

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 MAY 22, 2025
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11 MEMBERS PRESENT:

12 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, 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. Gary Moore
19 Mr. Ricky Moses
20 Mr. Michael Norton
21 Mr. Matthew Rains
22 Mr. Stanley Vidrine

23 MEMBERS ABSENT:

24 Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr
25 Mr. Byron Gibbs
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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 Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
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35 There were six (6) visitors.
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37 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Fulton offered the Prayer and Mr.

38 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret and Mr.

39 Gibbs were absent; however, a quorum was established.

40 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting were in the

41 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no

42 corrections. Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mrs. Garcie to approve the circulated

43 minutes of the Board meeting of March 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

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

45 stated that year-to-date thru April 11th, run hours were Unit #1-2,333 hrs. and Unit #2-

46 2,747 hrs. He stated that total generation year-to-date thru April 11th was 189,443 MWH.

47 He stated that the guide calls for attempting to maintain a level of 170.0' MSL for the first

48 half of April and 171.0 MSL for the second half of the month. **Emergency Spillway**

49 **Generator:** He stated that the change order circulated for final changes and approved.

1 **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that the average reservoir level for as for March was
2 170.92' MSL, April was 171.25' MSL and level to-date May 11th was 172.45' MSL.
3 **RELEASES:** He stated that as of May 11th 2025, 2,928,276 ACFT has been released
4 through the Power House and releases through the Spillway was 1,644,708 AC FT,
5 bringing the total releases to 3,425,689 AC FT. **ADVISORIES:** He stated that the first
6 advisory was released on May 7th at 7:45am when the reservoir reached 172.20' MSL
7 (Operations). He continued that the next advisory was issued at 3am on May 8th for
8 potential water releases since the level had reached 172.36' MSL. He stated that on May
9 8th at 7:13pm Advisory #3 was issued when the level reached 172.50' MSL and five (5)
10 gates were opened to 1ft. He stated that Advisory #4 was issued at 3pm on May 10th
11 when the level reached 172.74' MSL and eleven (11) gates were opened at 1ft. He stated
12 that the last advisory was issued on May 15th. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that
13 Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for
14 NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House. He stated that the 11th Part 12D
15 Compliance Assessment Review was filed with FERC on February 27, 2025. He stated
16 that a meeting was held with FERC and HDR on May 7th to review any issues with the
17 Compliance Assessment and awaiting final comments from FERC which will be sent to
18 HDR for final changes.

19 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that permitting
20 activity from March 20, 2025 to May 15, 2025 was as follows: (6) new structure permits,
21 (40) transferred structure permits, (2) new water withdrawal(s), (2) transferred water
22 withdrawals, (2) cancelled water withdrawal, (3) shoreline improvement (erosion
23 control/dredge), (8) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**
24 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 3-transferred structures; 0-transferred water
25 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0- new structures;
26 0-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-
27 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 3-new structures; 9-transferred
28 structure; 1-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal; 1- cancelled water
29 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 2-new structures; 21-transferred structures; 1-
30 new water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal; 0-cancelled water withdrawals.
31 **SOUTH-Florien:** 1-new structures; 7-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 1-

1 transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal. **FLOWAGE**
2 **EASEMENTS:** None. **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** None. **OTHER:** He
3 stated that no new business to report.

4 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that Mr.

5 Remedies was out and she would give a brief update. She stated that before she gave the
6 update on the parks, she would like to let the Board know that Mr. Strother had taken
7 over Shoreline about three years ago and since that time, the agency has purchased a
8 program to enhance the data base in order to track movement of property in the way of
9 sales or inheritance so that permit letters could be issued to the “new” property owner
10 informing them the necessity of transferring their current permits to the rightful owner.

11 She stated that along with Chad and herself, the data base is much more current and
12 accessible. She stated that the overlay project at Pleasure Point is completed. She stated
13 that at Site #10-Pendleton Office Park, staff has begun work on clearing some trees and
14 building a new beach area. She stated that sand has been provided to Cypress Bend and
15 San Miguel for the beach areas at those locations. She stated that the kiosk signs at

16 Cypress Bend Parkway and at the Pendleton Office Park at both need to be repaired and
17 new information panels installed which is a work in progress. She stated that plans are to
18 install “swing arm” gates at San Miguel to replace the single arm gates that have been
19 broken several times in the past. She stated that Cypress Bend Road has been striped.

