

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 1:00PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2025  
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11 MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

24 MEMBERS ABSENT:

25 Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr  
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27 OTHERS PRESENT:

28 Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA  
29 Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA  
30 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA  
31 Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA  
32 Alan Fulton, Eng. Tech 2-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 thirty-seven (37) visitors.  
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38 Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order. Mr. Fulton offered the Prayer and Mr.

39 Gibbs led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret was absent;  
40 however, a quorum was established.

41 Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions and  
42 deletions. Mrs. Anderson stated that staff would like to table under Old Business Item #1-  
43 By-law Changes since Mr. Foret was unable to attend due to illness. Mr. Gibbs asked for  
44 a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda and to adopt the amended agenda?

45 Mrs. Garcie moved, seconded by Mr. Fulton to amend the agenda as requested.

46 Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to adopt  
47 the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

48 Mr. Gibbs stated that everyone present needed to move the Learning Center  
49 downstairs to watch the second Orientation presentation. Mr. Vidrine moved seconded

1 by Mr. Moore to reconvene the regular Board Meeting at 1 PM in the Ballroom.  
2 Motion carried unanimously.

3 Mr. Gibbs stated that the minutes of the December 5, 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. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Fulton to approve the circulated  
6 minutes of the Board meeting of December 5, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

7 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gibbs opened the floor for nominations for  
8 Chairman. Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Goodeaux and nominations cease, seconded  
9 by Mr. Fulton. Hearing no objections, Mr. Goodeaux was elected by acclamation.

10 STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-Deputy Director's Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated  
11 that she wanted to give an update about the Christmas lighting activity. She stated that  
12 2028 cars came to Cypress Bend Park to see the lights, fees received were \$19,610 and  
13 the total days the event ran was nineteen. She stated that advertising for the event was  
14 made possible by switching our funds from the life jacket giveaway to a 30-minute show  
15 along with several thirty-second clips on KTBS Channel 3 out of Shreveport. She stated  
16 that staff continues to work with FEMA to recoup the remaining funds from the 2016  
17 storm for the debris removal at the Diversion Canal. She stated that hopefully this will be  
18 settled soon for the outstanding balance of approximately \$500,000. She stated that she  
19 is serving on the "Steering Committee" for Sabine Parish which consists of several  
20 interested individuals that would like to see what is needed for growth within the area.

21 Item #2-TBPJO- Power House Operations: Mr. Fulton stated that year-to-date  
22 thru February 19<sup>th</sup>, run hours were Unit #1-737 hrs. and Unit #2-906 hrs. He stated that  
23 total generation year-to-date thru February 19<sup>th</sup> was 61,184 MWH. He stated that the  
24 guide calls for attempting to maintain a level of 168'MSL. Emergency Spillway

25 Generator: He stated that the new generator, transfer switch and fuel tank are in place;  
26 however, there was an issue with ventilation which the Contractor is working to resolve.  
27 He stated that the wire rope had to be replaced and Alltech Engineering has been onsite  
28 since removing the old wire ropes. He stated that stoplogs were installed in Gate #1 on  
29 February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Reservoir Levels/Status: He stated that the average reservoir  
30 level for as for December was 168.32'MSL, January 2025 was 169.27'MSL and through  
31 February 171.40'MSL. RELEASES: He stated that as of February 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, 921,158

1 ACFE has been released through the Power House and releases through the Spillway was  
2 1,877 AC FE, bringing the total releases to 935,960 AC FE. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He  
3 stated that Certec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for  
4 NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House. He stated that a meeting was  
5 held with FERC & HDR on January 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 11<sup>th</sup> Part 12D Compliance  
6 Assessment. He stated that HDR provided a draft of Comprehensive Assessment Report  
7 for review and comment last week. He stated that the final version will be ready for FER  
8 by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to meet the submission deadline of March 1st.

9 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that permitting  
10 activity from November 21, 2024 to February 20, 2025 was as follows: (9) new structure  
11 permits, (28) transferred structure permits, (1) new water withdrawal(s), (6) transferred  
12 water withdrawals, (5) cancelled water withdrawal, (1) shoreline improvement (erosion  
13 control/dredge), (13) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**  
14 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-transferred water  
15 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 1- new structures;  
16 3-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-  
17 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zvolle area:** 3-new structures; 7-transferred  
18 structure; 0-new water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal; 2- cancelled water  
19 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 4-new structures; 14-transferred structures; 1-  
20 new water withdrawal; 4-transferred water withdrawal; 2-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-  
21 shoreline improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 1-new structures; 4-transferred structures; 0-  
22 new water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal.

23 **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** None. **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** He stated  
24 that there were no encroachment corrections. **OTHER:** He stated that staff is currently  
25 addressing the encroachment issues at Shadow's Landing as well as Tranquility Bay. He  
26 stated that SRA counsel is currently preparing a document to cancel existing leaseback  
27 contracts for non-compliance of encroachment issues and failure to follow permitting  
28 requirements. He stated that SRA has also secured the assistance of Mr. Doug Dockens,  
29 a local surveyor to assist with the mapping of the encroached homes.

