

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT LEARNING CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Byron Gibbs, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary
Mr. Conrad Cathey
Mrs. Rhonda Cupit
Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr
Mrs. Anna Garcie
Mr. Gary Moore
Mr. Ricky Moses
Mr. Michael Norton
Mr. Matthew Rains
Mr. Stanley Vidrine

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr

OTHERS PRESENT:

Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Alan Fulton, Eng. Tech 2-SRA, Many, LA
Joey Remedies, Fac. Maint. Mgr C-SRA, Many, LA
Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA

There were ten (10) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Fulton offered the Prayer and Mr.
Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret was absent;
however, a quorum was established.
Mr. Goodeaux stated that a request has been made to move Special Reports-
Sabine Medical Center after approval of the minutes so our visitors can leave. Mr.
Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Garcie to amend the agenda as requested and to
adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting were in
the packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no
corrections. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the circulated
minutes of the Board meeting of February 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

1 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Dale Anderson, CEO of Sabine Medical Center
2 thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and presented a slide show discussing the
3 various services of the facilities as well as their interest in community growth.

4 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-Deputy Director's Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated
5 no report.

6 **Item #2-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Fulton stated that year-to-date
7 thru March 17th, run hours were Unit #1-1,361 hrs. and Unit #2-1,530 hrs. He stated that
8 total generation year-to-date thru March 17th was 107,984 MWH. He stated that the
9 guide calls for attempting to maintain a level of 169.5'MSL. **Emergency Spillway**

10 **Generator:** He stated that the ventilation issue has been resolved by the Contractor. He
11 stated that the wire rope replacement has been completed. He stated that stoplogs were
12 installed in Gate #1 on March 17th, 2025. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that the
13 average reservoir level for as for February 170.51'MSL. **RELEASES:** He stated that as
14 of March 17th 2025, 921,158 ACFT has been released through the Power House and
15 releases through the Spillway was 1,644,708AC FT, bringing the total releases to
16 1,836,535 AC FT. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec Corporation continues
17 to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues
18 for Power House. He stated that the 11th Part 12D Compliance Assessment Review was
19 filed with FERC on February 27, 2025. He stated that a meeting has been scheduled with
20 FERC for May 7th to review any issues with the Compliance Assessment.

21 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that permitting
22 activity from February 20, 2025 to March 20, 2025 was as follows: (5) new structure
23 permits, (14) transferred structure permits, (1) new water withdrawal(s), (0) transferred
24 water withdrawals, (0) cancelled water withdrawal, (0) shoreline improvement (erosion
25 control/dredge), (3) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**
26 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-transferred water
27 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0- new structures;
28 1-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-
29 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 3-new structures; 1-transferred
30 structure; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water
31 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 2-new structures; 11-transferred structures; 1-

1 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal; 0-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-
2 shoreline improvements. **SOUTH-Florien:** 0-new structures; 1-transferred structures; 0-
3 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal.
4 **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** Cape Belle Vue 36 Lot Subdivision 212.62 acres in
5 Section #17 and 20, T7N-R13W. **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** He stated that
6 there was correction cleared at 272 Nightingale Drive, Noble, LA. **OTHER:** He stated
7 that no new business to report.

8 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Remedies stated that the
9 Pleasure Point Overlay project is to begin on March 31st to begin asphaltting the RV pads
10 and is to be completed if weather permits by April 4th by Apeck Construction. He stated
11 that Phase 2 of the drain repairs which are underway with the new piping installed as well
12 as the drywall at the Cypress Bend Conference Center. He stated that the crew has been
13 under brushing the RV section at Cypress Bend Park which was encroaching on the pad
14 sites. He stated that the crew painted the playground equipment at San Miguel Park and
15 has started on the playground equipment at Pendleton. He continued that the crew has
16 rebuilt the information board at the boat launch at Cypress Bend, San Miguel, and Oak
17 Ridge Parks. **SRD:** He stated that Pump #2 (rebuilt) for Pump Station #1 along with the
18 motor to be setup by Precision Performance Pump Service next week. He stated that the
19 new 600hp motor for Pump #4 at Pump Station #1 is expected to be delivered next week
20 and will be stored until the actual pump arrives hopefully in June. He stated that the
21 SCADA System Project is not ready for closeout due to not being able to schedule the
22 final inspection with Sycon International since their lead man is out of state. He stated
23 that the crew has sanded and painted their fuel tanks, mowed and weeded all the road
24 crossings on the canal system.

