

1   **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
2   **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**  
3   **STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
4   **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
5   **CYPRESS BEND RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER**  
6   **2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY**  
7   **MANY, LA 71449**  
8   **10:30AM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

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

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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     **Mr. Jimmy Foret**

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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 1-SRA, Many, LA**  
32   **There were (16) visitors.**

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34             Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
35 Gibbs led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret was absent;  
36 however, a quorum was established.

37             Mr. Gibbs asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing  
38 none, Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Burgess**  
39 **moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**  
40 **unanimously.**

41             Mr. Gibbs stated that the minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting were in the  
42 packet and asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, Mr. Gibbs asked for motion  
43 to approve the minutes. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**  
44 **minutes of the Board meeting of October 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting. Motion carried**  
45 **unanimously.**

46             **STAFF REPORTS:**

47             **Item#1-TBPJO-**Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Rumsey's report was included in the  
48 packet. **Powerhouse Operation:** He stated that Unit #1 of the powerhouse was operated

1 3 hr/per day, every other day, starting October 20th to help meet downstream flow  
2 obligations. He stated that operation changed to 2 hrs/per day on October 30<sup>th</sup> and  
3 continued every other day until November 27<sup>th</sup>, at which time the inflows to the river  
4 below the dam and the minimum releases from the spillway satisfied the downstream  
5 obligations. **Spillway Gate Rehabilitation:** Mr. Founds stated that the spillway gates  
6 refurbishment project was completed at the end of October with the removing of the stop  
7 logs in front of Gates #4 and #11, placing all eleven gates back in operation. He stated  
8 that with the project completed and no need to be working below the gates the new  
9 minimum spillway release plan, as per the new FERC license was initiated. He stated  
10 that the new release plan actually shuts off the two low flow pipes in the spillway and  
11 requires the minimum release to come through one of the spillway gates. He stated that  
12 after removing the stop logs in front of the gates, the SRA crew placed the sluice way  
13 stop block, and shut off water flow to the two low flow pipes, raised the Gate #6 to  
14 accommodate the new release requirement. He stated that this new procedure is based on  
15 releasing warmer and higher oxygen content water at different varying amounts during  
16 the year. He stated that the planning for repair of the spillway, from the large releases in  
17 March of this year, is ongoing with engineering, insurance and FEMA representatives  
18 trying to formulate a plan acceptable to all involved. **Unit #2 Repairs:** He stated that the  
19 sealing of the runner hub by Team Furmanite should be completed this week. He stated  
20 that with the sealing complete, the scaffolding in the draft can be removed and prepared  
21 for operation. He stated that some minor adjustments in the mechanical side of this  
22 project are near completion and conduits for the new controls are being installed. He  
23 stated that in speaking with Entergy today, the entire contract to install the new  
24 equipment are in place and should have a schedule for implementation sometime the  
25 following week.

26 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that activity for the Shoreline department  
27 during the month of October 2016: **New Structures: 10 @ \$35 total \$350; Transfer**  
28 **Structures: @ \$35 total \$35; New Water Withdrawals: 3 @ \$100 total \$300 for a**  
29 **total of 14 permits with total receipts of \$685.** He stated activity for the month of  
30 November 2016: **New Structures: 13 @\$35 total \$445; Transfer Structures: 1 @ \$35**  
31 **total \$35; New Water Withdrawals: 2 @ \$100 total \$200 for a total of 16 permits**

1 **with total receipts of \$690. FERC Compliance:** He stated that year #1 final  
2 data/reports from the HPMP Survey had been delivered to the Work Group. He stated  
3 that updates on the Year #2 survey work for the HPMP has begun. He stated that a  
4 quarterly meeting with USFS on settlement agreement issues, recreation, erosion  
5 monitoring was held. He stated that the Drought Contingency Plan will be discussed  
6 later in the meeting. He stated that the SRA Facebook page showed 2,100 people had  
7 visited the site. `

8 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that from the **Toledo Bend Division**, the  
9 work is completed on the new San Miguel Office as well as the blacktop work. He stated  
10 that a Fire Marshall inspection is being scheduled and then staff will be moved when the  
11 inspection is complete. He stated that approximately 300ft of retaining wall at Cypress  
12 Bend Golf Course at holes #11, #14, and #16 is complete. He stated that the crew  
13 installed the new ceiling for the file building which was damaged during the spring  
14 storm. He stated that Park Maintenance continues. He stated that the Hodges Gardens  
15 Christmas lighting is complete and they had about 1,100 guests on opening night of the  
16 light show and a total since the opening of approximately 2,5000. He stated that this is a  
17 great number considering the weather conditions. He stated that this is the fifth year of  
18 the 5-year Agreement to participate in the lighting. **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated  
19 that reports from SRD are included in the packet. He stated that the third pump for  
20 Stations #3 and #4 has been ordered and delivery is expected in May 2017. He stated that  
21 Bart and I met with KCS Project Contractors and discussed their progress and moving  
22 forward with their project. He stated that they had also met with Sasol on completing  
23 permits for them on three projects and agreeing on a boundary agreement document. He  
24 stated that still no permit from the Corp regarding the dredging of Canal #1. He stated  
25 that a good portion of the land surrounding Canal #1 is classified as wetlands which  
26 prevents any spoils from being located there. He stated that we are asking dredge  
27 companies for the most economical way to move the spoils to an acceptable location. He  
28 stated that it may be that the scope of work for the project has to be reduced and  
29 concentrate on the worst spots which would be at the mouth of the river and a major  
30 drainage ditch. He stated that once we get that permit, bid packets will be sent out. He  
31 stated that currently staff does not have any estimates for removing the spoils; however, a

