

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 CYPRES BEND PARKWAY  
7 MANY, LA 71449  
8 1:00PM THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023  
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr, Chairman  
12 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman  
13 Mrs. Rhonda Cupit  
14 Mr. Kenneth Ebarb  
15 Mr. Jeremy Evans  
16 Mr. Shane Jeane  
17 Mr. Mike McCormic  
18 Mr. Kevin Mitchell  
19 Mr. Therman Nash  
20 Mrs. Hannah Savell  
21 Mrs. Estella Scott  
22 Mr. Stanley Vidrine  
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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Byron Gibbs  
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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Warren Found, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA  
27 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA  
28 Mike Carr, Fac. Maint Mgr 3-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 Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA  
32 Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA  
33 There were 6 visitors.  
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36 Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Foret

37 led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Gibbs was absent however,  
38 a quorum was established.

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

40 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. **Mr. Ebarb moved,**  
41 **seconded by Mr. Mitchell to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**  
42 **unanimously.**

43 Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the March 23, 2023 meeting and the minutes  
44 of the “special call” meeting on April 13, 2023 were in the packet and asked for a motion  
45 to approve the minutes of both meetings, if there were no corrections. **Mr. Mitchell**  
46 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of**  
47 **March 23, 2023 and the minutes of the “special call” meeting of April 13, 2023 as**  
48 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

2       stated that at the Power House, there were a total of 1,116 hours generated in March and  
3       393 hours as of April 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that year-to-date, total generation was 145552  
4       MWH through April 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there was no new update on the power house  
5       step-up transformer replacement project. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The average  
6       reservoir level through March was 169.19’msl and to-date April 18<sup>th</sup>, it is 170.91’msl.  
7       Through the month of April 1-15th attempts will be made to keep the reservoir near a  
8       level of 170.0’msl and April 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 171.0’msl. He stated that March through June we  
9       are obligated by our FERC license to provide the minimum flow of one unit for 3hrs on  
10       Saturdays and Sundays. He stated that the Prime Power Schedule runs May 1<sup>st</sup> thru  
11       September 30<sup>th</sup>. Spillway Electrical Repair Project, he stated that the mandatory Pre-Bid  
12       Conference was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> and bids are to be submitted no later than 2:00pm on  
13       May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** Certrec Corporation continues to provide  
14       support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power  
15       House.

16       **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from

17       March 16, 2023 thru April 17 2023, there were (6) new structure permits, (10) transferred  
18       structure permits, (0) new water withdrawal(s), (2) transferred water withdrawals, (3)  
19       cancelled water withdrawals, (4) shoreline improvements (dredge/erosion control), (21)  
20       approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-Converse area:** 0-  
21       new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-transferred water withdrawals and 0-cancelled  
22       water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-  
23       new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal;  
24       **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 4-new structures; 1-transferred structure; 0-new water  
25       withdrawal; 1 -transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water withdrawal. **MID**  
26       **LAKE-Many area:** 1-new structures; 7-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal;  
27       1-transferred water withdrawal; 2-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-shoreline  
28       improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 1-new structures; 2-transferred structures; 0-new water  
29       withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal.

30       **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** None to report. **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:**

31       None to report. **OTHER:** None to report.

1       **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the busy season is upon us and the  
2 maintenance crew continues to maintain the buildings and grounds at all parks. He stated  
3 that the buoy crew has been out replacing missing and out-of-place buoys. He stated that  
4 there are 180 miles of marked boat lanes on the reservoir using over 10,000 buoys. He  
5 stated that San Miguel lane and Boone's Crossing buoys have been replaced and  
6 completed. He stated that the crew has repaired several RV pad approaches at Pleasure  
7 Point Park that were dug up during the wastewater project and needed repair. He stated  
8 that the wastewater project is 100% complete. He stated that site prep for the new  
9 bathhouse at San Miguel Park has begun. He stated that the crew has restored irrigation to  
10 the golf suites, Bailey Bluff condos, Bailey Gardens, the resort and the clubhouse. He  
11 stated that this project saw the SRA crew install 460 feet of 12-inch drainage at the golf  
12 course as well as installing several hundred feet of 4-inch French drain. He stated that  
13 the crew had to replace the main lift pump at Cypress Bend Park for the RV section.  
14 **SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that the report was handed out to each member and he would  
15 answer any questions. He stated that staff is negotiating a reservation agreement with  
16 Westlake South for an additional 5,000GPM to be delivered from Pump Station #3. He  
17 stated that the current contract is for about 26,000GPM out of Station #3. He stated that  
18 this company was formerly PPG, Axial, Eagle US2 and Westlake South. He concluded  
19 that the agreement had been signed and Westlake South will be paying a fee of \$4,818.00  
20 monthly starting May 1, 2023 until they are using half of the reservation amount for three  
21 (3) consecutive months. He stated that this agreement will expire on April 1, 2024 and  
22 can be extended with approval of both parties.