25 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ford stated that for the Diversion Canal Division totals
26 for February showed revenues of \$536,005.16, expenses of \$315,430.44 leaving a profit
27 of \$220,574.72 with year-to-date total revenues \$5,043,605.37, expenses \$2,928,531.59
28 leaving a profit of \$2,115,073.98. She stated that the Toledo Bend Division revenues for
29 February were \$1,559,818.68, expenses were \$1,226,506.38 showing a profit of
30 \$333,312.30 with year-to-date total revenues \$7,693,499.97, expenses \$7,686,486.38

1 leaving a profit of \$7,013.59. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Garcie to approve
2 staff reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

4 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1- Discuss SRD Capital Project #15: Mr. Remedies
5 stated that Project #15 is to upgrade meters and equipment. He stated that the initial
6 projected cost of this project in 2018 was \$500,000; however, prices have increased since
7 this project was established as a need and in order to complete this project, it is necessary
8 to re-allocate some funds. He stated that staff would like to expand this project and extra
9 funds would be needed to complete the overall project with the extension. He stated that
10 with the lightning strike at Pump Station #4, that meter alone to replace was \$60,000.00.
11 He continued that the expansion would help improve our metering services to collect data
12 to be sent back to the office to calculate the billing. He stated that the request is to move
13 funds from Project #17-Erosion Repair and Discharge Apron which had \$1,000,000, only
14 expensed \$14,946.13 leaving a balance of \$985,053.87 and to move \$600,000.00 into
15 Project #15 bringing the total cost of the project to \$1,100,000. He stated that after a
16 discussion with Meyer & Associates, it was decided it was not necessary to concrete the
17 discharge apron saving the agency money. Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit
18 to approve expanding Project #15-Update Meter/Equipment and to move
19 \$600,000.00 from Project #17-Erosion Repair and Discharge Apron to have funding
20 to complete Project #15. Motion carried unanimously.

21 Item #2-Review Handout of Proposed By-law changes for January Vote:
22 Tabled until April 2025 meeting.

23 NEW BUSINESS: None.

24 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

25 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.

26 2) Toledo Bend Division: No meeting.

27 3) Parks: Mr. Jeane stated that the Committee has met prior to the Board
28 meeting. He stated that Mrs. Ferguson provided a power point presentation for
29 those present to review, discuss and make recommendations to the Board. He
30 stated that there have been some really great improvements to all the parks over
31 the past several years which has brought the parks' operations close to being in
32 the black. He continued that there are still some ongoing projects that are not
33 complete or at a standstill due to certain conditions. He stated that there are
34 several items that the Committee recommends that the Board approve today.

35 Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Cathey to adopt the suggested rule
36 changes which was to include a cleaning fee of \$50 to a cabin rental if the

1 visitor does not wash the dishes and remove the garbage, decrease the
2 Senior/Disabled Veteran and ten-nights or more discount rate to 20% with
3 only one individual receiving the discount to be effective April 1, 2025.
4 Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cathey moved, seconded by Mrs. Garcie
5 to approve the rate changes which include increased cabin rates at San
6 Miguel to \$100/\$120 A-frame and \$120/\$135 Conventional per season; at
7 Cypress Bend \$130/\$145 per night per season, and to increase the Pet Fee to
8 \$50 for one pet per stay that will be effective April 1, 2025, but for
9 reservations made starting May 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. Mr.
10 Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Cathey to approve additional park
11 improvements: beginning with Pleasure Point projects to install Beach area
12 culvert, build bath house, and Laundry Storage facility at the approximate
13 cost of \$200,000; Cypress Bend projects include Roof RV Bath houses and
14 laundry, update cabins, Repair and Extend Jetty, install culverts for
15 drainage, extend and roof Maintenance Shed, re-locate RV Hook-ups and
16 repair Beach wall/apron at the approximate cost of \$440,000; San Miguel
17 projects Roof picnic shelters, Bath house, Maintenance Shed and Customer
18 Laundry, Add RV Pads in the Old Enclosed Pavilion Area, update Interior
19 of Cabins, Iron Entrance/Exit Gate, Re-locate & Roof Picnic Shelters and
20 Construct Seawall at Beach Area at the approximate cost of \$355,000 and
21 Pendleton Office & Park Projects to construct Bay for Buoy
22 Production/Storage, Update Pendleton Park area and Repair/Replace
23 necessary Items at Pendleton Building at the approximate of \$250,000 which
24 brings the total approximate cost of all the projects to \$1,245,000. Motion
25 carried unanimously.
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27 4) Finance: Mr. Fulton stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board and
28 at that time, he had been elected Chairman of the Committee. He stated that the
29 Committee received an update from Mr. Remedies on various projects. He stated
30 that the Budget for FY'25-'26 was circulated within the meeting packet. He
31 stated that the Committee had reviewed, discussed, approved, and are
recommending for adoption the Budget for FY'25-'26. Mr. Fulton moved,

1 seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the Budget FY'25-'26 at a total of
2 \$11,086,011.63 as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3 5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort: No meeting.

4 6) Toledo Bend Project Operations: No meeting.

5 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Founds stated that SRA Texas and Louisiana received a
6 favorable decision on the flooding case; however, it is felt that the group will file an
7 appeal. He stated that the attorneys for the group have 30-60 days to file the appeal.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Founds stated the Texas
9 Legislative Session has a bill proposed to allocate \$1 billion dollars for water
10 infrastructure in order to service areas that are in need of water for businesses and
11 residents. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the Legal and
12 Executive Director's reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, April 24, 2025, at
14 1 PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

15 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

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20 NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN
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23 ATTEST: 
24 SHANE JEANE, SECRETARY