

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 JUNE 26, 2025  
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11 MEMBERS PRESENT:

12 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman  
13 Mr. Byron Gibbs, Vice-Chairman  
14 Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary  
15 Mr. Conrad Cathey  
16 Mrs. Rhonda Cupit  
17 Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr  
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 Mrs. Anna Garcie

26 OTHERS PRESENT:

27 Warren Founds, 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 Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA  
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34 There were sixty-four (64) visitors.  
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36 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Gibbs offered the Prayer and Mr.

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

38 Garcie were absent; however, a quorum was established.

39 Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions

40 or deletions. Mr. Norton moved to add under New Business, Item #8 - "Discuss and

41 authorize setting the minimum price for water sales from the Sabine River

42 Authority to non-governmental entities, excluding Water Boards; motion seconded

43 by Mr. Rains. Motion carried. Mrs. Anderson stated that staff is requesting to

44 move to Special Reports, Item #2 – "Discuss Extension of Letter of Intent with

45 Aqueduct Partners under Old Business. Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mrs.

46 Cupit adopt the amended agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

47 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the May 22, 2025 meeting were in the  
48 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no

1 corrections. **Mr. Fulton** moved, seconded by **Mrs. Cupit** to approve the circulated  
2 minutes of the Board meeting of May 22, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

3       **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Fulton  
4 stated that year-to-date thru June 16th, run hours were Unit #1-2,882 hrs. and Unit #2-  
5 3,408 hrs. He stated that total generation year-to-date thru June 16<sup>th</sup> was 234,545 MWH.  
6 He stated that May through September, generation is allowed between 172.0' msl and  
7 168.0' msl. **Emergency Spillway Generator:** He stated that E.P. Breaux plans to  
8 mobilize in July to complete the change order. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that  
9 the average reservoir level for as for May was 171.82' msl. **RELEASES:** He stated that  
10 as of June 16<sup>th</sup> 2025, 3,483,409 ACFT had been released through the Power House and  
11 releases through the Spillway and P.H. leakage was 184,248 AC FT, bringing the total  
12 releases to 3,667,657 AC FT. He stated that the total calculated inflows this year as of  
13 June 16<sup>th</sup> was 4,030,287 ACFT. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certec  
14 Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for  
15 NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House. He stated that HDR was on site  
16 the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> to fulfill FERC required security assessment.

17       **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that permitting  
18 activity from May 15, 2025 to June 18, 2025 was as follows: (2) new structure permits,  
19 (12) transferred structure permits, (2) new water withdrawal(s), (3) transferred water  
20 withdrawals, (0) cancelled water withdrawal, (1) shoreline improvement (erosion  
21 control/dredge), (3) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**  
22 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 2-transferred structures; 0-transferred water  
23 withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0- new structures;  
24 0-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-  
25 cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 1-new structures; 1-transferred  
26 structure; 2-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal; 0- cancelled water  
27 withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 0-new structures; 8-transferred structures; 0-new  
28 water withdrawal; 3-transferred water; 8-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal;  
29 3-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **SOUTH-FLORIEN:**  
30 1-new structure; 1-transferred structure; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-cancelled water

1 withdrawal. **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** None. **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:**  
2 None. **OTHER:** He stated that no new business to report.

3 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Remedies stated that the crew  
4 has been busy. He stated that SRA Employee-Billy Nixon has built the gates for the  
5 entrance for San Miguel Park and Gibraltar Fence Company has been contacted for a  
6 quote for gate operators. He stated that cabin renovations at San Miguel and Cypress  
7 Bend Park are underway. He stated that the Site 15-Pleasure Point Overlay project is  
8 complete with only a few areas to be “dressed up”. He stated that during the process,  
9 there were 3 new RV pads built and are in the rental pool. He stated that beach area at  
10 Site 10-Pendleton Office has been relocated. He stated that the old enclosed pavilion at  
11 Site 7A-San Miguel has been torn down. He continued that at San Miguel, the crew has  
12 replaced a septic tank at Cabin #15 and have also began removing from the water and  
13 disposing of all the abandoned boat houses located down behind Cabin #12. He stated  
14 that the buoy crew has been busy replacing/relining through various areas of the  
15 reservoir. **SRD:** Mr. Remedies stated that the crew has been busy moving the levee  
16 system. He stated that the crew has been sand blasting and washing pipelines at Pump  
17 Station #3 and #4. He stated that the crew has been removing Giant Salvinia with the  
18 excavator and a grass bucket while waiting on the herbicide to arrive. He stated that a  
19 “closeout meeting” has been scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Capital Project #7-SCADA  
20 System upgrade since all work is now completed. He stated that Project #15-Metering is  
21 moving forward. He stated that Pump #2 at Pump Station #1 is scheduled to have the left  
22 set and run test the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Pump#4 at Pump Station #1 is ready  
23 for installation as soon as Meyers completes the discharge, work platform and install the  
24 base plate. He stated that Aqua One Diving is helping to investigate the Siphon Leak at  
25 the Nelson Spur which has been temporarily patched until staff can explore other options  
26 on a permanent repair.

27 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ford stated that for the Diversion Canal Division totals  
28 for May showed revenues of \$566,469.96, expenses of \$312,629.68 leaving a profit of  
29 \$253,840.28 with year-to-date total revenues \$6,973,310.67, expenses \$3,871,469.14  
30 leaving a profit of \$3,101,841.53. She stated that the Toledo Bend Division revenues for  
31 May were \$1,594,634.37, expenses were \$931,412.09 showing a profit of \$663,222.28

1 with year-to-date total revenues \$12,524,221.04, expenses \$10,414,931.49 leaving a  
2 profit of \$2,109,289.55. **Mr. Jeane moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve staff**  
3 **reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Founds, SRA Executive Director and Mr. Alan  
5 Fulton, SRA Project Engineer gave a presentation on “Understanding Water Levels on  
6 Toledo Bend Reservoir”. He began with some of the historical information concerning  
7 the reservoir. Mr. Founds explained how the Federal Entergy Regulatory Commission  
8 approved Operating Guide for the Toledo Bend Reservoir as well as the Power  
9 Generation Schedule for the months of May through September affects the water levels  
10 during the year. He and Mr. Fulton explained that by using average year water inflows,  
11 releases either through the Generators or the Spillway Gates or both, help to achieve the  
12 necessary levels. He stated that this presentation will be posted on the Sabine River  
13 Authority of Louisiana website for those who are interested in reviewing it again. There  
14 was time allotted for questions and answers.

15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Those present who addressed the Board concerning the  
16 out-of-state water sale was Philip Martin, Kathy Robertson, Mike Hubbell, Don Gauthier  
17 and Terry Johnson. Discussions were property value, draining the lake when drought  
18 conditions occur, and protecting their investments whether residential or commercial.

19 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Final Acceptance of Budget FY’25-’26.** Mrs. Ford  
20 stated that the initial budget approved by the Board for submission to the Legislative  
21 Budget Committee in April did not include the items for Toledo Bend Project Operations.  
22 She stated that the budget included in the packet did not have those inclusions, however  
23 she presented each member with the updated version with those projections. She stated  
24 that staff is recommending that the Board approve the final budget as presented for FY  
25 ‘25-’26. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Moses to accept the final budget for**  
26 **FY’25-’26 in the revenue amount of \$17,155,632.00 with the expense amount of**  
27 **\$20,858,132.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

28 **Item #2-Discuss Extension of Letter of Intent with Aqueduct Partners:** Mr.  
29 Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to table any further discussions until the  
30 next meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

31 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and**  
32 **Secretary:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that the floor was opened for nominations for all

33 offices. **Mr. Vidrine nominated Mr. Goodeaux-Chairman, Mr. Gibbs-Vice-**

34 **Chairman and Mr. Jeane-Secretary and that the nominations cease; seconded by**