23       **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were  
24 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division  
25 revenues for March 2023 were \$1,832,838.12, expenses were \$814,516.96, showing a  
26 profit of \$1,018,321.17. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division revenues for  
27 March 2023 were \$619,743.57, expenses were \$402,844.15, leaving a profit of  
28 \$216,899.42. She stated that the total spent at Cypress Bend for the month of March was  
29 \$65,527.38 of the \$473,881.99 budgeted amount and year-to-date funds expended have  
30 been \$420,010.03. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Ebarb to approve staff**  
31 **reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1       **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**

2       **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Jim Mifflin gave a few comments on the possible  
3 out-of-state water sales. Mr. Foret thanked him for his concerns.  
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5       **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

6       **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

7       **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8       **1) Diversion Canal:** Mr. Ebarb stated that the committee had met earlier to  
9 discuss the purchase of a fourth pump for Pump Station #1. **Mr. Ebarb moved,**  
10 **seconded by Mr. Vidrine to recommend to the full Board to approve, moving**  
11 **the Ozan Bridge Crossing to Project #18(Rehab bridge crossings) since the**  
12 **contractor is in agreement to honor the pricing, closeout Project #6 at the**  
13 **cost of \$1,030,087.84, to move the remaining funds under Project #6**  
14 **\$419,958.77 as well as the unallocated funds in the amount of \$478,376.96 to**  
15 **Project #19-4<sup>th</sup> Pump at Pump Station #1 for the total cost of \$898,335.73.**  
16 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

18       **3) Parks: No Meeting.**

19       **4) Finance:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that the committee had met prior to the Board  
20 meeting to discuss the proposed budget for FY'23-'24 which was circulated in the  
21 meeting packet. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to**  
22 **approve the prepared budget for FY'23-'24 in the amount of \$9,047,032.00 to**  
23 **the full Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.**

24       **5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort:** Mr. Ebarb stated that the committee had met  
25 prior to the Board meeting to discuss entering into a contract with Sterling golf to  
26 oversee the golf course operations from May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> at the cost of  
27 \$249,000.00. **Mr. Ebarb moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve a contract**  
28 **with Sterling Golf in the amount of \$249,000 to provide labor, materials and**  
29 **oversight of the grow-in phase of the course and preparations for the**  
30 **proposed opening of September 1<sup>st</sup> funding from reserve account and**  
31 **authorize the Executive Director to sign documents. Motion carried**  
32 **unanimously.**

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

2           **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the 2016 Flood Suit has been  
3 overturned and will be re-opened.

4           **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he had met  
5 with the Commissioner of Administration, the Governor's Assistant, members of the  
6 Sabine River Basin Senators and Representatives and some of the members of the  
7 Natural Resource Commission/Committee at two different times to discuss the proposed  
8 out-of-state water sales. He stated that he made the presentation about the proposed out-  
9 of-state water sales and answered questions. **Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr.**

10 **Evans to approve the Legal Report and Executive Director's report as presented.**

11 **Motion carried unanimously.**

12           Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 1PM  
13 at the Cypress Bend Resort Learning Center 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway Many, LA.

14           With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn.

15 **Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**  
16 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:54p.m.**

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**JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN**

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**NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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27 **ATTEST:**   
28 **BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY**