

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY

MANY, LA 71449

1:00PM THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr, Chairman
Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary
Mr. Kenneth Ebarb
Mr. Shane Jeane
Mr. Mike McCormic
Mr. Therman Nash
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Stanley Vidrine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jeremy Evans
Mr. Kevin Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Found, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA
Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA
Chevy Medlock, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
There were 14 visitors.

Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Foret

led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Evans and Mr. Mitchell

were absent however, a quorum was established.

Mr. Foret asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?

Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Mr. Gibbs

moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried

unanimously.

Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting were in the

packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.

Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the minutes of the

Board meeting of February 23, 2023 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations: Mr. Fulton

stated that at the Power House, there were a total of 1344 hours generated in February

and 539 hours as of March 15th. He stated that year-to-date, total generation was 109,172

MWH through February 15th. He stated that there was no update on the power house

1 step-up transformer replacement project. **Power House Outage:** He stated that there
2 was a breaker failure on Unit #1 on Sunday, March 12th. He stated that it was back
3 operational on March 19th. He stated that replacement breakers that will prevent this
4 issue are expected to be ready by May. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The average reservoir
5 level through February was 171.19' msl and to-date March 15th, it is 169.86' msl.
6 Through the month of March, attempts will be made to keep the reservoir near a level of
7 169.5' msl, 170' msl April 1-15 and 171' April 15-30. Spillway Electrical Repair Project,
8 he stated that a tentative for first publication for Notice to Bidders is March 23, 2023.
9 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** Centrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and
10 SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House.
11 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from
12 February 16, 2023 thru March 16, 2023, there were (5) new structure permits, (9)
13 transferred structure permits, (0) new water withdrawal(s), (1) transferred water
14 withdrawals, (1) cancelled water withdrawals, (0) shoreline improvements
15 (dredge/erosion control), (9) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspections.
16 **NORTH-Converse area:** 0-new structures; 2-transferred structures; 0-transferred water
17 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures;
18 1-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-
19 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 0-new structures; 0-transferred
20 structure; 0-new water withdrawal; 0 -transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water
21 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 3-new structures; 5-transferred structures; 0-new
22 water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal; 0-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-
23 shoreline improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 2-new structures; 1-transferred structures; 0-
24 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal.
25 **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** He stated that 'Pirate's Bend Subdivision is being
26 developed with 63 lots located in Section 35 of T4n-R12W and the Preserve Subdivision
27 is being developed with 53 lots located in Section 21 & 28, of T6N-R13W.
28 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** Mr. Strother stated that no change to report. He
29 stated that there no other issues to report at this time.

30 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the busy season has started with
31 cabin and RV bookings. He stated that ongoing maintenance of buildings and grounds at

1 all parks has ramped up. He stated that the buoy crew has been out replacing missing and
2 out-of-place buoys. He stated that there are 180 miles of marked boat lanes on the
3 reservoir using over 10,000 buoys. He stated that the wastewater project is about 100%
4 complete at Pleasure Point Park. He stated that the lift station has been installed and
5 tested and the 3,500 feet of main installation is complete. He stated that all of the RV
6 pads have been connected. He stated that the SRA crew went to Sulphur to plug a levee
7 break and it was completed on February 23rd. He stated that the SRA crew was working
8 to restore irrigation water to the Cypress Bend Resort and Clubhouse. He stated that the
9 crew had cut down several trees on the course at Hole #5, #10 & #15. **SRD:** Mr. Carr
10 stated that the report was handed out to each member and he would answer any questions.
11 He stated that on Wednesday, February 15th at 10:30am staff received notification of a
12 levee break on the SRD Canal and the SRD staff immediately closed the gate to lower the
13 water. He stated that the SRA crew loaded up the equipment and went to Sulphur. He
14 stated that they worked on site and had the leak temporarily plugged by 7pm. He stated
15 that they stayed overnight in order to attempt a permanent repair but the rain and wet
16 conditions prevented completion of the repair. He stated that it was decided to let the
17 area dry out; however, the crew returned the next week on Wednesday and Thursday to
18 complete the repair. He stated that the immediate response from both crews helped to
19 safe an enormous amount of water as the canal was losing approximately 500,000 gallons
20 per hour. He stated that staff is negotiating a reservation agreement with Westlake for an
21 additional 5000 GPM contingent upon the performance of the new pumps at Pump
22 Station #3 and staff expects this to go into effect either May or June following our
23 performance tests.

24 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were not
25 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division
26 revenues for February 2023 were \$1,496,413.20, expenses were \$1,190,279.08, showing
27 a profit of \$306,134.12. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division revenues for
28 February 2023 were \$483,158.29, expenses were \$259,810.70, leaving a profit of
29 \$223,347.58. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve staff reports as**
30 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

31 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**

1 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Mifflin and Mrs. Thompson asked to speak after
2 the discussion of the out-of-state water sale. Mr. Foret granted permission.

3 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Discuss Out-of-State Water Sale:** Mr. Founds
4 stated that at our last meeting, you all suggested that the Company Representatives be
5 present to discuss the possible out-of-state water sale. He introduced Mr. John Crew, Mr.
6 Alan Friedman and Mr. Steve Robinson who represent Aqueduct Werks. Mr. Crew
7 addressed the Board explaining that need to secure additional water for Texas. He stated
8 that Texas water is governed by order of inter-basin transfer process. He stated that's
9 why our group has come to ask to buy your water. He stated that comparing power
10 generation versus water sales the value of your water is worth much more being sold than
11 used for the generators. He stated that Texas has a need for securing water for the future.
12 He stated that before any further planning can be done, we need to know that you are
13 willing to sell your water to us. He stated that reservation fees will be paid directly to
14 SRA each year for approximately ten years with a five-year CIP clause and there is a
15 forced clause that states water needs to be taken sometime between the 11th and 16th year.
16 Mr. Foret thanked the gentlemen for coming to the meeting and once the contract
17 preparation is complete, then the Board will decide whether to move forward with their
18 proposal. Mr. Jim Mifflin spoke to the group concerning the water level of the reservoir
19 as well as Mrs. Gloria Thompson due to a large water volume sale.

20 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

21 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

24 3) **Parks: No Meeting.**

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

26 5) **Cypress Bend Golf Resort:** Mr. Ebarb stated that the Committee had met
27 prior to the Board meeting. He stated that there were two items discussed (1)
28 Update on the renovation project which needs more grass or sod and (2) ALH,
29 No.5 possibly subleasing the golf course to Sterling Golf. He stated that due to
30 the heavy rains, it has left it necessary to re-grass some of the areas. **Mr. Ebarb**
31 **moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve the amendment to the Mid-**
32 **America contract for an additional \$200,000 for sod. Motion carried**

1 **unanimously. Mr. Ebarb moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve ALH,**
2 **No.5 subleasing the Cypress Bend Golf Course to Sterling Golf as long as this**
3 **company adheres to current contract between ALH, No.5 and SRA. Motion**
4 **carried unanimously.**
5 **6) Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations: No Meeting.**
6 **LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Ebarb moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to move into**
7 **Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by**
8 **Mr. Gibbs to reconvene from Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.**
9 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Founds stated that no report.**
10 **Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 1PM**
11 **at the Cypress Bend Resort Conference Center 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway Many, LA.**
12 **With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr.**
13 **Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
14 **Meeting adjourned at 3:40p.m.**

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18 JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN

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20 NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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25 BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY
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