

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE
15901 TEXAS HIGHWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr
Mrs. Rhonda Cupit
Mr. Conrad Cathey
Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr
Mr. Byron Gibbs
Mr. Mike McCormic
Mr. Gary Moore
Mr. Michael Norton
Mr. Matthew Rains
Mr. Stanley Vidrine

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Alan Fulton, Engineer 3-SRA, Many, LA
Chevy Medlock, Proj Mgr-SRA, Many, LA
Joey Remedies, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, La
Chad Strother, Shoreline Mgr-SRA, Many, LA
There were six (6) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Gibbs offered the Prayer and Mr.

Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that all were present;
therefore, a quorum was established.

Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions
or deletions. Mr. Goodeaux stated that he would like to amend the agenda under New
Business, Item #2-Discuss Generator Incident and Item #3-Discuss Legislative Session
and to move Item #1 before the Staff Reports since the auditors will doing their

presentation by Zoom. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Fulton to approve
amending the agenda as well as adopting the amended agenda. Motion carried
unanimously.

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the July 23, 2026 meeting were in the
packet. Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mr. Norton to approve the minutes of the
Board meeting of July 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Item #1-Review & Accept the Annual Audit FY’25-’26: Mr.

Michael Caparotta and Mr. Blake Scott represented Griffin and Furman, LLC who

1 performed the annual legislative audit for the agency. Mr. Caparotta stated that the firm
2 used the Government Auditing Standards to review the practices of the agency
3 concerning financial statements. He stated that a qualified opinion is based on those
4 requirements with the sufficient information provided by the agency. He stated that in
5 additional a report of audit of internal controls is used to help with audit procedures. He
6 stated that no non-compliance issues were found and all were fairly stated within the
7 reports. He stated that a management letter was issued concerning an area which does
8 not rise to a level of deficiencies it is more to suggest a practice change in which a tax
9 coding error occurred, management worked through with the software company and the
10 issue was corrected. He stated that these new procedures will be in cooperated into the
11 procedures for reporting. He stated that staff was very helpful and cooperative. **Mr.**
12 **Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Fulton to accept the Annual Audit Report FY'25-'26**
13 **as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

14 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO: Power House Operations:** Mr. Fulton
15 stated that total generation year-to-date through August 18th was 24,438MW/hs. He stated
16 that May through September, generation is allowed above 168.0' MSL. He stated that
17 there was a fire reported around 7:30pm on August 11th in the Powerhouse. He stated
18 that it occurred in the electrical components associated with Unit #1. **Spillway:** He
19 stated that minor spalling repairs were made and completed. He stated that Gate #1
20 routine maintenance had an area which was patched with cement. **Reservoir**
21 **Levels/Status:** He stated that the average level in July was 170.33' MSL. He stated that
22 the reservoir level as of August 19th was 169.15 MSL. **Releases:** He stated that the total
23 releases this year through August 18th was for Power-373,461 AC-DT; Spillway & P.H.
24 Leakage-134,869 AC FT; Total 508,330 AC-FT. Total calculated inflows this year
25 through August 18th are 719,904 AC-Ft. **EMBANKMENT:** He stated that the
26 embankment asphalt project that started on July 20th is now complete. He stated that
27 Dike #3 and the main embankment asphalted. He stated that there's some cleaning up to
28 do in some areas. **NERC/SERC/FERC:** He stated Certrec Corporation continues to
29 provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for compliance issues for the Power House.
30 He stated that the FERC Security inspection is scheduled for August 31st. He stated that
31 staff is preparing for the EAP Functional Exercise to be performed sometime in October.

1 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Strother stated that the report was included in the packet.
2 He stated that there was 8 New Structures, 8- Transferred Structures, 2- New Water
3 Withdrawals, 2- Transferred Water Withdrawals, 4- Cancelled Water Withdrawals, 0-
4 Shoreline improvements, 4- Final Inspections Approved, and 0- Final Inspections Failed.
5 **Flowage Easements:** He stated that no flowage easements to report. **Encroachment**
6 **Program:** He stated that the agency has been approached about a request to sale some
7 project property to DOTD which would enlarge the right-of-ways two bridges to be
8 rebuilt on Lakeside Loop. He stated that after some discuss, it was decided that SRA
9 could grant a ROW to DOTD for the areas concerning the bridges. He stated that another
10 request had been received to enter into an agreement to allow seismograhping within the
11 project boundary. He stated that the project would consist of 3,200 acres in the Lanan,
12 Salter, and Negreet Creek area. He stated that nothing definitely has been put into place
13 at this time.