30 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Remedies stated that prep work  
31 that was needed in order to begin the asphalt work at Pleasure Point Park is complete and



1 waiting for Apeck Construction to mobilize. He stated that the final load of concrete mats  
2 for the seawall at Pleasure Point has been delivered; however, the crew cannot move  
3 forward with this project due to the high lake level. He stated that the old pavilion at San  
4 Miguel has been taken down to its original construction and staff is discussing how to  
5 proceed with either leaving as an "open-air" pavilion or remove it totally. He stated that  
6 the crew has been doing work at Park Site #3- "Cow Bayou" where an old abandoned RV  
7 had to be removed and road work was done on the entrance road and boat launch. He  
8 stated that the crew has been working on removing dead trees at Park Sites 4, 7A, 11 and  
9 15. He stated that the crew had expanded the parking lot at the Blue Lake launch by  
10 removing several trees and brush, hauled fill dirt to level the area, and dumped 12 loads  
11 of rock to cover the parking area. He stated that the second phase of the sewer drain  
12 repair at Cypress Bend Resort Conference Center which is to repair the employee  
13 bathroom next to the kitchen. **SRD:** He stated that the Capital Project #15-Meter  
14 Upgrade, has plans to move forward and possible expansion of this project which he  
15 would discuss at the next meeting. He stated that Project #7-Upgrade of the SCADA  
16 System is installed and Sycon is planning a closeout meeting at which time staff will  
17 walk through to ensure we are communicating properly and receiving the desired data.  
18 He stated that it's hopeful by the next meeting, this Project will be ready for closeout. He  
19 stated that the crew had repaired 380ft of erosion on the inside of our levee at Gate #1  
20 and will continue as soon as the levee dries up to complete the other approximate 420ft.  
21 he stated that the cat walks at Pump Station #1 and #4 which hold our water elevation  
22 instruments have been replaced due to rotten posts and supports. He stated that at Pump  
23 #2 at Pump Station #1 which had to be rebuilt is ready for installation and staff will meet  
24 with RuHrPumpen to coordinate delivery and installation.

25 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ford stated that for the Diversion Canal Division totals  
26 for November showed revenues of \$681,276.78, expenses of \$342,502.25 leaving a profit  
27 of \$338,774.53; December revenues were \$650,203.19, expenses were \$289,948.13  
28 leaving a profit of \$360,255.06 and January 2025 revenues were \$555,735.33, expenses  
29 were \$410,842.86 leaving a profit of \$144,892.47 with year-to-date total revenues  
30 \$4,507,600.41, expenses \$2,613,101.15 leaving a profit of \$1,894,499.26. She stated that  
31 the Toledo Bend Division revenues for November were \$369,156.45, expenses were

1 \$2293,282.95 showing a profit of \$75,873.50; December revenues were \$827,974,.87,  
2 expenses were \$962,264.27 leaving a loss of \$134,289.40 and January 2025 revenues  
3 were \$1,414688.53, expenses were \$1,690,229.92 leaving a loss of \$275,541.39 with  
4 year-to-date total revenues \$6,133,681.29, expenses \$6,459,980.00 leaving a deficit of  
5 \$326,298.71. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Garcie to approve staff reports**  
6 **as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

7 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

8 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

9 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1- The Center for Performance Excellence**  
10 **(CPEX):** Mr. Founds stated that CPEX was the group hired to perform a survey  
11 prompting area businesses, visitors, and local residents to attend meeting(s) to provide  
12 input as to what they felt was necessary to improve the Toledo Bend Reservoir and  
13 surrounding area which would be used to develop a plan for the future. This vision for the  
14 future can help set proprieties for the reservoir as well as development of the areas such  
15 as infrastructure, land use policy environmental preservation and economic development.

16 **Item #2-Review Handout of Proposed By-law changes for January Vote:**  
17 Tabled until March 2025 meeting.

18 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

19 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

20 1) **Diversion Canal:** No meeting.

21 2) **Toledo Bend Division:** No meeting.

22 3) **Parks:** No meeting.

23 4) **Finance:** No meeting.

24 5) **Cypress Bend Golf Resort:** No meeting.

25 6) **Toledo Bend Project Operations:** No meeting.

26 **LEGAL REPORT:** None.

27 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated he had no report.

28 At the request of Mr. Fulton, Mr. Founds gave a brief update on lake level and water  
29 sales. He explained how the Operational Guidelines Setup is used for the fluctuating lake  
30 level(s) at various times of the year. He expressed that at the current time there was no  
31 letter of intent from any company to ask about a water sale to Texas or anywhere;  
32 however, will there be one in the future, he stated that possibly but it would be up the  
33 Governor as to whether if there was an interest in pursuing a water sale from Toledo  
34 Bend Reservoir and what was the best procedure for moving forward if necessary.

1 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 1  
2 PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

3 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

4 Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried  
5 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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9 BYRON GIBBS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

10 ATTEST:   
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SHANE JEANÉ, SECRETARY