1 meeting is planned with Orion Dredging to discuss the best way to handle the deposition  
2 of the spoils. He stated that all four of the hot taps were successfully completed by  
3 Forterra who is the manufacturer of the original piping, two each at Pump Station #3 and  
4 #4. He stated that the contractor now has substantial completion of the job with only a  
5 small punch list. He stated that staff continues to work with Lake Charles Methanol on  
6 their new Pump Station that is to be erected on Canal #6, just up from Pump Station #4.  
7 He stated that a meeting was held with LCM and Citgo regarding ROW issues associated  
8 with the pump station. He stated that LCM has decided to build their own Pump Station  
9 instead of the SRA building it at no cost to SRA. He stated that staff is preparing a Water  
10 Sales Agreement at this time. He stated that staff met with Entergy to discuss their water  
11 needs since their plan is to be installing another unit at their Nelson Plant and is ready to  
12 reserve 6,000 GPM; therefore, staff is preparing a Water Sales Agreement at this time for  
13 this request. **Toledo Bend Project Operations:** He stated that staff implemented the low  
14 flow releases from Gate #6 on October 31<sup>st</sup> as dictated by the FERC license. He stated  
15 that the last two gate repairs have been completed and the SRALA crew removed the stop  
16 logs, inspected the gates and operated the gates which now complete all gate repairs.

17 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mr. Pratt stated that Mrs. Ferguson was not at the  
18 meeting due to her son's surgery in Houston; therefore, there was no financial report.

19 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as**  
20 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

21 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Mifflin addressed the Board concerning the  
22 Drought Contingency Plan. He stated that the TBCA felt that the "trigger" point of  
23 156.0'msl was too low to place the plan into action that it should be 160.0'msl. Mr.  
24 Gibbs recognized Representative Frankie Howard and Representative Larry Bagley who  
25 thanked the members for serving and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy  
26 New Year.

27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Williams asked that Mr. Goodeaux give a report  
28 from the Toledo Bend Project Joint Board Meeting which was held November 29<sup>th</sup> at the  
29 Burkeville Texas office and he would like a copy of the audit be sent to all the Board  
30 members. Mr. Pratt asked that each Board member interested in the audit to contact Mrs.  
31 Anderson and she would provide the information. Mr. Goodeaux stated that the FY'16

1 Audit was reviewed and approved. He stated that the Board had to approve moving  
2 funds in the FY'16 budget to FY'17 which started in September 2016, for projects such  
3 as the gate repairs, and Unit #2 repairs. He stated that Freese and Nichols are working on  
4 a design package for the repairs of the spillway due to the damage caused by the Spring  
5 flood.

6 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1: Update on Drought Contingency Plan: Mr.**

7 Chance stated that Article #416 of the FERC Order was granted an extension of time to  
8 accommodate the Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee to submit comments on  
9 the plan. He stated that the only other agency/stakeholder that submitted comments on  
10 the Plan was the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He stated that the Authorities  
11 made significant changes to the draft DCP in response to the comments received. He  
12 stated that the Authorities did not adopt TBCAC's recommendations related to: 1)  
13 triggering water shortage stages; 2) imposing more aggressive goals for reducing water  
14 consumption; 3) imposing mandated curtailments to the Authorities' water supply  
15 customers; and 4) increasing releases from the Sabine River of Texas's upstream  
16 reservoirs. He stated that this plan will be reviewed every ten years.

17 **NEW BUSINESS:**

18 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that there were no updates on the pending  
26 litigations.

27 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that the office will  
28 celebrate the Christmas Holiday with the office closure beginning Thursday December  
29 22<sup>nd</sup> to re-open December 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the following week for the New Year  
30 Holiday, the office will close December 29<sup>th</sup> and re-open Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Mr.**

1 **Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to accept the Executive Director’s report**  
2 **as given. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 1:00pm at  
4 Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

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

6 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**  
7 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.**

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**BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**MIKE MCCORMIC, SECRETARY**