

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 MARCH 28TH, 2019**

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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**
11 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman**
12 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
13 **Mr. Valmore Byles**
14 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
15 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
16 **Mr. Shane Jeane**
17 **Mr. Therman Nash**
18 **Mr. Mike McCormic**
19 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
20 **Mrs. Dayna Yeldell (late)**

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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Jeremy Evans**
23 **Mr. James Foret, Jr**

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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 Mgt-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Gene Guidry, PE-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **There were (14) visitors.**

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33 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
34 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Evans and Mr.
35 Foret were not present at roll call; however, a quorum was established.

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

1 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the February 28th, 2019 meeting were in
2 the packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.

3 **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the minutes of the Board**
4 **meeting of February 28th, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry
6 stated that generation was made in February and March primarily for lake level control
7 attempting to return the level to 170.0' msl per the Power Guide Curve. He stated that
8 gross power output was based on varying water releases (6,190 to 6,340cfs) and power
9 generation capacities ranging from (29-40MHW) for the two units. He stated that billing
10 for the month of February was \$1,157,200.00 (for TBPJO). **Reservoir Levels/Status:**

11 He stated that the beginning level on February 1st was 172.00' msl and was at 171.29' msl
12 to-date, March 19th. He stated that going forward, plans are to generate (and if needed,
13 operate gates) in an attempt to return the reservoir to the Power Operating Guide levels.
14 He stated that the gates are closed except for required downstream flows of 300cfs.

15 **Spillway Repairs:** He stated that the main spillway repair is approximately 23%
16 complete which included the cofferdam construction, the hydro blasting of joints in front
17 of Gates #4-#9 with portions filled with concrete before the spill, and stockpile of
18 material including rip rap rock which is 99% delivered as of February 20th
19 (\$1,405,800.00). He stated that the total paid to the contractor as of February 17th 2019 is
20 \$2,560,300.00. He stated that continuing on with the project, rebuild of 20" pipe in
21 Spillway and low flow pipes across the basin and hopefully, work will resume on April
22 2nd to repair the access road from laydown area to work area, re-build access road across
23 stilling basin and the start placing concrete in cut out joints. **FERC:** He stated that

1 TBPJO will be working with Freese and Nichols Inc. on addressing FERC Compliance
2 issues. He continued that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA/TX
3 and SRA/LA for NERC/SERC/FERC/ compliance issues. **Dam Instrumentation/Relief**
4 **Wells:** He stated that Wells #16, #17, #18, and #19 working on automatic controls. All
5 wells are working.

6 **Item #2-Shoreline: Shoreline Survey:** Mr. Guidry stated that staff has
7 completed the audit identifying encroachments across the entire reservoir with only 15
8 sites to field check. He stated that one encroachment was added and the permit has been
9 issued. **Permitting Activity:** He stated that since February 28th, 2019, fourteen (7) New
10 structures have been permitted; one (1) Transfer and one (1) permit for existing
11 encroachment issued. **Other Activity:** He stated that staff is currently assisting the
12 development of two RV Parks-Gray's RV Park at Pirates Cove (61 RV pads and
13 installing an 8,000gpd sewage treatment plant and requesting flowage easement across
14 SRA Leaseback Property) and Toledo Bend Marina & RV Park at old Bass Haven
15 Marina (41 RV pads and installing a 6,000gpd sewage treatment plant and requesting
16 flowage easement across SRA Leaseback Property). He stated that in both cases, SRA
17 has been coordinating with DEQ and Department of Health and Hospitals to ensure that
18 these facilities will meet the agencies' testing and reporting requirements.

19 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that the last cabin
20 at San Miguel is completed. He stated that the crew continues to replace and maintain the
21 navigational aids which consists of approximately 180 miles and 10,000 buoys. He
22 stated that the crew has the roof completed on the new office at Pleasure Point Park and
23 are installing the side covering. He stated that an agreement with Cleco had been signed

1 for the updated electrical at San Miguel Park and the cost for the turnkey project is
2 \$226,295.00 with an estimated completion time of six weeks. He stated that all high
3 voltage electrical in the park will then belong to Cleco. He stated that the crew has
4 completed the replacement of the boards on approximately fifty tables. **Diversion Canal**
5 **Division:** He stated that staff reports were included in the packet. He stated that the new
6 water rates for the Industrial Customers will go into effect on Monday, April 1st. He
7 stated that a Water Sales Agreement has been signed with Entergy Lake Charles and it
8 goes into effect April 1st as well and the demand rate requested by them is 7,000gpm. He
9 stated that the dredging of Canal #1 is complete except for the shaping and seeding of the
10 spoil site due to the wet weather. He stated that Pelican Company performed a survey to
11 use as backup for the quantity of material dredged and the contractor was paid according
12 to those comparisons. He stated that a conference call was held with Calcasieu Parish
13 Police Jury and Fenstermaker Engineering to discuss the Coach Williams Drive and with
14 the resolution of some design problems, the project is now ready to move forward. He
15 stated that CIP#12 -the third pump installation at Stations #3 and #4 are complete and
16 have been commissioned. He stated that Champion Technology is now working on
17 incorporating them into our SCADA system. He stated that the CIP#13 project which is
18 the pumps, motors, and drives have been bid, and ordered with an estimated delivery time
19 of eight months. He stated that once this installation is complete, it will make Pump
20 Station #3 capable of delivering 35,000GPM which is the maximum our pipeline will
21 carry. He stated that CIP#17-soliciting proposal for topographic, elevation and cross
22 section is in process. He stated that CIP#18-Bridges that provide access for canal
23 crossings staff is working on a scope of work that is needed.

