

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
6 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
7 **MANY, LA 71449**
8 **1:00PM THURSDAY, MAY 25TH 2017**
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Byron Gibbs, Chairman**
12 **Mr. C. A. Burgess, Vice-Chairman**
13 **Mr. Mike McCormic, Secretary**
14 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
15 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
16 **Mr. Frank Davis**
17 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**
18 **Mr. Jerry Holmes**
19 **Mr. Therman Nash**
20 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
21 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
22 **Mr. Bobby Williams**
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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Jimmy Foret**
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28 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Warren Founds, III, Deputy Dir-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
32 **Carl Chance, IT Dir-SRA, Many, LA**
33 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**
34 **Gene Guidry, Eng 6-SRA, Many, LA**
35 **There were (13) visitors.**
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38 Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
39 Gibbs led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret was absent;
40 however, a quorum was established.

41 Mr. Gibbs asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing
42 none, Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Cupit**
43 **moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**
44 **unanimously.**

45 Mr. Gibbs stated that the minutes of the April 27th 2017 meeting were in the
46 packet and asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, Mr. Gibbs asked for motion
47 to approve the minutes. **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the**
48 **minutes of the Board meeting of April 27th 2017 meeting as circulated. Motion**
49 **carried unanimously.**

50 **STAFF REPORTS:**

1 **Item#1-TBPJO**-Mr. Guidry stated that generation report was included in the
2 packet. **Powerhouse Operation:** He stated that generation through the month of April
3 occurred on four days per power request from Entergy. He stated that the combined
4 gross energy delivered for the month was 1,637MWH at \$44.18/MWH gross income of
5 \$72,323; thus far for the month of May, gross generation is 3,891MWH at \$45.23/MWH
6 gross income of \$174,990 **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that inflow for the
7 month of April was 255,463AF. He stated that the starting reservoir level was 169.72'
8 and ending level 171.13' msl. He stated that the lake level today is 171.64' msl. **Spillway**
9 **Status:** He stated that the FNI continue to work on engineering plans for required
10 spillway repairs. He stated that the coring on the Spillway was made in March and
11 analysis results (petro graphic and compressive strength) are being incorporated on the
12 spillway chute slab. He stated that a site visit was done by FNI with TBPJO personnel
13 made on May 11th to assess joint displacement within sluiceway. He stated that the
14 project progress meeting discussion points from March 28th into drawings, specifications
15 and draft technical memorandum are continuing to be submitted to FERC in May. He
16 stated that the target date of execution of work is fall'17. **Dam Status & FERC:** He
17 stated that there is no significant change from last month. He stated that the report from
18 Mr. Adam Sugrue, FERC representative stated that the project was in good overall
19 condition with no major safety issues noted. He stated that FERC concurs with the
20 planned repairs which include spillway repair from the 2016 high flow event; soil cement
21 repairs to the peninsula upstream spillway; removal of trees near toes of dikes;
22 installation of various French drain systems on dam and dikes; re-grade and re-seed as
23 needed; and placing rip-rap upstream face of Dike #3 (which the rip-rap has been
24 delivered). **Eel Trapping Program:** He stated that final setup of traps occurred early in
25 April with the active monitoring beginning April 6th and to-date, no eels have captured.
26 **NERC:** He stated that compliance is being maintained with Certec guidance and
27 coordination with Entergy. He stated that Bill Hughes and he had attended a two-day
28 NERC workshop May 9th and 10th. **Powerhouse Relief Wells:** He stated that north side
29 well (17 & 19) were flowing at 100gpm and the south side wells (16 & 18) were flowing
30 at 300gpm. He stated that these wells provide relief to the powerhouse. He stated that
31 these wells are operated manually; however, FNI is studying the possibility of placing

1 them on automatic control . He stated that the staff on May 16th had read the water depth
2 in all accessible wells and forwarded the information to FNI for completion of the study.

3 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that the activity for the Shoreline
4 department was included within the board packet. He stated that his report was as
5 follows: during the month of APR 2017: **New Structures: 3 @ \$35 total \$105; Transfer**
6 **Structures: 1 @ \$35 total \$140; New Water Withdrawals: 1 @ \$100 Water**
7 **Withdrawal Transfers: 0 for a total of 5 permits with total receipts of \$240. FERC**
8 **Compliance:** Mr. Chance stated that the Cultural Resource Work Group annual meeting
9 was held on May 16th at the SRA –TXC Orange office for planning the Year #3 (2017-
10 18) survey for the HPMP. He continued that he areas selected for this year’s work did
11 not bring any immediate changes from the group. He stated that they have thirty (30)
12 days to provide any changes. He stated that there were no complaints about the Year #2
13 field work. He stated that Year #2 reports by CRA are being reviewed. He stated that a
14 new site was discovered and will be evaluated this year for eligibility in the National
15 Register of Historic Places. He stated that as of Wednesday May 24th, there had been no
16 eels caught in the traps. He stated that the contractor was supposed to do the May electro
17 fishing for eels on Monday afternoon/night; however, the weather made them change
18 their plans. He stated that they will do the electro fishing on Thursday May 25th. He
19 stated that Year #2 audit of the shoreline has begun by the staff. He stated that there are a
20 lot of structures needing repair. He stated that there are a lot of structures that staff
21 knows were permitted but the permit plate is not on display. He stated that staff has
22 asked that the permittees please attach the permit plate to the outside of the structure that
23 faces toward the lake so it can be easily seen at the location. He stated that staff has
24 noted several encroachments to be verified as time permits. He stated that the FERC has
25 not ruled on the M5 water withdrawal request that the Board approved at last month’s
26 meeting. He stated that the week ending May 21st, the Cypress Bend Park Facebook page
27 had a weekly reach of 27,723 which was the weekend of the Sealy Big Bass Splash and
28 the SRA page reached 2,788 which continues to be a good way to inform the public.