20 She stated that the employee bathroom at Cypress Bend Resort has been repaired and
21 reconnected. **SRD:** She stated that Pump #2 (rebuilt) for Pump Station #1 along with
22 the motor to be setup by Precision Performance Pump Service is in process and the
23 SCADA system project is complete and hopefully can be closed-out next month. During
24 her report it was asked for staff to prepare a complete occupancy report for FY’23-’24 or
25 even calendar year 2024 whichever was most convenient. Mrs. Ferguson stated that staff
26 could provide the information at the next Board meeting.

27 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ford stated that for the Diversion Canal Division totals
28 for March showed revenues of \$654,589.16, expenses of \$326,631.16 leaving a profit of
29 \$327,958.00 with year-to-date total revenues \$5,698,194.73, expenses \$3,255,162.75
30 leaving a profit of \$2,443,031.988. She stated that the Toledo Bend Division revenues for
31 March were \$1,654,937.85, expenses were \$852,960.30 showing a profit of \$801,977.55

1 with year-to-date total revenues \$9,348,437.82, expenses \$8,539,446.68 leaving a profit
2 of \$808,991.14. **Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve staff reports**
3 **as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

5 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

6 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

10 **3) Parks:** Mr. Jeane stated that the minutes of March 27th meeting were included
11 in the packet. **Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the**
12 **circulated minutes of the March 27, 2025 Parks Committee Meeting. Motion**
13 **carried unanimously.**

14 **4) Finance:** Mr. Fulton stated that the minutes of March 27th meeting were
15 included in the packet for review. **Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mr. Cathey**
16 **to approve the circulated minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of**
17 **March 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

20 **LEGAL REPORT:** No report.

21 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that as previously
22 discussed, the Letter of Intent that was signed to move forward with a possible out-of-
23 state water sales had expired in October 2024. He stated that initially that letter requested
24 a long term water sale and reservation contract of 800,000 acre feet of water from Toledo
25 Bend Reservoir each year. He stated that discussion was held and the amount decreased
26 to 600,000 acre feet leaving many legal issues to be resolved; however, under the
27 previous administration's denial of our attorneys' contract who were working on this the
28 process stalled. He stated that he had two meetings the first one with the Governor's
29 staff, and later with the Governor and Senator Reese to discuss the issues about an out-of-
30 state water sale. He stated that at the first meeting, the focus was the effect a water sale
31 would have on the river below the dam and SRA's ability to maintain the minimum
32 downstream flows from the reservoir as well as the economic benefits that could be

1 derived from a water sale both for SRA and the State. He stated at the meeting with the
2 Governor, it was discussed what was the purpose of looking into a possible water sale
3 which is to replace the dependency on power generation revenues as well as the possible
4 benefits from such a sale for the Agency and the State. He stated that during the
5 discussion such items that were brought to attention was what approvals were needed,
6 sharing of funds, and the way to get these approvals. He stated also discussed was if the
7 funds would have to be shared with SRA Texas as per the Sabine River Compact and
8 would this require action from both boards and if SRA TX would like to be a part of the
9 agreement. He stated that the Aqueduct Partners is interested in pursuing the sale
10 however, their main question is whether or not SRALA is still willing to sell water and
11 forward with an agreement. He stated that staff needs some direction as to what is the
12 next step. During the discussion, it was decided that the Board members would compile
13 a list of questions to be sent to the SRALA staff to be compiled and forwarded to
14 Aqueduct Partners for answers prior to the next meeting and at that time, a decision
15 would be made as to whether to move forward or not. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by**
16 **Mr. Jeane to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried**
17 **unanimously.**

18 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, June 26, 2025, at
19 1 PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

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

21 **Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**
22 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.**

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25 NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN
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28 **ATTEST:** 
29 SHANE JEANE, SECRETARY