1 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the reports were included
2 in the Board packet. She stated that she would review the months of January and
3 February and would answer any questions. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division
4 for the month of January revenue was \$3,530,345.10; expenses were \$1,334,819.33
5 which left a profit of \$2,195,525.77. She continued that revenue for the month of
6 February was \$1,137,104.29; expenses were \$766,909.52 with a profit of \$370,194.77.
7 She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division for the month of January revenue was
8 732,152.54; expenses were \$354,713.24 leaving a profit of \$377,439.30. She continued
9 that the month of February revenue was \$432,334.07; expenses were \$211,821.56 with a
10 profit of \$220,512.51 She stated that staff continues to work on getting the inventory
11 completed as well as preparing for training on the new reservation system. **Mr. Gibbs**
12 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and**
13 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

14 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Villis Dowden, biologist with the LA Department of
15 Wildlife and Fisheries-Inland Fisheries Division gave a brief update on the conditions of
16 Toledo Bend Reservoir and its Eco System. He stated that the staff is currently halfway
17 through the 2018, '19 and '20 survey of the fish population of the reservoir. He discussed
18 how the lake flourished after the drought of 2010-11. He stated that in past years, the
19 reservoir level would go down between 5-7 feet every year and in the past several years,
20 Toledo Bend has not experienced these levels which would allow vegetation exposure to
21 the sun for growth, help with moving stagnant water and settling of the turbidity of the
22 water. He stated that at the present time, Louisiana was not spraying for control of any
23 aquatic vegetation; however, Texas Parks and Wildlife was spraying. He stated that the

1 past survey of 2012 showed a consumption rate of approximately 61% which seems high,
2 but due to the magnitude of the acreage covered by the reservoir not so much. He stated
3 that during the current survey, there has not been a problem catching several different
4 species of fish with bass, crappie, and bream being the most predominate fish caught.
5 He stated that even though the current creel limit for bass is eight, a reduction in this
6 would not have a significant impact on the bass population as a whole.

7 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Steve Delia of DeRidder, Louisiana addressed the
8 Board concerning a Petition that he had proposed to present to LA Wildlife & Fisheries
9 to consider lowering the “creel” limit of bass on the Toledo Bend Reservoir from Eight
10 (8) to Five (5). He expressed his concern for area fisherman not being able to catch bass
11 due to various adversities such as lake level, spraying of herbicides, etc.. and asked that
12 the SRA Board support his effort. Mrs. Gloria Thompson, owner of Living the Dream
13 Guide Service of Many, Louisiana addressed the Board saying that she had been
14 contacted by several of the “bass fishing” guide services on Toledo Bend stating they
15 were not able to find or catch bass and felt that there were various obstacles prompting
16 their concerns. Next to address the Board was Mrs. Lina Huddleston a property owner on
17 the reservoir. Mrs. Huddleston stated that she had a problem with her neighbor who was
18 in the process of repairing and upgrading his pier/dock. She continued that the plans
19 were to put a roof on pier/dock which would eventually block her view of the open water
20 and she wanted to know if her neighbor had a permit and if there was something that
21 could be done to prevent blocking her lakefront view. Mr. Founds suggested that she
22 speak with the Shoreline staff and allow them to pull the records and see what action if

1 any needed to be taken. Mrs. Huddleston was in agreement. Mr. Goodeaux thanked them
2 all for bringing forth their concerns.

3 **OLD BUSINESS: None.**

4 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Discussion of Petition Proposing New Bass Creel**

5 **Limits for Toledo Bend Reservoir:** Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Vidrine requested that
6 this item be placed on the agenda so the Board could discuss the issue. After much
7 discussion, it was decided that perhaps staff could draft a resolution to be included in the
8 Board meeting packet for April giving all Board members an opportunity research the
9 matter and to draw their own conclusion before adopting a resolution. **Mr. Vidrine**
10 **moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to have staff draft a resolution for adoption to show**
11 **support for lowering the Bass creel limits from eight (8) to five (5) on the Toledo**
12 **Bend Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **7) TBPJO:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that Board had not met, however a meeting
21 was scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th 2019 at 10:30am at the SRATX- Burkeville
22 Office located at the Dam.

23 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that there were no updates to report.

1 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he had
2 nothing to add. **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to accept the Legal and**
3 **Executive Director’s Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, April 25th, 2019 at
5 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office, Many, Louisiana.

6 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.
7 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
8 **Meeting adjourned at 2:51p.m.**

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20 **ATTEST:**

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ESTELLA SCOTT, SECRETARY

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