eagle Electric submitted an estimate for  
32 this repair and staff recommends using funds from the major repairs category which is at

1 \$360,500 in the current budget and authorized the repair in the amount of \$24,000. **Mr.**  
2 **Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the emergency repair at Pump**  
3 **Station #4 at the cost \$24,000.00 which is to be funded from the major repair**  
4 **category in the current approved budget. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **Item #3- Accept Bi-Annual Financial Audit ALH, No.5:** Mrs. Ferguson stated  
6 that the ALH, No.5 bi-annual audit had been conducted by Broussard Poche', LLP and  
7 the report was circulated in the Board packet. She stated that the only finding was that  
8 the rent was in arrears as well as the replacement reserve account; however, both  
9 accounts have been brought up-to-date. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine**  
10 **to accept and approve the bi-annual audit of ALH, No.5 for the January 1<sup>st</sup> to June**  
11 **30<sup>th</sup> 2017 time period. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 **Item #4-Cancel Executive Director's Contract (James Pratt) effective**  
13 **December 31, 2017:** Mr. Pratt stated that he would be retiring as of December 31, 2017,  
14 and requested that his contract be cancelled effective on that date. **Mr. Cupit moved,**  
15 **seconded by Mr. Burgess to cancel the employment contract with James Pratt,**  
16 **Executive Director effective December 31, 2017 due to his retirement. Motion**  
17 **carried unanimously.**

18 **Item #5-Approve Employment Contract with Warren Founds effective**  
19 **January 1, 2018:** Mr. Pratt stated that a copy of employment contract for Warren  
20 Founds to be the new Executive Director was circulated in the packet and he was  
21 recommending that the Board approve the contract. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by**  
22 **Mr. Goodeaux to approve the employment contract with Warren Founds to fill the**  
23 **position of Executive Director to be effective January 1, 2018 at a salary of**  
24 **\$125,280.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 **Item #6-Adopt Resolution of Delegation of Appointing Authority:** Mrs.  
26 Ferguson stated that the first resolution of delegation of appointing authority was for  
27 Civil Service which is done each year. She stated it allows the Executive Director to  
28 handle all personnel matters for the Agency. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr.**  
29 **Burgess to adopt the resolution of Delegation of Appointing Authority from James**  
30 **Pratt to Warren Founds effective January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**  
31 She stated that the next resolution would give Mr. Founds appointing authority to

1 establish, maintain and signatory authority all operational policies and procedures for the  
2 Agency. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the resolution**  
3 **granting authority to Warren Founds to establish, maintain and sign authority for**  
4 **all operational policies and procedures for the Agency effective January 1, 2018.**  
5 **Motion carried unanimously.**

6 **Item #7-Adopt Resolution of Signature for Banking Services:** Mrs. Ferguson  
7 stated that the final resolution is for signature authority to sign on all bank accounts of the  
8 Agency. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adopt the resolution for**  
9 **signature authority to sign on all bank accounts of the Agency to Warren Founds**  
10 **effective January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

12 **1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve**  
13 **the minutes of October 19, 2017 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

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

17 **5) Water Sales: Mr. Burgess moved seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the**  
18 **minutes of the October 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting as circulated. Motion carried**  
19 **unanimously.**

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

21 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that it was not necessary to convene into  
22 Executive Session. He stated that the Bonin, Chandler and Manuel case had been  
23 dismissed. He stated that the Baca Case had been sent to federal court and awaiting a  
24 date. He continued that the Capital Properties and Deloutre cases are waiting on court  
25 dates. He stated that the power sales agreement is moving forward with a few details to  
26 finalize such as the distribution of the mega watts.

27 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that ALH, No.5 was  
28 pursuing a federal loan to re-finance as well as make some capital improvements to the  
29 property. He stated that there is an issue with the fact that the land where the hotel was  
30 built belongs to SRA so our legal counsel is looking into the best way to pursue this land  
31 sale/swap. He stated that the office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for the  
32 Christmas holiday and January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for New Years. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**



1 **seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Executive Director’s report as presented.**

2 **Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be January 25, 2018 at 1:00pm at  
4 the Pendleton Bridge Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, Louisiana.

5 Mr. Burgess stated that as of December 31, 2017, he would no long be a member  
6 of the SRA Board of Commissioners. He stated that he had enjoyed working with  
7 everyone but due to business and family obligations, he felt it was necessary to resign.  
8 Everyone wished him well and hope that he would stop by for a visit whenever he had  
9 the time.

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

11 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried**  
12 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:47a.m.**

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**BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN**

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

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