

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **CYPRESS BEND CONFERENCECENTER**
6 **2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY**
7 **MANY, LA 71449**
8 **11:00AM THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 2020**
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Valmore Byles, Chairman**
11 **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Vice-Chairman**
12 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Secretary**
13 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
14 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
15 **Mr. Shane Jeane**
16 **Mr. Mike McCormic**
17 **Mr. Therman Nash**
18 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
19 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
20 **Mrs. Dayna Yeldell**

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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Danny Cupit**
23 **Mr. Jeremy Evans**
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25 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Warren Founds, III, Executive Dir-SRA, Many, LA**
26 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
27 **Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Allen Fulton-Eng Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **There were (9) visitors.**
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33 Mr. Byles called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
34 Founds led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit and Mr.
35 Evans were absent; however, a quorum was established.

36 Mr. Byles asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?
37 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Gibbs**
38 **moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**
39 **unanimously.**

40 Mr. Byles stated that the minutes of the September 24th, 2020 meeting were in the
41 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections. **Mr.**
42 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to approve the minutes of the Board**
43 **meeting of October 29th, 2020 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

44 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Founds
45 stated that Mr. Fulton would give the report. Mr. Fulton stated that the reports were
46 circulated in the packet. He stated that generation during October through November
47 were made in accordance with the Power Operating Guide. He stated that generation was

1 made for power supply and to retain the reservoir level at 168.0' msl. He stated that total
2 generation up to November 30th is 254,183.6 MWH. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** Lake
3 Level at the beginning of October was 168.31' msl and as of the date of the report, it was
4 at 168.08' msl. **EMBANKMENT/SPILLWAY:** Mr. Fulton stated that the drilling and
5 installation of five (5) replacement piezometers has been completed. He stated that the
6 TBPJO crew will remove the temporary earthen pads and restore the embankment to the
7 original grade around these piezometers. He continued that at the Spillway, full opening
8 of all eleven (11) gates commenced on the first week of December. He stated that the
9 post Hurricane Laura Inspection of the project occurred on December 1st by Freese &
10 Nichols. He stated that the electrical repair project Bid Opening was held on November
11 17th. **HAZARD MITIGATION:** Mr. Fulton stated that five properties have been
12 completed with two more properties closed and awaiting demolition by SRA. He stated
13 that there are approximately eight (8) more properties that will likely be mitigated in this
14 program for a total of fifteen (15). **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec
15 Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TC and SRA-LA for all compliance
16 issues.

17 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Fulton stated that there was no
18 report.

19 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that no report. Mr. Goodeaux asked
20 about replacing any broken or misaligned buoys since the last storm as well as is the crew
21 removing any "floaters" that are found. Mr. Carr stated that weather permitting, the crew
22 has been replacing any broken buoys, re-aligning the buoys and dragging any floaters that
23 are encountered or reported to the office and tying them off at the shoreline.

24 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was included in
25 the meeting packet. She stated that reviewing the Toledo Bend Division for the month of
26 October, revenues were \$497,452.65; expenses were \$449,838.92 showing a profit of
27 \$47,613.73. She stated that reviewing the Diversion Canal Division for the month of
28 October, revenues were \$461,462.45; expenditures were \$303,239.85 showing a profit of
29 \$158,222.50. She stated that there has been one employee that recently tested positive
30 for the illness with two awaiting test results. She stated that the employee who tested
31 positive was placed on "Covid-19" leave until they are considered recovered. She stated

1 that the maintenance crew has done an outstanding job with preparing Cypress Bend Park
2 for the Christmas lighting. She stated that for the first seven nights of viewing, there has
3 been 1,261 cars carrying approximately 5,000 people into the park with an income of
4 \$6,305.00 with nine (9) more evenings. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to**
5 **approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
6 **unanimously.**

7 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Representative Rodney Schamerhorn simply addressed
8 the Board to wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and once again
9 thanked them for serving the Agency whether on staff or as a Commissioner.

10 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

11 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-SRD Debris Cleanup Update:** Mr. Founds stated
12 that a letter of recommendation from Meyer & Associates suggests accepting the bid
13 from CERES Environmental Service, Inc. for the debris removal. **Mr. Foret moved,**
14 **seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve entering into a contract with CERES**
15 **Environmental Service, Inc. for the debris removal project at the Diversion Canal.**
16 **Yeas: 10 Nays: 1 Absent: 2 Motion carried.** Mr. Founds stated that a letter of
17 recommendation from Meyer & Associates suggests accepting the bid from Thompson
18 Consulting Services, LLC for the monitoring of the debris removal. **Mr. McCormic**
19 **moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve entering into a contract with Thompson**
20 **Consulting Services, LLC for the purpose of monitoring the removal of the debris at**
21 **the Diversion Canal. Yeas: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.**

22 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Adopt Resolution Supporting Hazardous**
23 **Mitigation Plan:** Mr. Founds stated that a copy of the resolution was provided within
24 the meeting packet. He stated that every five (5) years, the Hazardous Mitigation Plan
25 has to be reviewed by all parties and submitted to FEMA for approval. He stated that this
26 resolution is part of the five-year review process. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr.**
27 **Foret to adopt a resolution to show support of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for**
28 **Toledo Bend Reservoir. Yeas: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried**
29 **unanimously.**

30 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 31 **1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.**
32 **2) Parks: No Meeting.**

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

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

3 **5) Water Sales: No meeting.**

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

5 **7) TBPJO: No meeting.**

6 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that concerning the Capital and Deloutré

7 Issues, an extension until March 2021 has been granted in order to work through the

8 issues. He continued that the other litigation continues with very little movement.

9 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated no report.

10 Mr. Byles stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, January 28th, 2021 at

11 1:00pm at the Pendleton Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, LA if precautions allowed

12 for it.

13 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Byles asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**

14 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 **Meeting adjourned at 11:43a.m.**

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VALMORE BYLES-CHAIRMAN

JAMES FORET, JR VICE-CHAIRMAN

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NED GOODEAUX- SECRETARY