

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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**  
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**    **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**  
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                                   **Mr. Gary Moore**  
18                                   **Mr. Ricky Moses**  
19                                   **Mr. Michael Norton**  
20                                   **Mr. Matthew Rains**  
21                                   **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**  
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23 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     **Mrs. Anna Garcie**  
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25 **OTHERS PRESENT:**     **Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**  
26                                   **Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA**  
27                                   **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**  
28                                   **Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
29                                   **Alan Fulton, Engineer 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
30                                   **Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
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32                                   **There were one hundred and twenty (120) visitors.**  
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35                   Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Moore offered the Prayer and Mr.  
36 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mrs. Garcie was  
37 absent; however, a quorum was established.

38                   Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions  
39 or deletions. Mr. Founds stated that staff is requesting to move under New Business,  
40 Item #1- Accept Annual Audit Report on FY'24-'25 by Griffin and Furman, LLC before  
41 staff reports. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton to amend the agenda**  
42 **as stated. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine**  
43 **to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

44                   Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting were in the  
45 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no  
46 corrections. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the circulated**  
47 **minutes of the Board meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.**

1           **NB Item #1-Accept Annual Audit Report on FY'24-'25 by Griffin &**  
2   **Furman, LLC:** Mrs. Ford stated that the auditor would be doing “zoom” presentation  
3   and called everyone’s attention to the screen. She also stated that a copy of the report had  
4   been emailed prior to the meeting and a hard copy could be found at each member’s seat.  
5   Mr. Robert Furman introduced himself and his assistant Blake Scott. He stated that he  
6   would first like to commend the staff on how very helpful they were with provided the  
7   various information that was requested either by email or at location during the audit. He  
8   stated that on Page #1-#4 is the statement of “qualified opinions” which explains the  
9   practices to be used those performing the audit. He stated Mr. Scott would be  
10   highlighting the actual report. Mr. Scott stated that beginning with P.#5-#6, is the  
11   statement of Net Position. He stated that for FY’25, the total Assets and Deferred  
12   Outflows was \$133,292,926 as compared to FY’24 which was \$128,783,355 showing a  
13   slight increase. He stated that on P. #7 is the statement of Revenues, Expenses, and  
14   Changes in Net Position ending FY’25 which was \$115,221,082 as compared to FY’24  
15   which was \$109,878,292. He stated that on P.#14-#15 is the explanation of the new  
16   accounting pronouncements adopted by the Agency which is the GASB Statement  
17   No.101-Compensated Absences and GASB Statement No. 102 Certain Risk Disclosures.  
18   He stated that the following pages were the notes to the financial statements. He stated  
19   that this were no reportable incidents, deficiencies, nor discrepancies within the findings.  
20   He stated that again he would note that all the staff involved in providing information  
21   were very helpful. Mr. Furman stated that this ended the initial three-year contract for  
22   providing this auditing service and would desire a renewal contract for three more years  
23   if the Legislative Auditor selects his firm. **Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Foret,**  
24   **to accept the Annual Audit Report for FY’24-'25 as circulated and presented.**  
25   **Motion carried unanimously.**

26           **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Alan  
27   Fulton stated that today’s lake level is 168.11’msl. He stated that year-to-date thru  
28   September 16<sup>th</sup>, run hours were Unit #1-3,802 hrs. and Unit #2-4,329 hrs. He stated that  
29   total generation year-to-date thru September 16<sup>th</sup> was 303,588 MWH. He stated that  
30   May through September, generation is allowed between 172.0’MSL and 168.0’MSL. He  
31   stated that a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on July 30<sup>th</sup> for Unit #2 Outage and

1 three companies attended. He stated that bids were due by August 12<sup>th</sup> and only one bid  
2 was received and opened from Catamaran for \$744,785.00 and the outage started on  
3 September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Emergency Spillway Generator:** He stated that September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Loftin  
4 was onsite to perform load testing on the new spillway backup generator. He continued  
5 that on September 16<sup>th</sup>, Loftin made repairs to ATS, and the generator is now operational.  
6 He stated that some improvements to ventilation are still to be completed. **Reservoir**  
7 **Levels/Status:** He stated that the average reservoir level for July was 170.98' MSL. He  
8 stated that the reservoir level in August was 169.69' MSL. He stated that the level as  
9 September 16<sup>th</sup> was 168.16' MSL. **RELEASES:** He stated that as of September 16<sup>th</sup>  
10 4,513,394 AC-FT had been released through the Power House and releases through the  
11 Spillway and P.H. leakage was 229,378 AC-FT, bringing the total releases to 4,742,772  
12 AC-FT. He stated that the total calculated inflows this year as of September 16<sup>th</sup> was  
13 4,495,696 AC-FT. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec Corporation continues  
14 to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues  
15 for Power House. He stated that he wanted to let the Board know that the July meeting,  
16 he had stated that the reservoir level was 170.87' MSL and KALB reported it as  
17 178.70' MSL and so he had contacted them and asked them to correct the article which  
18 they did. He stated that he had provided information within his report to clarify  
19 statements concerning the "misunderstandings" of the reservoir operations.

