

1 Mr. Founds stated that Senator Louie Barnard was present and with the
2 Chairman's permission could he please address the Board prior to Staff Reports since the
3 Senator had a funeral to attend in Natchitoches later in the afternoon. Senator Barnard
4 stated that he wanted to inform the Board that a special session would convene on
5 Monday, September 28, 2020. He stated that there were approximately seventy items
6 listed, too many to be discussed during the Special Session; however, some of the critical
7 issues to be addressed relative to recovery from the Covid-19 issue such as replenishing
8 the unemployment fund which was very solid until this pandemic occurred, NFP
9 Formula-Schools, and Main Street funding to possibly be used to help with the continued
10 high unemployment rate. He spoke about issues from Hurricane Laura and how the State
11 was responding. He stated it was great to see "neighbors helping neighbors" during these
12 tough times. He stated that he could be reached at (318)-663-0747 at any time for any
13 concerns. He thanked the Board for accommodating his schedule allowing him to speak.

14 **New Business: Item #1-Annual Audit Report for FY'19''20:** Mrs. Ferguson
15 asked to allow Mike DeFalco, The Broussard Group who would be giving his report via
16 "Zoom" to begin before the Staff Reports. She stated that all members should have
17 received a copy of the audit report in the meeting packet. Mr. DeFalco stated that
18 provided within the report is a letter explaining the practices used for the audit and that
19 no deficiencies were found within the records reviewed. He stated that he commends the
20 staff for a job well done. He asked that everyone turn to Page 7 & Page 8 to follow his
21 discussion about the about the statement of Net Position. He continued that the Agency
22 is very good shape. He stated that although the overall calculations show a decrease of
23 approximately \$1.7 million this was primarily due to a decrease in revenue. He stated
24 that reviewing Page 9 of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net
25 Position there was approximately a \$33,000 change as compared to the following year as
26 well as the amount of depreciation. He stated that it is felt that the decrease was due to
27 less power generation and income from the other sources such as water sales and park
28 sites. He stated that once again the Agency is very solid. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
29 **seconded by Mr. McCormic to accept/approve the Annual Audit for FY '19-'20 as**
30 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry
2 stated that his reports were circulated in the packet. He stated that generation through
3 August & September were made in accordance with the Power Operating Guide. He
4 stated that Unit #2 went into outage on August 31st and Unit #1 has been running 24/7
5 since September 3rd. He stated that the Power House Emergency Generator was
6 commissioned on August 25th and immediately put in service for the outage and
7 Hurricane Laura. He stated that Unit #2 was put into outage for maintenance on August
8 21st and will go through October 12th. **Diving Inspections:** He stated that in
9 conjunction with the power house outage, diving services were utilized to make
10 inspections to the approach apron on the upstream side and to the discharge apron and
11 discharge endsill. He stated that the divers found an area of rip rap just downstream of
12 the endsill with a void of 6' below top of the endsill washed out to around 9'
13 downstream. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** Lake Level at the beginning of August was
14 170.17'msl and as of September 16th, the reservoir is at 169.05'msl. He stated that the
15 plan is to reach 168.0'msl by October 1st. **Advisories and Hurricane Laura:** He stated
16 that Hurricane Laura came through the area on August 27th, not supplying a large amount
17 of rain so it was not necessary to open any gates. He stated that only five inches was
18 recorded at the dam and considerably less rain on the upper basin. He stated that a post-
19 hurricane inspection was made by SRA Engineers and found to be in safe condition. He
20 stated that the Power House buoy line was broken and subsequently fixed; floating logs
21 were found at the Power House intake channel, along the main embankment, and along
22 rip-rap area adjacent to the Power House intake channel and subsequently were removed.
23 He stated that there are some logs that need to be removed from the Spillway. He stated
24 that some damage was found along the rip rap area adjacent to the SRATX office and
25 will require repair. He stated that some minor damage was found along upstream soil
26 cement face of the embankment. He stated there were several trees down that are being
27 cleaned up. He stated that Freese & Nichols will perform a formal post-hurricane
28 inspection sometime in the near future. **HAZARD MITIGATION:** Mr. Guidry stated
29 that Mr. Alan Fulton, Engineer Intern would present this portion of the report. Mr.
30 Fulton stated that the Hazard Mitigation has twenty-two (22) properties on schedule for
31 buyout in Vernon Parish with thirteen (13) of those approved for closing. He stated that

1 as of August 19th, five (5) of the properties have been closed and approved for demolition
2 which is being done by TBPIO Crews with a subcontractor plugging water wells and
3 septic tanks pumped out; still awaiting final inspection of the demolition work.