29 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the annual Big Bass Splash
30 tournament was held May 19th thru 21st. He stated that work in the Pleasure Point Park
31 seawall had to be postponed due to high lake level. He stated that the routine park

1 maintenance and weekend callouts continue and increase as visitor usage increases. He
2 stated that the crew is starting on the concrete work for the pads in the brown section of
3 Cypress Bend RVs. He stated that the crew is continuously mowing and weed eating
4 whenever weather permits. **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated that the reports were
5 included in the packet. He stated that the KCS Expansion has begun and some wet spots
6 were discovered on the 3:1 outside slope of a new section of levee. He stated that staff
7 alerted River West and Meyer & Associates; however staff will continue to monitor the
8 area to see if it dries up which are located close to the sheet piles run thru the levee. He
9 stated that the security weir has been poured, the floor for the weir outfall pipes and are
10 setting the iron and forms to pour the outfall walls. He stated that at Pump Station #4
11 there was another delay on the crane due to parts; however, a technician arrived to try to
12 get the crane working but the shoes and springs are in bad shape. He stated that staff
13 spoke with the crane company and on May 25th, they are come out to repair the crane.
14 He stated that at Pump Station #3 & #4 the plan is once the crane is repaired, the cabinet
15 will be removed and the #2 motor/clutch will be replaced with one of the units in storage
16 to bring Pump #2 back online. He stated that the third pumps for Pump Stations #3 and
17 #4 are scheduled to be delivered during the last week of June. He stated that at Pump
18 Station #4 staff has been working on the cost and scheduling of the valve replacements,
19 the third pump installation and maintenance deck installation with Citgo and all parties
20 involved. He stated that Citgo is in the process of chemical flushing their downed well to
21 see if they can get it flowing again. He stated that at Sasol's permanent crossing at #1-
22 road/railroad, the trees and brush from the canal ROW have been removed and the
23 hauling in of fill to make a crane pad is nearly complete. He stated that the siphon pipe
24 has been delivered and is being welded to the correct lengths. He stated that Crossing #2,
25 the siphon pipe has been delivered and the welding to the correct lengths has begun. He
26 stated the lowering of the water level in the canal is to begin on May 3th and Sasol is
27 scheduled to begin their dredge in the canal on June 6th. He stated that the contractor for
28 the I-10 North Frontage Road has cleared the road frontage and is building the road base.
29 He stated that the contractor is completing the box culvert installation in the Calcasieu
30 Parish Police Jury drainage lateral on the east side of the SRA canal. He stated that the
31 canal water level lowering began on May 22nd and the plan is to begin driving sheet pile

1 on May 25th with the installation of the bypass pipe and pipe plugs to be installed the
2 following week. He stated that the water quality equipment has been ordered. He stated
3 that the crew plans to order and schedule installation of handrails on the catwalks at
4 Pump Stations #3 and #4 to enhance safety and will give the instruments a better surface
5 for mounting. He stated that the crew will be moving sections of handrails and grating
6 from the unused catwalks at Pump Station #2 and set them on the existing walks. He
7 stated that the Lake Area Industrial Alliance will hold a meeting at 7:00am on June 7th in
8 Sulphur and he would be making a presentation to the group on the SRD operations and
9 Capital Improvements.

10 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financials were
11 included in the meeting packet. She stated that she would review the totals for the month
12 of April and if there were any questions, she would be glad to answer them. She stated
13 that for the **Toledo Bend Division** April revenue was \$483,772.86; expenses were
14 \$824,931.80 showing a loss of \$341,158.94. She stated that for the **Sabine Diversion**
15 **Canal Division** revenue was \$312,338.88 with expenses of \$ 447,248.51 showing a
16 loss of \$134,909.63. **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the**
17 **Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

18 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

19 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

20 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

21 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

22 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

24 **2) Parks:** No meeting.

25 **3) Leaseback:** No meeting.

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

27 **5) Water Sales:** Mr. Burgess stated that the Committee had met at 10:30am on
28 May 25th. He stated that a discussion of the current value of water within the
29 Toledo Bend Reservoir is \$.15 per 1,000 gallons and it was suggested that this
30 value needed to increase to \$.18 per 1,000 gallons. He stated that the Committee
31 would like to table a final decision until the June Board meeting which would
32 allow the staff time to meet with the customers to inform them of the possible

1 increase which would go into effect immediately for all new customers and at the
2 time of contract renewal for the existing customers.

3 **6) Fishery & Lake Management:** No meeting.

4 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated no new developments on pending cases. He
5 stated that a meeting is scheduled with the Public Service Commission on June 19th.

6 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that the office would
7 be closed for the Memorial Day weekend. He stated that all the SRA parks were booked
8 and arrangements have been made for security during the weekend. He stated that the
9 Sabine River Compact would meet in New Orleans May 31st and June 1st. **Mr. Vidrine**
10 **moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director's report as**
11 **presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be June 22nd 2017 at 1:00pm at
13 Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

14 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.
15 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

16 **Meeting adjourned at 1:48p.m.**

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BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN

C.A. BURGESS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
MIKE MCCORMIC, SECRETARY