

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 1:00PM THURSDAY, MAY 25, 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. Therman Nash
20 Mrs. Hannah Savell
21 Mrs. Estella Scott
22 Mr. Stanley Vidrine
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24 MEMBERS ABSENT: None.
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26 OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
27 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
28 Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA
29 Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA
30 Chevy Medlock, Adm Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
31 Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
32 There were seven (7) visitors.
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35 Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Foret

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

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

39 Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to amend the agenda to add under

40 New Business, Item #1-Repair fishing pier at Site 10. Motion carried unanimously.

41 Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the amended agenda.

42 Motion carried unanimously.

43 Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting were in the packet
44 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no

45 corrections. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve the minutes of the

46 Board meeting of April 27, 2023 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

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

48 stated that at the Power House, there were a total of 555 hours generated in April and 456

1 hours as of May 16th. He stated that year-to-date, total generation was 169152 MWHs
2 through May 16th. He stated that there was no new update on the power house step-up
3 transformer replacement project. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The average reservoir level
4 through April was 170.74' msl and to-date May 16th, it is 172.47' msl. He stated that
5 March through June we are obligated by our FERC license to provide the minimum flow
6 of one unit for 3hrs on Saturdays and Sundays. He stated that the Prime Power Schedule
7 runs May 1st thru September 30th. Spillway Electrical Repair Project, he stated that the
8 mandatory Pre-Bid Conference was held on April 18th and bids are to be submitted no
9 later than 2:00pm on May 17th 2023. He stated that only one bid was submitted. He
10 stated that there was a "spill" event that began on May 13th at 12:15 hrs. when the first
11 advisory was issued when the level was at 172.20' msl; Advisory #2 was issued on May
12 14th at 1815 hrs. when the level reached 172.40' msl for potential releases and Advisory
13 #3 was issued on May 15th at 1530 hrs. when the level reached 172.50 'msl and five (5)
14 gates were opened at 1ft. Advisory #4 was issued on May 20th when the level reached
15 172.0' msl and four gates were closed and one was closed to .03ft. **FERC/NERC/SERC:**
16 Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for
17 NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House. He stated that the annual
18 FERC inspection was held May 23rd and 24th.
19 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from
20 April 17, 2023 thru May 18, 2023, there were (11) new structure permits, (12) transferred
21 structure permits, (0) new water withdrawal(s), (2) transferred water withdrawals, (0)
22 cancelled water withdrawals, (0) shoreline improvements (dredge/erosion control), (5)
23 approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-Converse area:** 0-
24 new structures; 1-transferred structures; 1-transferred water withdrawals and 0-cancelled
25 water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-
26 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal;
27 **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 3-new structures; 5-transferred structure; 0-new water
28 withdrawal; 1 -transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water withdrawal. **MID**
29 **LAKE-Many area:** 7-new structures; 6-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal;
30 0-transferred water withdrawal; 0-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-shoreline
31 improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 1-new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-new water

1 withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal.

2 **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** He stated that Slaughter Creek Queen (end of Queens

3 Road on the left) 10.9 acres/24 lots in Sect. 34 of T6N-R-13W. **ENCROACHMENT**

4 **PROGRAM:** None to report. **OTHER:** None to report.

5 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the busy season is upon us and the

6 maintenance crew continues to maintain the buildings and grounds at all parks. He stated

7 that the buoy crew has been out replacing missing and out-of-place buoys. He stated that

8 there are 180 miles of marked boat lanes on the reservoir using over 10,000 buoys. He

9 stated that San Miguel lane and Boone's Crossing buoys have been replaced and

10 completed. He stated that the crew has repaired several RV pad approaches at Pleasure

11 Point Park that were dug up during the wastewater project and needed repair. He stated

12 that the wastewater project is 100% complete. He stated that site prep for the new

13 bathhouse at San Miguel Park has begun. He stated that the crew has restored irrigation to

14 the golf suites, Bailey Bluff condos, Bailey Gardens, the resort and the clubhouse. He

15 stated that this project saw the SRA crew install 460 feet of 12-inch drainage at the golf

16 course as well as installing several hundred feet of 4-inch French drain. He stated that

17 the crew had to replace the main lift pump at Cypress Bend Park for the RV section.