4 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support
5 to SRA-TC and SRA-LA for all compliance issues.

6 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Guidry stated that not too much
7 activity since the last meeting. He stated that there has been Seven (7) New structures
8 permitted and only one (1) New Water withdrawal.

9 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the reports from SRD were circulated
10 in the meeting packet and his report was handed out before the meeting. TOLEDO
11 BEND: He stated that maintenance crews continue to complete removing debris in all
12 parks and at Cypress Bend Resort. (Approximately 400 trees down at Cypress Bend Park,
13 San Miguel Park, Pleasure Point Park and the Resort altogether). He stated that a portion
14 of the seawall at Pleasure Point Park with destroyed due to the Hurricane. He stated that
15 the buoy crew has been addressing the complaints about the boat road markings since
16 things were shut down due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. He stated that about 300 buoys
17 have been replaced. He stated that repairs on cabins and RV Sites are being completed
18 by the maintenance crew. He stated that the crew had to remove logs and other floating
19 debris from the boat ramps, shoreline and swim areas. He stated that staff had contacted
20 Cleco concerning the Pleasure Point Project and plans are to move forward with the
21 survey, preparation of the maintenance of the right-of-way agreement and a cost estimate
22 for the power line replacement project. He stated that a timeline of the activity after the
23 Hurricane Laura is provided for your review. He stated that the maintenance crew did an
24 outstanding job going into action immediately when contacted after the storm. He stated
25 that Joey Remedies showed great leadership and he is to be commended. SRD: He stated
26 that only minor progress has been made on all projects due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
27 He stated that CIP#13 which is the pumps, motors, and drives have been ordered. He
28 stated that the motors and drives have shipped and are being stored at Eagle Electric in
29 Sulphur. He stated that the Ruhrpumpen was awarded the bid for installation in the of
30 \$91,940. He stated that in order to retain the two-year warranty the installation and test
31 run must be done before January 1, 2021 and there is a possibility that this deadline will

1 not be met due to Covid-19 and Hurricane Laura. He stated that Entergy has agreed to
2 remove the overhead electrical at Station #3 and install a ground mount transformer at no
3 cost to SRA. He stated that an electrical contractor will still have to run the high voltage
4 wiring to the control room with the help of SRA staff. He stated that CIP#15-metering
5 system which includes receipt of the field inspection and engineering reports by
6 Champion Technology. He stated that staff is working with P66(Conoco) and Air
7 Products to settle the metering dispute and the seek best solution is to have Air Products
8 place their own line to the SRA main and be metered at that point. He stated that CIP#16
9 which is the repair and painting of the Pump Stations and above ground Pipelines, staff is
10 working on a bid packet. He stated that samples of the old paint have been sent to a lab
11 for testing. He stated that CIP#17-Pump Station #1 Erosion Repair staff is soliciting
12 proposals for topo graphing, elevation and cross section surveys. He stated that CIP#18-
13 Rehab Bridge Crossings has been turned over to Meyer & Associates to prepare the
14 construction documents. He stated that a report concerning the Hurricane Laura Timeline
15 has also been provided for your review. He stated that the Governor had closed all the
16 State offices in preparation for the hurricane; however, the staff at SRD continued to
17 work. He stated that Matt Istre stayed at the office to monitor the need to shut down
18 Pump Station #1 before the storm surge hit to prevent a saltwater intrusion. He stated that
19 a fire occurred at Bio-Lab and Matt had to get both diesel pumps running to supply water.
20 He stated that the staff is to be commended.

21 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that report was included in the packet.
22 She stated that reviewing the Diversion Canal Division for the month of August, revenues
23 were \$79,023.13, expenses were \$593,540.35 showing a loss of \$514,517.22. She stated
24 that the water bills had not been mailed prior to the hurricane which is the explanation for
25 the decrease in revenue. She stated that next month would probably show a large
26 increase in revenue. She stated that reviewing the Toledo Bend Division for the month of
27 August, revenues were \$564,786.56; expenses were \$767,025.65 showing a loss of
28 \$202,239.09. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the Staff Reports**
29 **as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

30 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None**

31 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

1 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve Minutes of ALH, No.5 Task Force**
2 **Meeting 07-30-20: Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**
3 **minutes of the ALH, No.5 Task Force Meeting of July 30th, 2020 as circulated.**
4 **Motion carried.**

5 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #2-Vehicle for IT Department SRD Acquisitions**
6 **Budget-Amount \$46,000:** Mr. Carr stated that staff is requesting to replace a 2014 Ford
7 Expedition with a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe 4-wheel drive SUV at the approximate cost of
8 \$46,000. He stated that staff would use this vehicle to drive out to the pump stations for
9 monitoring especially in times of outages or electrical issues. He stated that this vehicle
10 gives staff the space to carry equipment to keep the system running. **Mrs. Scott moved,**
11 **seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe for**
12 **\$46,000 for SRD. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 **Item #3-15ft Hydraulic Mower-Acquisitions Budget-\$35,000:** Mr. Carr stated
14 that mower is used to mow the levees at the Diversion Canal System. He stated that the
15 new purchase would replace a 1996 model. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane**
16 **to approve the purchase of a 15' Hydraulic Mower at the approximate cost of**
17 **\$35,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

18 **Item #4-Hurricane Laura Disaster Recovery Response:** Mr. Founds presented
19 a slide presentation showing the various areas of damage within the SRA Campgrounds,
20 the Dam, and Diversion Canal Office and Canal System. He stated that staff did a great
21 job with helping out after the storm. He stated that the Office of Risk Management had
22 been contacted concerning insurance coverage for the damaged buildings. He stated that
23 staff has held discussions with Richard Meyer-representing Meyer & Associates and
24 representatives of the G.E.C, Inc. group who made a proposal for professional service
25 consultants concerning disaster relief programs for Hurricane Laura. He stated that some
26 of these plans are 75% program funding-25% Agency match and it is understood that
27 FEMA would reimburse SRA 100% for the Administration fee charged by the
28 consultants. He stated that SRA's 25% match could be our own maintenance crew. **Mr.**
29 **Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve entering into a contractual**
30 **agreement with Meyer & Associates and G.E.C., Inc. for professional consulting**
31 **services, in compliance with Federal Funding Guidelines, for Hurricane Laura**

1 **Disaster Recovery Funding and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the**
2 **necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

5 **2) Parks:** Approve minutes of July 30th 2020 meeting: **Mr. McCormic moved,**
6 **seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the minutes of the July 30th, 2020 meeting**
7 **as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

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

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

12 **7) TBPJO:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday,
13 October 1st 2020 at 10:30am at the SRA TX Office at the Dam. Mrs. Ferguson
14 stated that the Sabine River Compact meeting is scheduled for Wednesday
15 October 14th, 2020 at 11:00am at the SRATX Headquarters in Orange, Texas.

16 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Byles asked for a motion to move into Executive
17 Session to discuss possible litigation from Capital Properties, LLC et al vs Sabine River
18 Authority, State of Louisiana, 19th Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana Case
19 No.656,098 and Deloutre Property Rentals, LLC et al vs Sabine River Authority, State of
20 Louisiana, 11th Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana Case no. 068266. **Mr. Gibbs**
21 **moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to move into Executive Session. Mr. Gibbs moved,**
22 **seconded by Mr. Vidrine to re-convene from Executive Session. No action required.**

23 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated no report.

24 Mr. Byles stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, October 22nd, 2020 at
25 1:00pm at the Pendleton Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, LA if precautions allowed
26 for it.

27 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Byles asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
28 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
29 **Meeting adjourned at 3:20p.m.**

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