20 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that permitting  
21 activity from July 17<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 was as follows: (8) new structure permits,  
22 (25) transferred structure permits, (3) new water withdrawal(s), (3) transferred water  
23 withdrawals, (1) cancelled water withdrawal, (4) shoreline improvement (erosion  
24 control/dredge), (20) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**  
25 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal, 0-  
26 transferred water withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:**  
27 0- new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water  
28 withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 1-new structures;  
29 4-transferred structure; 1-new water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal; 1-  
30 cancelled water withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 7-new structures; 19-transferred  
31 structures; 2-new water withdrawal; 2-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled

1 water withdrawal. **SOUTH-FLORIEN:** 0-new structure; 2-transferred structure; 0-new  
2 water withdrawal; 0-canceled water withdrawal. **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** None.  
3 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** None. **OTHER:** He stated that no new business to  
4 report.

5 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Remedies stated that the crew  
6 continues to work on the cabin renovations at San Miguel Park and are working on Cabin  
7 #4. He stated that the extension to the maintenance shop has been completed which is the  
8 buoy bay. He stated that the Culvert Project at Cypress Bend Park is complete. He stated  
9 that work has resumed at Pleasure Point on the seawall build with the crew laying 600ft  
10 of block mats with about 400ft remaining. He stated that the crew has started work on  
11 the jetty repairs at Cypress Bend Pak. He stated that the entrance and exit gate  
12 replacement project at San Miguel should be completed within the next two weeks. He  
13 stated that RV Pad #5 at Cypress Bend is being replaced due to breakage and is scheduled  
14 to be poured the following Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. **SRD:** Mr. Remedies stated that the  
15 crew has been busy mowing the levee system. He stated that the crew continues to  
16 remove Giant Salvinia with the excavator and a grass bucket. He stated that Meyer and  
17 Associates has begun the bid process for the erosion problem at Pump Station #1 which is  
18 Capital Project #17 and an update would be provided at the next meeting. He stated that  
19 Project #15-Metering continues to move forward. He stated that Pump #2 at Pump  
20 Station #1 had to be pushed back due to a faulty bearing and this is expected to be  
21 corrected within two weeks. He stated that staff is working with Entergy on the siphon  
22 leak at the Nelson Spur and hopefully an update can be provided at the next meeting. He  
23 stated that Myers and Associates has released the plans for the discharge pipe, work  
24 platform and installation of the base plate at Pump Station #1, Pump #4 and is expected to  
25 be bid soon.

26 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ford stated that the report was included in the packet.  
27 She stated that she would review the final overall report since the adjustments had been  
28 received from the Auditors for end of FY'24-'25. She for the Diversion Canal Division  
29 totals for the year showed revenue of \$7,628,419.17, expenses of \$4,183,769.26 leaving a  
30 profit of \$3,444,649.91. She stated that the Toledo Bend Division revenues for year-to-  
31 date total revenues \$14,061,156.12, expenses \$11,187,865.75 leaving a profit of

1 \$2,873,290.37. She stated that revenues for the month of July and August for the  
2 Diversion Canal were \$1,497,611.55, expenses were \$700,861.39 leaving a profit of  
3 \$796,750.16. She stated for the Toledo Bend Division revenues were \$2,050,685.77,  
4 expenses were \$1,561,296.54 leaving a profit of \$489,389.23. **Mr. Moses moved,**  
5 **seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve staff reports as circulated and presented.**  
6 **Motion carried unanimously.**

7 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

8 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Those present who addressed the Board in opposition  
9 of moving forward with a possible Out-of-state water sale was Mr. Pat Scarborough, Mr.  
10 Al Jenkins, Mr. Don Gauthier, and Mr. Mike Hubel.