35 **Mr. Sam Fulton. Motion carried unanimously.**



1           **Item #2-Selection of Official Journal-The Sabine Index:** Mrs. Ferguson stated  
2           that at the end of each fiscal year, before the new year starts, this is an item that needs to  
3           be addressed. She stated that in the Statutes, the official journal must be housed in the  
4           domicile parish of the agency, therefore, since The Sabine Index is the only local  
5           newspaper it is the only one eligible. **Mr. Cathey moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to**  
6           **approve the selection of The Sabine Index as the Official Journal of the agency.**  
7           **Motion carried unanimously.**

8           **Item #3- Adopt Resolution for Delegation of Appointing Authority:** Mrs.  
9           Ferguson stated that this item is also one that is renewed each year authorizing the  
10          Executive Director the authority to handle employee issues per Civil Service  
11          Requirements. **Mr. Cathey moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to adopt the resolution**  
12          **for Delegation of Appointing Authority for the Agency. Motion carried**  
13          **unanimously.**

14          **Item #4-Adopt Resolution for Purchasing Authority:** Mrs. Ferguson stated  
15          that this resolution is renewed authorizing the Executive Director's expending funds up to  
16          \$25,000 and execute any necessary documents. **Mr. Moses moved, seconded by Mr.**  
17          **Sam Fulton to adopt the resolution for Purchasing Authority up to \$25,000 by the**  
18          **Executive Director and to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried**  
19          **unanimously.**

20          **Item #5-Approve the Legislative Compliance Questionnaire:** Mrs. Ford stated  
21          that the questionnaire was included in the board meeting packet. She continued that if  
22          there no questions or corrections, staff would request that this be approved. **Mr. Cathey**  
23          **moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Legislative Compliance**  
24          **Questionnaire and adopt the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.**

25          **Item #6-Adopt Banking Resolution:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that a previous  
26          resolution had been prepared and adopted by the Board, however, Hancock Whitney  
27          asked that the Board adopt or approve the Banking Resolution that was provided by  
28          them. **Mr. Cathey moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to adopt the Banking Resolution**  
29          **for Hancock Whitney Bank. Motion carried unanimously.**

30          **Item #7-Approve Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLC Contract:** Mrs.  
31          Ford stated that it is time to renew this contract. She stated that it includes the State rate

1 for counsel services in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr.  
2 **Vidrine to approve the renewal of the Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLC**  
3 **contract in the amount of \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 **Item #8-Discuss and Authorize setting the minimum price for water sales**  
5 **from the Sabine River Authority to non-governmental entities, excluding Water**  
6 **Boards:** Mr. Norton stated that he would like to discuss increasing the price of water  
7 that is sold to the non-governmental entities that use the water for purposes other than  
8 consumption per thousand gallons. He stated that SRA Texas was receiving more per  
9 thousand than SRALA, so perhaps it's time to raise the rates. Mr. Founds asked if he  
10 meant that our industrial customer(s) should pay more for purchasing water from the  
11 reservoir? He stated that initially all things taken into consideration, the Board assessed  
12 the cost of water so that it would be fair amongst the customer base especially those  
13 considered as "short term" contracts vs "long term" contracts. He stated that the price  
14 was set for "fracking" water purchased (short term) from the reservoir vs industrial  
15 purchase (long term). Mr. Goodeaux stated that he would like to appoint a Water Sales  
16 Committee to address the questions or issues concerning the sale of water from the  
17 reservoir and his plan was to appoint this Committee next month.

18 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he had received information that the  
26 longstanding suit has been dismissed due to the "striking" of the Plaintiff's expert witness  
27 report and secondly it does not prevent the Plaintiff from starting the appeal process due  
28 to the dismissal of the case. He stated that time will tell if an appeal is filed.

29 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated he had no further  
30 report. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the Legal and  
31 **Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, July24, 2025, at 1  
2 PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

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

4 Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried

5 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN



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BYRON GIBBS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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17 SHANE JEANE, SECRETARY