

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RED ROSE BARN
1141 CASH BLACKMON ROAD
LOGANSPORT, 71049LA
11:00AM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr, Chairman
Mr. Ned Goodeaux
Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary
Mr. Jeremy Evans
Mr. Shane Jeane
Mr. Mike McCormic
Mr. Kevin Mitchell
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Stanley Vidrine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Kenneth Ebarb
Mr. Therman Nash

OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Founds, 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 10 visitors.

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

Foret led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Ebarb and Mr. Nash 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 adopt the circulated agenda. Mr. Gibbs moved,

seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried

unanimously.

Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting were in the packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 27, 2022 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 1.2 hours generated in November and zero hours generated as of December 15th. He stated that year-to-date, total generation

1 was 74,582.2 MWH through December 7th. He stated that update on the power house
2 step-up transformer replacement project is that the dirt work on the pad is nearing
3 completion. He stated that annual outage to perform routine maintenance on Unit 2 was
4 completed on November 4th. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The average reservoir level
5 through November was 167.53' msl. Through the months of October, November, and
6 December, attempts will be made to keep the reservoir near a level of 168.0' msl.
7 Spillway Electrical Repair Project, no changes since the last meeting.
8 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and
9 SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House.
10 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from
11 October 25, 2022 to December 7, 2022, there were (6) new structure permits, (27)
12 transferred structure permits, (3) new water withdrawal(s), (4) transferred water
13 withdrawal, (3) cancelled water withdrawals, (0) shoreline improvements (dredge/erosion
14 control), (5) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**
15 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-transferred water
16 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures;
17 1-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-
18 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 0-new structures; 2-transferred
19 structure; 0-new water withdrawal; 0 -transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water
20 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 4-new structure; 320transferred structures; 3-new
21 water withdrawal; 4-transferred water withdrawal; 2-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-
22 shoreline improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 2-new structure; 4-transferred structure; -
23 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal.
24 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** Mr. Strother stated that no change to report.
25 **Item #3-Operational:** No report.
26 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were
27 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division
28 revenues for October were \$246,253.70, expenses were \$550,785.51 showing a deficit of
29 \$304,531.81. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division revenues for October were
30 \$575,908.89 expenses were \$315,153.87 leaving a profit of \$260,755.02. She stated that
31 the total spent at Cypress Bend for the month of October was \$70,528.33 of the

1 \$473,881.99 budgeted amount and year-to-date funds expended have been \$189,390.02.

2 **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the Staff Reports as circulated**
3 **and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**

5 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

6 **OLD BUSINESS: None.**

7 **NEW BUSINESS: None.**

8 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

11 **3) Parks:** Mr. Jeane stated that the Committee had met on October 27, 2022 and
12 the minutes of the meeting were circulated within the packet. Mr. Goodeaux
13 stated that there was an error on the members present that needed to be corrected
14 before approval. Mr. Jeane asked that staff make the correction and re-circulate
15 the corrected minutes in the next meeting for approval.

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

17 **5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort:** Mr. Evans stated, in the absence of Mr. Ebarb,
18 that the Committee had met on October 27, 2022 and the minutes were circulated
19 within the packet. Mr. Goodeaux stated that there was an error on the members
20 list and a motion that needed to be corrected before approval. Chairman Foret
21 asked that staff make the correction and re-circulate the corrected minutes in the
22 next meeting for approval.

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

24 **LEGAL REPORT: None.**

25 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: CYPRESS BEND GOLF COURSE:**
26 Mr. Founds stated that all 18 holes have had the surrounds of the greens, tee boxes, and
27 bunkers covered with sod. He continued that all 18 greens have sprigged, the 12 greens
28 have been mowed and rolled several times, the last 6 greens are growing well and should
29 be ready to roll and mow soon. He stated that the fairways of the hole #1-13 have
30 sprigged and in various stages of growing in. He stated that the fairways of holes #14-18
31 will be sprigged in early spring, rye grass will be planted to protect the soil until such
32 time the sprigging can be completed. He stated that all of the irrigation and cart path

1 work is completed. He stated that the practice green is ready for completion with sprigs
2 and sod, weather permitting should be completed next week. He stated that Josh Hicks
3 has been hired by ALH and is on the job as the new golf course superintendent. He
4 stated that Mid America Golf, our contractor, has been cleaning up and working on
5 various punch list items before leaving the project until they can return and finish in the
6 spring. **POWER SALES AGREEMENT:** He stated that the power sales agreement with
7 NextEra Energy Marketing has been completed and the contract will start the first of June
8 2023. He stated that the agreement is for 11 years and requires that SRA's to provide
9 power based on a schedule that equals approximately 40% of the average generation
10 volume of the past twenty years. The new arrangement calls for 80,000MWH, either
11 produce or bought by SRA at market price, spread out through the year and at different
12 monthly volumes for the prime hours 80 hours (16 hours/day/Monday-Friday) of each
13 week. He stated that the bulk of the power is scheduled during the winter and spring and
14 none for October and November, the routine time for power house maintenance
15 shutdowns. He stated that the new contract guarantees the Authorities \$60.48MHW for
16 the first 80,000MWH and any additional generation will be sold at the market price. He
17 stated that in addition to the price per MWH, the new contract will pay the Authorities for
18 the capacity to generate, the contract price is approximately \$635,000 per year. **WATER**
19 **SALE UPDATE:** He stated that Aqueeduct Werks, LLC has been meeting with Texas
20 Officials, lobbyist, and engineers in determining the particulars of a proposed water sale.
21 He stated that a meeting was held in Baton Rouge with their attorney, our attorney, and a
22 Louisiana consultant group to discuss the mechanics of moving forward and they won't
23 come without cost. He stated that the magnitude of these decisions in terms of future
24 economic impact to the Authorities, the Toledo Bend Project and the States is so great, it
25 requires both Authorities to do everything possible to ensure that this water sale is in the
26 best interest of all stakeholders in the Toledo Bend Project. He stated that since the
27 impact is to both states, these expenditures should be borne by the TBPJO, and hopefully
28 can be addressed at our next meeting. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to**
29 **approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, January 26, 2023 at
2 1PM at the Westlake Recreation District One of Ward 4, 1221 Sampson Street, Westlake,
3 LA 70669.
4 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr.
5 Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
6 Meeting adjourned at 11:58a.m.

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JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN


NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: 
BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY