

1 MINUTES OF THE 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 10:00AM WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2024
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10 MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 Mr. Byron Gibbs, Vice-Chairman
12 Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary
13 Mr. Conrad Cathey
14 Mrs. Rhonda Cupit
15 Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr
16 Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr
17 Mrs. Anna Garcie
18 Mr. Ned Goodeaux
19 Mr. Gary Moore
20 Mr. Ricky Moses
21 Mr. Matthew Rains
22 Mr. Stanley Vidrine
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24 MEMBERS ABSENT:

25 Mr. Michael Norton

26 OTHERS PRESENT:

27 Warren Found, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
28 Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA
29 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
30 Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
31 Alan Fulton, Eng. Tech 2-SRA, Many, LA
32 Colby Matthew, Procure. Analyst 1-SRA, Many, LA
33 Joey Remedies, Fac. Maint. Mgr C-SRA, Many, LA
34 Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
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36 There were seven (7) visitors.

37 (The Board of Commissioners were sworn into office prior to the meeting called to
38 order.)

39 Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order. Mr. Gibbs offered the Prayer and Mr.

40 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Norton was

41 absent; however, a quorum was established.

42 Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions and

43 deletions. Mr. Foret stated that he would like to add under New Business, Item #1-

44 Discuss Possible Changes to the By-laws. Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the

45 amendment to the agenda? Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to amend the

46 agenda as requested. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to

47 adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adopt the

48 amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

49 Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to convene to the Learning Center

50 to watch the Orientation Presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

1 **Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to re-convene from lunch to**
2 **the Ballroom to continue the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**
3 Mr. Gibbs stated that the minutes of the September 26, 2024 meeting were in the
4 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no
5 corrections. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the circulated**
6 **minutes of the Board meeting of September 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.**
7 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Fulton
8 stated that year-to-date thru October 27th, run hours were Unit #1-4,471 hrs. and Unit #2-
9 4,685 hrs. He stated that total generation year-to-date thru October 27th was 342,809
10 MWH. He stated to update everyone on the Power House Step-Up Transformer
11 Replacement Project Kiewit's contract is for 45 days beginning on October 1st work
12 continues. He stated that October through December, the guide calls for attempting to
13 maintain a reservoir level of 168' msl. **Emergency Spillway Generator:** He stated that
14 the new platform is up, old fuel tank removed, and old generator removed. He continued
15 that the completion date is scheduled for December 6, 2024. **Reservoir Levels/Status:**
16 He stated that the average reservoir level for as for September was 168.10' MSL, and thru
17 to October 28th was 167.61' MSL. **RELEASES:** He stated that during September the
18 total releases through the Power House and the Spillway was 127,997 AC FT, and up to
19 October 27th total releases have been 7,312,836 AC FT. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He
20 stated that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for
21 NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House. He stated that the annual FERC
22 inspection took place on July 31st. He stated that staff has received notification that the
23 assessment has been scheduled for November 18th and December 2nd for the 11th Part
24 12D-Comprehensive Assessment. **EVAPORATION ESTIMATION:** He stated that
25 assuming no rain has hit the basin south of Logansport from October 1st to October 15th,
26 we can assume that only inflows in the basin are from the river there with an average of
27 407cfs or 12,106 AC FT in 14 days. He continued that within that 14-day span, 200cfs
28 was released from the spillway for required downstream flows which equal to the total of
29 6,000 AC FT. He stated that the reservoir is losing approximately 3,398 AC FT per day
30 or 1,663cfs.

1 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from
2 September 19th, 2024 thru October 29, 2024, there were (19) new structure permits, (29)
3 transferred structure permits, (2) new water withdrawal(s), (3) transferred water
4 withdrawals, (0) cancelled water withdrawal, (1) shoreline improvement (erosion
5 control/dredge), (2) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**
6 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 1-transferred structures; 0-transferred water
7 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures;
8 0-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-
9 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 4-new structures; 1-transferred
10 structure; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water
11 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 14-new structures; 22-transferred structures; 2-
12 new water withdrawal; 2-transferred water withdrawal; 0-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-
13 shoreline improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 1-new structures; 5-transferred structures; 0-
14 new water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal.
15 **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** He stated that staff approved flow easements for Pirates
16 Cove Subdivision Unit #2, 12.87 acres-3tracts; and Hutton Property 0.82 acre-2tracts.
17 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** He stated that there were no encroachment
18 corrections. **OTHER:** He stated that SRA has been contacted by Gulf South Pipeline
19 Company seeking access to the lake in order to repair a floating pipeline near Carrice
20 Creek on the Texas.
21 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Remedies stated that the
22 Pleasure Point seawall project is nearing completion. He stated that the seawall at Hole
23 #14 at the Cypress Bend Golf Course had been repaired which included the drainage
24 repair as well as covering the work areas that had been disrupted due to the repair work.
25 He stated that the maintenance crew had been putting up the Christmas lights and
26 decorations getting Cypress Bend Park ready for the holiday season. **SRD:** He stated that
27 the Capital Project #15-Meter Upgrade had some issues with being allowed access to the
28 plants that are serviced by the diversion canal. He stated that Project #19-4th Pump
29 Addition at Pump Station #4 has some design issues which are being addressed by Meyer
30 & Associates. He stated that Project #7-Upgrade of the SCADA System is in the final

1 stage of completion. He stated that Project #17-Hydro Studies waiting for core samples
2 to be performed.

3 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that for the Diversion Canal Division
4 totals for the first quarter (July, August, & September) showed revenues of
5 \$1,901,003.91, expenses of \$1,281,502.23 leaving a profit of \$619,500.78. She stated that
6 the Toledo Bend Division revenues were \$3,216,521.04, expenses were \$2,969,121.35
7 leaving a profit of \$247,699.69. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to**
8 **approve staff reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

9 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

10 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

11 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Discuss Pleasure Point Park Road Overlay:** Mr.
12 Remedies stated that staff received only one bid for this project. He stated that it was
13 much higher than the initial projection. He stated that the bid was for \$991,506. He
14 stated that there is \$419,560 left in the budget for this project so in order to award the bid
15 and move forward staff is requesting an additional \$612,000 which will pave the roads
16 and the RV pads in the lower loop of the park. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr.**
17 **Jeane to approve funding an additional \$612,000 for the Pleasure Point Park**
18 **Overlay Project and to have the Executive Director to execute any necessary**
19 **documents to proceed with the project. Motion carried unanimously.**

20 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Discuss amending the By-Laws concerning the**
21 **Toledo Bend Joint Operations Board Member(s):** Mr. Foret stated that he would like
22 to suggest making changes to the By-laws concerning the representation selection process
23 for the Louisiana Board members and adding term limits. He stated that he felt by
24 making these changes, it would give every member of the Board an opportunity to serve
25 and help to understand the complete makeup of Toledo Bend Joint Operations Board. He
26 stated that he would like this to be placed on the agenda in December and to vote on it at
27 the January meeting giving all members an opportunity to review the amendment. **Mr.**
28 **Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to allow staff to prepare the language to**
29 **amend the By-laws concerning the Toledo Bend Joint Operations Board**
30 **membership to be brought before the vote at the January 2025 Board meeting.**

31 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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