11 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Closeout SRD Capital Project #7-SCADA System**  
12 **and Project #13-Upgrade Pump Station #3 to 35,000GPM Output:** Mrs. Ferguson  
13 stated that these two projects were now completed and there were remaining funds of  
14 \$53,417.94 which staff is requesting to move to Project #17-PS #1 Erosion Repair and  
15 Discharge Apron. She stated that initially Project #7 had a budget of \$346,476.79 of  
16 which \$290,219.66 was spent leaving a balance of \$56,257.13. She continued that  
17 Project #13 had a budget of \$1,200,000 of which had a “run over” of \$2,839.19. **Mr.**  
18 **Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Fulton to approve closing out Project #7 at the total**  
19 **cost of \$290,219.66 and Project #13 at the total cost of \$1,202,839.12 and to move the**  
20 **remaining funds from Project #7 to Project #17-Erosion Repair and Discharge**  
21 **Apron. Motion carried unanimously.**

22 **Item #2-Closeout Project #11-4000 Cypress Bend Culvert Installation:** Mrs.  
23 Ferguson stated that the project is now complete. She stated that a culvert was  
24 installation where there was an area that needed better drainage. She stated that \$15,000  
25 was budgeted, however, the total cost was \$11,061.93 leaving \$3,938.07. She stated that  
26 staff is requesting that this project be closed out and the remaining funds be moved to  
27 Pleasure Point Project #15-4000 Culvert Installation. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by**  
28 **Mr. Norton to approve closing out Project #11-4000 Cypress Bend Culvert**  
29 **Installation at the total cost of \$11,061.93 and to move the remaining funds of**  
30 **\$3,938.07 to Project 15-4000 Pleasure Point Culvert Installation. Motion carried**  
31 **unanimously.**

1           **NEW BUSINESS: Item #2-agreement with Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office for**  
2   **Boat Storage at Cypress Bend Park:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the Sheriff's Office had  
3   received a rescue boat and had requested it be stored at Cypress Bend Park for easy  
4   access in anticipation of an emergency need arises. She stated that during the discussion,  
5   staff suggested an area up behind the greenhouse at Cypress Bend Park where there is an  
6   area large enough for the Sheriff's Office to construct a cover for the boat rather than  
7   leave it parked in the parking lot. She stated that staff would prepare a lease agreement to  
8   be signed by both parties for fifteen years which could be renewed. She stated that there  
9   would be no money exchange except possibly one dollar like the lease with the Ebarb  
10   Tribe for the Pow-Wow grounds. **Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to**  
11   **approve entering into a lease agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office to**  
12   **provide an area for a boat storage building for their rescue vessel to be housed at**  
13   **Cypress Bend Park and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary**  
14   **documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

15           **Item #3-Discuss Sponsorship for Junior Golf Tournament:** Mrs. Ferguson  
16   stated that the information explaining the tournament was included in the packet. She  
17   stated that this tournament involves players between the ages of 12-19 years old. She  
18   stated that this program presents scholarships to golfers from various states and countries.  
19   She stated that along with the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission and Cypress Bend Golf  
20   Resort/Sterling Golf Management, the SRA would like to help sponsor this tournament.  
21   She stated that staff is making a request of \$20,000 to help bring this tournament to  
22   Cypress Bend Golf Resort which would be given to the Sabine Parish Tourist  
23   Commission who is handling the specifics of this tournament. **Mr. Foret moved,**  
24   **seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve expending \$20,000 to sponsor the American**  
25   **Junior Golf Association Tournament to be held at Cypress Bend Golf Resort in**  
26   **June 2026. Motion carried unanimously.**

27           **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

3           **SUB-COMMITTEE:**

4           **1. Power/Water Sales Committee:**

5                 **a.** Mr. Moore stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board Meeting.

6                         He stated that after some discussion, the Committee does have a

7                         recommendation for approval. **Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr.**

8                         **Norton to approve having a model water probability study done by a**

9                         **third party engineering firm not to exceed the total cost of \$50,000**

10                        **and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary**

11                        **documents. Motion carried unanimously**

12           **LEGAL REPORT:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that staff was requesting the Board to

13   approve reimbursing Mr. Fulton’s expenses and per diem for attending a training in

14   Baton Rouge that was offered to all Board members entitled “Good Government

15   Program” provided by the Louisiana Justice Department Office of the Attorney General

16   and if any of the other members that wish to attend one of the sessions still available.

17   She stated that the information had been emailed to each member with several dates for

18   the training as well as a copy included within the Board meeting packet. **Mr. Foret**

19   **moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve payment of the per diem and**

20   **reimbursing the expenses for all Board members who attend the training entitled**

21   **“Good Government” including reimbursing Mr. Fulton who has already attended**

22   **one of the sessions. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Founds stated that the lawsuit is

23   to be heard in Federal Court since the forty days are up now.

24           **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he had no

25   further report. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Rains to approve the Legal and**

26   **Executive Director’s Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

27           Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>,

28   2025, at 1 PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

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

30   **Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**

31   **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHANE JEANE, SECRETARY**

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**NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN**

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**BYRON GIBBS, VICE-CHAIRMAN**