14 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend:** Mr. Remedies stated that the report was
15 handed out prior to the meeting. He stated that the renovation of Cabin #8 is completed
16 at San Miguel. He stated that the crew has replaced 9 A/C units in the golf suites and 1 P-
17 Tac in a hotel room at Cypress Bend Resort. He stated that other projects that are
18 currently being worked towards is new roofing on the Hotel and golf Suites, new roof top
19 A/C units on the resort, new drainage in the kitchen area, new flooring in the kitchen
20 where the cook line is located, exterior door repairs for the resort and hotel as well as
21 repairs of the bathrooms on the first floor. He stated that Mr. Medlock has an update on
22 some of these items. He continued that the buoy crew has started back at Oak Ridge Park
23 and have made it Lanan, also have responded to calls from the public at Pirates Cove, San
24 Patricio, and Lanan Bay and all were taken care of as requested. He stated that the SRA
25 crew replaced 100' of cart path in front of the hotel. He stated that the agency purchased
26 and installed the aerator for our treatment ponds for the resort which was a DEQ
27 requirement. Mr. Medlock stated that projects for the Conference Center include 7 roof
28 top A/C & Heat units cost \$226,201.34 with an estimated delivery date of September 15;
29 front walk-in cooler outside condenser units cost of \$30,240.00; Kitchen floor drains and
30 plumbing \$18,450-Bobby L Greene Plumbing will do the repairs; Kitchen equipment-
31 new ice machine has been purchased cost of \$9,999 and there are several other items that

1 need replacing or upgrading such as the griddle, fryer, oven, prep table etc.; upgrades to
2 the security system by Brown's Security Company at the cost of \$9,424.56 is to begin on
3 September 8th. He stated that items for the hotel one 7.5-ton unit and three 3-ton units
4 have been replaced at the cost of \$49,154.26; roof replacement budgeted \$85,000 and are
5 currently taking bids for this project; first floor complete renovation estimated budget
6 \$6,000 per room, however the bids that have been received are showing the highest cost
7 to be \$13,665 per room. He stated that items for the golf suites include a budget cost of
8 \$50,000 for roof repairs; additional V-tac units at the cost of \$12,387 which have been
9 ordered and upgrades to security system estimated cost is \$500-\$1,000. **Diversion**
10 **Canal:** He stated that for the Diversion Canal, staff purchased the air release valves for
11 our pipelines from Pump Station #3 and #4, the crew has begun installing these with the
12 help of Precision Air and Liquid Solutions, and pictures will be provided once the project
13 is completed. He stated that the crew completed all the final dress up at Pump Station #2
14 after the erosion project was completed and at the River where the area was dredged. He
15 stated that the crew has removed two more irrigation gates on the canal system, one off
16 the Houston River Road and one by the Salt Dome. He stated that the crew continues to
17 remove grass from the by excavator along with spraying herbicide as well as mowing.

18 **Item #4-Financial:** Mrs. Ford stated that for the Diversion Canal Division
19 ending budget totals for FY'25-'26 showed revenue of \$7,883,076.37, expenses of
20 \$3,922,613.55 with a net profit of \$3,960,462.82. She stated that the Toledo Bend
21 Division ending budget showed revenue of \$9,795,881.42, expenses of \$10,209,209.44
22 with a net loss of \$413,328.02. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division for July
23 2026 revenues were \$632,840.20, expenses were \$403.778.24 leaving a profit of
24 \$229,061.96. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division revenues were \$830,732.41,
25 expenses were \$585,011.78 leaving a profit of \$245,720.63. She continued with the
26 Cypress Bend Resort revenues were \$187,543.65, expenses were \$182,598.03 leaving a
27 profit of \$4,945.62. She explained that the following reports for informational purposes
28 to show what funds had been spent on the various listed projects and when these projects
29 are ready to be closed out, the final cost of each to be closed will be presented for
30 approval. Mr. Goodeaux ask for a motion to approve the staff reports as circulated and

1 presented. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve all staff reports as**
2 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.
4 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
5 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

6 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #2-Discuss Generator Incident:** Mr. Goodeaux stated
7 that the evening that the fire took place at the power house at the dam he would like to
8 know who was notified. He expressed his concern that he felt that it would be helpful to
9 send the Board members some type of notification when things of concern happen. He
10 stated that the notification could be by email or text message whichever is easiest.

11 **Item #3-Legislative Session:** Mr. Goodeaux expressed his concern about bills
12 being presented within the Legislative Session that could affect the agency's operations.
13 He asked if staff is made aware of the Bills that were presented, if any pertained to the
14 agency and if any of them became law and the effective date.

15 **COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1) Diversion Canal-no meeting. 2) Toledo Bend**
16 **Division- no meeting. 3) Parks-no meeting. 4) Finance-no meeting. 5) Cypress Bend**
17 **Golf Resort-Mr. Jeane made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve the**
18 **minutes of the July 23, 2026 that were included in the meeting packet. Motion**
19 **carried unanimously. 6) Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations-no meeting. Sub-**
20 **Committee-Power/Water Sales Committee-no meeting.**

21 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the lawsuit from the 2016 flooding
22 has been resolved in the favor of the agency. He stated that the time limit expired
23 without an another appeal filed so it is now over. **Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr.**
24 **Vidrine to move into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Norton**
25 **moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to re-convene from Executive Session. Mr. Jeane**
26 **moved seconded by Mr. Rains to have a meeting of the Toledo Bend Resort**
27 **Committee at a later date to continue the discussion of the Cypress Bend Resort.**
28 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

1 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, September 24,
2 2026 at 1:00PM 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. Rains to adjourn. Motion carried**
5 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.**

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NED GOODEAUX - CHAIRMAN

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SAM FULTON, JR. - VICE-CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST: 
RHONDA CUPIT - SECRETARY

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