

1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE  
2 SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY  
3 STATE OF LOUISIANA  
4 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
5 CYPRESS BEND RESORT LEARNING CENTER  
6 2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY  
7 MANY, LA 71449  
8 1:00PM THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 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 Mrs. Rhonda Cupit  
15 Mr. Kenneth Ebarb  
16 Mr. Jeremy Evans  
17 Mr. Shane Jeane  
18 Mr. Mike McCormic  
19 Mr. Kevin Mitchell  
20 Mr. Therman Nash  
21 Mrs. Hannah Savell  
22 Mrs. Estella Scott  
23 Mr. Stanley Vidrine  
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25 MEMBERS ABSENT: None.  
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27 OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA  
28 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA  
29 Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA  
30 Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA  
31 Chevy Medlock, Adm  
32 Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA  
33 There were 143 visitors.  
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36 Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Foret introduced Mrs. Cupit and Mrs.

37 Savell new board members. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Foret led the Pledge.

38 The roll was called and it was noted that all were present therefore, a quorum was  
39 established.

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

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

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

43 unanimously.

44 Mr. Foret asked Mr. Founds to take the floor for the presentation. Mr. Founds

45 stated that today's meeting is to share information about the current operations of the

46 reservoir, that being water used for hydro-electric power generation, existing water sales

47 and minimum water releases for downstream flow and how a future large water sale

48 could impact those operations. He stated that the agency does not receive any funds from

49 the State of Louisiana. He continued through our self-generated funds which means


1 power generation, water sales and park fees, the agency is able to perform the day-to-day  
2 operations. He gave some history about how the project had been funded through the  
3 incorporation of hydro-electric generators, the first fifty-year contract for that power  
4 generation and the financial structure. He continued the discussion about the current  
5 power contract was only for 5 years, ending this May and the financial structure of the  
6 contract adding approximately three million dollars of annual expense to the two  
7 Authorities. He explained that the Authorities have secured a new contract for 11 years,  
8 for a guaranteed quantity of power that is than 40% of what the average generation has  
9 been, with the ability to generate more when they have water available, and that the  
10 expenses to the Authorities is still approximately three million dollars per year. Mr.  
11 Founds stated that reason for explaining these past operations is to give everyone an idea  
12 of the increasing cost associated with power generation and increasing difficulty of  
13 getting an agreement to purchase the power based upon the uncertainty of delivering the  
14 power, when the power is solely based upon inflows and storage capacity of the reservoir,  
15 not just when the power is in demand. He continued that the current generators are  
16 approximately sixty years old and there's no guarantee how long they will last, that they  
17 are making upgrades to the facilities functioning and producing revenue until the repairs  
18 do not financial sense. He stated that the revenue from a proposed water sale would help  
19 the agency curtail or possibly end its dependency upon the power generation as the main  
20 source of funding. Mr. Founds continued through the presentation discussing the charts  
21 and graphs as they related to the past water inflow information and under what conditions  
22 a large water sale could be accommodated and still maintain water levels in the reservoir  
23 above the 168' msl that so many of the residents considered their main issue. He stated  
24 that under most conditions the volume of annual inflow to the reservoir would not only  
25 accommodate but be much greater than the volume of just a water sale or a power sale.  
26 Mr. Founds stated that the average inflows would require either power generation,  
27 additional water sales or use of the spillway gates at times to release the excess water  
28 above the contemplated out-of-state water sale and existing release requirements. He  
29 continued that in the 54-year history of the Toledo Bend Reservoir, the inflows of the  
30 only two years were less than the volume of water to accommodate just the water sale,  
31 current water sales and minimum releases as required by their FERC License. Many

1 Charts and graphs were presented relative to the different scenarios using the various  
2 volume of water inflows annually, most depicting lake elevations remaining about the  
3 168' msl. At the close of the presentation, Mr. Founds asked for questions from the board  
4 members and then the guest. Discussion by the Board was held with no action taken.  
5 Mr. Foret stated that he would call each person on the list wishing to address the  
6 Board and they would have three minutes to speak. The following individuals spoke: Jim  
7 Mifflin, Pat Scarborough, Ted Dove, Freda Arnold, Danny Eubanks, Donald Wooley,  
8 Linda Matlock, and Ken Freeman.  
9 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**

10 **Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 Meeting adjourned at 2:41p.m.

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JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN

  
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NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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22 ATTEST:   
23 BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY