

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER WD #4**
6 **1221 SAMPSON STREET**
7 **WESTLAKE, LA 70669**
8 **1:00PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023**
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr, Chairman**
12 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman**
13 **Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary**
14 **Mr. Kenneth Ebarb**
15 **Mr. Jeremy Evans**
16 **Mr. Shane Jeane**
17 **Mr. Mike McCormic**
18 **Mr. Kevin Mitchell**
19 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
20 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**

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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Therman Nash**
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24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
25 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
26 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**
27 **Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **There were 12 visitors.**
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32 Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Gibbs offered the Prayer and Mr. Foret
33 led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Nash was absent however, a
34 quorum was established.

35 Mr. Foret asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?
36 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. **Mr. Goodeaux**
37 **moved, seconded by Mr. Ebarb to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**
38 **unanimously.**

39 Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting were in the
40 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.
41 **Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the minutes of the Board**
42 **meeting of December 15, 2022 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**
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44 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Fulton
45 stated that at the Power House, there were a total of 351 hours generated in December
46 and 800 hours generated as of January 19th, 2023. He stated that year-to-date, total
47 generation was 302.35 MWH through January 19th. He stated that update on the power

1 house step-up transformer replacement project is that preparations have been done to
2 pour the foundation. He stated that on January 17th, a meeting was held to discuss
3 foundation drilling. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The average reservoir level through
4 December was 168.22' msl and to-date January 19th, it was 18.55' msl. Through the
5 month of month of January, attempts will be made to keep the reservoir near a level of
6 168.5' msl. Spillway Electrical Repair Project, no changes since the last meeting.
7 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and
8 SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House.

9 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from
10 December 7, 2022 thru January 19th, 2023, there were (6) new structure permits, (23)
11 transferred structure permits, (1) new water withdrawal(s), (5) transferred water
12 withdrawal, (3) cancelled water withdrawals, (0) shoreline improvements (dredge/erosion
13 control), (4) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**
14 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-transferred water
15 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures;
16 1-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-
17 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 3-new structures; 8-transferred
18 structure; 1-new water withdrawal; 3 -transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water
19 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 3-new structure; 11-transferred structures; 2-new
20 water withdrawal; 2-transferred water withdrawal; 2-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-
21 shoreline improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 0-new structure; 4-transferred structure; -
22 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal.
23 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** Mr. Strother stated that no change to report.

24 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the maintenance crew continues to
25 maintain the buildings and grounds at all parks. He stated that the buoy crew has been
26 out replacing missing and out-of-place buoys. He stated that there are 180 miles of
27 marked boat lanes on the reservoir using over 10,000 buoys. He stated that the crews
28 have completed all repairs needed in preparation for painting the buildings owned by
29 SRA which included all rotted woods and handrails. He stated that the crew has placed
30 flow able concrete under existing concrete at Cypress Bend Park's flag plaza to save the
31 retaining wall. He stated that the wastewater project is about 70% complete at Pleasure

1 Point Park. He stated that the lift station has been installed and tested and the 3,500 feet
2 of force main installation is complete and some RV pads have been connected. He stated
3 that all the Christmas decorations have been removed and stored at Cypress Bend Park.
4 He stated that SRA has entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto
5 Parish to install a boat launch at Garrett Park in Logansport. He stated that the crew has
6 spread gravel on the Blue Lake Launch parking lot in preparation for the spring increased
7 usage of the area. He stated that the SRD report has been handed out. He stated that

8 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were
9 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division
10 revenues for November and December were \$1,217,698.92, expenses were \$1,573,800.12
11 showing a deficit of \$356,101.20. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division
12 revenues for November and December were \$1,061,181.79 expenses were \$763,878.95
13 leaving a profit of \$297,302.84. She stated that the total spent at Cypress Bend for the
14 months of November and December was \$87,945.09 of the \$473,881.99 budgeted
15 amount and year-to-date funds expended have been \$277,335.11. Mrs. Ferguson stated
16 that there had been 740 online reservations since the program went live. She stated that
17 Civil Service has re-evaluated the pay scale for various positions that would actually go
18 into effect on July 1, 2023 so there would be an increase for salaries. She stated that staff
19 would like to purchase a vehicle for to be used at the Pendleton Office; however, the
20 State contracts are blocked due to the fact they can't get vehicles. She stated that the
21 vehicle would cost approximately \$40,000. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr.**
22 **Vidrine to approve spending up to \$40,000.00 for a new vehicle for the Pendleton**
23 **Office. Motion carried unanimously.** She stated that the Diversion Canal office lost a
24 long-time employee Mr. Monty Campbell who passed away in December. **Mr. Gibbs**
25 **moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and**
26 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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28 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Wayne Harris, representative of Meyer &
29 Associates presented a summary of the projects that are a part of the Capital
30 Improvement Program especially those that have been completed as well as the projects

1 that are to be done or completed. He stated that these projects were made possible
2 through the SRA bond funding. (see attached report.)

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

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6 **OLD BUSINESS: None.**

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8 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Water Rate Revision:** Mr. Carr stated that at the
9 June 2017 board meeting, the value of water in Toledo Bend was increased from 15 cents
10 to 18 cents per thousand gallons using the Consumer Price Index. He stated that this
11 price increase for SRD customers became effective on April 1, 2019 and was guaranteed
12 for five years and is still in effect until April 1, 2024. He continued that our audited
13 numbers for delivery of water in October of 2018 was 9 cents per thousand and that will
14 be calculated again in October 2023. He stated that this cost is added to the value of
15 water in Toledo Bend for current cost to the SRS customers of 27 cents per thousand. He
16 stated that SRA was expecting little or no change to delivery costs. He stated that SRA
17 has looked at the current fiscal year beginning on June 1, 2022 and we anticipate no more
18 than a one cent increase if any at all. He stated that using the CPI for the 5-year period of
19 June 2017 to June 2022, the current price of 18 cents per thousand is increased by 4 cents
20 to 22 cents per thousand gallons. He stated that this immediate change would not go into
21 effect until the end of the existing contracts with all water customers from the SRD canal
22 system and those customers drawing directly from the reservoir. He stated that the
23 effective date for Sabine River Diversion Canal Industrial Customers would be April 1,
24 2024 and be guaranteed for the five years ending April 1, 2029. He stated that with the
25 expected cost of delivery to remain at 9 cents or 10 cents per thousand, the total cost of
26 delivered water to all SRD customers for the period of April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2029
27 would be 31 or 32 cents per thousand guaranteed under the new contract extensions. He
28 stated that the staff is requesting the Board to increase the value of water in Toledo Bend
29 from the current 18 cents per thousand to 22 cents per thousand effective immediately
30 and remain in effect for the next five years. Mr. Carr stated that the timeline would be:
31 January 26,2023 approve increase in value of water in Toledo Bend Reservoir; October
32 31, 2023 calculate the delivery costs using audited numbers; January 15, 2024 calculate

1 and advise customers of new demand rates and April 1, 2024 sign off on Contract
2 extensions. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve increasing**
3 **the value of water in the Toledo Bend Reservoir from 18 cents per thousand gallons**
4 **to 22 cents per thousand gallons for industrial customers. YEAS: 9**
5 **NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 1. Motion carried.**

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7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8 **1) Diversion Canal: No Meeting.**

9 **2) Toledo Bend Division: No Meeting.**

10 **3) Parks: Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the**
11 **corrected minutes of October 27, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 **4) Finance: No Meeting.**

13 **5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort: Mr. Ebarb, moved, seconded by Mr.**
14 **Goodeaux to approve the corrected minutes of October 27, 2022. Motion**
15 **carried unanimously.**

16 **6) Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations: No Meeting.**

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18 **LEGAL REPORT: None.**

19 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that probably by
20 the next meeting, there would be a draft for review of the water sales contract which will
21 have to be reviewed by SRA Texas as well. He stated that once the contract draft is
22 received, then a date and time for a meeting of the TBPJO Board would be scheduled.

23 Mr. Mitchell asked if the Board would be willing to help support the Sabine River
24 Sand Bass Tournament and the Sabine River Bass Shootout to be held in Logansport. He
25 stated the first tournament would be held the first or second weekend in March. The
26 Shootout would hold several fishing tournaments on the following dates: February 26th,
27 April 3rd, June 25th, and August 27th with the final championship tournament on
28 September 23rd & 24th. Mr. Founds asked Mr. Mitchell to have the tournament directors
29 to get in touch with Mrs. Burnette who is the tournament events coordinator at the SRA
30 office to discuss what is needed for these tournaments.

1 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, February 23, 2023 at
2 1PM at the Cypress Bend Resort Learning Center 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway Many,
3 LA.

4 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
5 **Ebarb moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to adjourn. Motion carried**
6 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:24p.m.**

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JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN

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NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY

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