18 **SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that the report was handed out to each member and he would

19 answer any questions. He stated that staff is negotiating a reservation agreement with

20 Westlake South for an additional 5,000GPM to be delivered from Pump Station #3. He

21 stated that the current contract is for about 26,000GPM out of Station #3. He stated that

22 this company was formerly PPG, Axial, Eagle US2 and Westlake South. He concluded

23 that the agreement had been signed and Westlake South will be paying a fee of \$4,818.00

24 monthly starting May 1, 2023 until they are using half of the reservation amount for three

25 (3) consecutive months. He stated that this agreement will expire on April 1, 2024 and

26 can be extended with approval of both parties.

27 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were

28 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division

29 revenues for April 2023 were \$741,055.82 expenses were \$1,089,878.59, showing a loss

30 of \$348,822.17. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division revenues for April 2023

31 were \$505,759.49, expenses were \$343,541.92, leaving a profit of \$162,217.57. She

1 stated that the total spent at Cypress Bend for the month of April was \$20,787.55 of the
2 \$473,881.99 budgeted amount and year-to-date funds expended have been \$440,797.58.

3 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Ebarb to approve staff reports as circulated**
4 **and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**

6 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

7 **OLD BUSINESS: None.**

8 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Repair Fishing Pier at Site #10:** Mr. Carr stated
9 that the fishing pier at the Pendleton Office-Site #10 was in need of repair. He stated that
10 during the last insurance audit, one finding was the unsafe condition of the walkway to
11 the Pendleton fishing pier. He stated that the recommendation from the Office of Risk
12 Management was to replace the walkway as it is a high traffic area. He stated that the
13 walkway is approximately 110 feet in length and 8 feet wide. He stated that the crew has
14 barricaded the walkway at the entrance with DANGER signs on it to keep people out. He
15 continued that the estimated cost to replace the entire walkway is \$45,000. He stated that
16 there are funds already authorized in the current budget under major repairs. He stated
17 that staff is requesting a budget of \$50,000 to repair the walkway and to authorize the
18 Executive Director to execute the necessary documents for this expenditure. **Mr. Evans**
19 **moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve repair the walkway on the fishing pier at**
20 **Site #10-Pendleton Office with a budget of \$50,000 and authorize the Executive**
21 **Director to execute the necessary documents for the project. Motion carried**
22 **unanimously.**

23 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

24 **1) Diversion Canal:** Mr. Ebarb stated that the minutes of the April 27th, 2023
25 meeting were circulated in the packet. **Mr. Ebarb moved, seconded by Mr.**

26 **Jeane to approve the minutes of the April 27th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried**
27 **unanimously.**

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

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

30 **4) Finance:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the April 27th, 2023

31 meeting were circulated within the packet. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by**

1 **Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of the April 27th, 2023 meeting as**
2 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort:** Mr. Evans stated that the committee had met
4 prior to the Board meeting to discuss the current amendment of the ALH, No.5
5 lease. **Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve re-allocating**
6 **\$50,000 of the SRA responsibility to Golf Maintenance & Equipment**
7 **Supplies. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ebarb moved, seconded by**
8 **Mrs. Savell to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting as**
9 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

11 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that no update available.


12 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the contractor
13 had finished planting the grass and had cleared out from the course. He stated that course
14 was looking nice and hopefully would be ready to open on September 1st. He stated that
15 staff was still waiting from Commissioner Dardenne as to whether or not SRA has the
16 authority to proceed with the water sales so it seems at this time the proposal is null and
17 void. He stated that he would like recognize Mr. Fulton and the Dam Staff who just
18 completed their FERC Inspection and they received a “glowing” report from those who
19 participated. He stated that staff is working with the contractor who plans to use Cypress
20 Bend Park launch to unload a barge to repair a gas pipeline that has “surfaced” somewhat
21 and could be hazard to boaters. He stated that the pipeline is actually located at Carrice
22 Creek on the Texas side; however, due to the height of the barge’s crane, the contractor
23 cannot go under the Pendleton Bridge to get to the pipeline. He stated that the project
24 could take approximately seven days. Mr. Strother stated that the line has 1450 pounds
25 of pressure and the plan is to depressurize the pipeline before the divers can do the
26 necessary repairs. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the Legal**
27 **Report and Executive Director’s report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

28 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 1PM
29 at the Cypress Bend Resort Learning Center 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway Many, LA.

1 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn.
2 Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to adjourn. Motion carried
3 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:41p.m.

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5 JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN


6 NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST: 
BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY