

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, NOVEMBER 4, 2021**  
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11   **MEMBERS PRESENT:**   **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Chairman**  
12   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman**  
13   **Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary**  
14   **Mr. Danny Cupit**  
15   **Mr. Kenneth Ebarb**  
16   **Mr. Jeremy Evans (late 1:15pm)**  
17   **Mr. Shane Jeane**  
18   **Mr. Mike McCormic**  
19   **Mr. Kevin Mitchell**  
20   **Mr. Therman Nash**  
21   **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
22   **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**  
23   **Mrs. Dayna Yeldell**  
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26   **MEMBERS ABSENT:**    None  
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29   **OTHERS PRESENT:**    **Warren Founds, III, Executive Dir-SRA, Many, LA**  
30   **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**  
31   **Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
32   **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
33   **Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA**  
34   **Gene Guidry, P.E.-SRA, Many, LA**  
35   **There were (13) visitors.**  
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38           Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
39   Founds led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Evans was absent;  
40   however, a quorum was established. Mr. Evans arrived at 1:15pm.

41           Mr. Foret asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?  
42   He stated that he would like to add Item F-1: Cypress Bend Golf Course-Mr. Jeffery  
43   Blume, representing the American Society of Golf Course Architects to make  
44   presentation and to have him to speak before the Staff Reports. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**  
45   **seconded by Mr. Mitchell to amend the agenda to add Item F-1: Cypress Bend Golf**  
46   **Course Presentation by Mr. Jeffery Blume and to adopt the amended agenda.**  
47   **Motion carried unanimously.**

48           Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting were in the  
49   packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.

1 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell approve the minutes of the Board**  
2 **meeting of September 23, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **Item J-2: Cypress Bend Golf Course:** Mr. Jeffery Blume, GM-American  
4 Society of Golf Course Architects addressed the Board with a power point presentation.  
5 He stated that he had been in business 32 years and had designed and re-designed  
6 numerous courses over the years. He stated that he had visited the Cypress Bend Course  
7 which has been in existence since 1996 and that it was definitely time to “renovate” the  
8 course. He stated that he had noted that the course had lots of wonderful natural sites that  
9 could be enhanced by closing some of the bunkers, changing the turf, and re-working the  
10 cart path would keep those nature aesthetics of the course. He stated that the course  
11 needed to be challenging, but also fun. He continued that his suggestion would be to start  
12 the process of upgrading the course in early spring and look to re-open in the fall. After  
13 much discussion, Mr. Foret stated that he would like the Board to consider entering into a  
14 contract with American Society of Golf Course Architects for \$75,000.00 to re-design the  
15 Cypress Bend Golf Course along with all recommendations to move the project forward  
16 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. **Mr. Gibbs**  
17 **moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve a contract in the amount of \$75,000**  
18 **with American Society of Golf Course Architects and authorize the Executive**  
19 **Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

20 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Fulton  
21 stated that there was almost no generation was done during September and October. He  
22 stated that generation will only occur if the upper basin or the reservoir receives some  
23 rainfall or if downstream, the diversion canal requirement needs come up. He stated that  
24 the Power House completed its outage on Unit #1 without incident. He stated to update  
25 everyone on the Power House Step-Up Transformer Replacmeent Project which has a  
26 budget of \$5.7million, the transformer was purchased at \$1,546,200 and about 40 % has  
27 been paid. He continued that staff is waiting on Schneider Engineering for final bid  
28 documents and statement of probable costs (SOPC) so that bids for construction can be  
29 let. He stated that if the SOPC is within the budget, bids will go out and it is projected  
30 that it will take approximately eight (8) months for construction. **Reservoir**  
31 **Levels/Status:** He stated that the reservoir level on September 1, 2021 was 168.65’msl

1 and as of October 26<sup>th</sup> it was 167.78’msl. He stated that the average reservoir level for  
2 September was 168.51’msl and for October was 167.94’msl. He stated that during  
3 November and December, attempts will be made to keep the reservoir at or near the  
4 168.0’msl. He stated that soil cement repair project is underway by the TBPJO crew. He  
5 stated that Freese and Nichols is developing the documents for the Spillway Electrical  
6 Repair Project which has a budget of \$881,000 for construction. He stated that requests  
7 have been submitted for an emergency generator with only one estimate received so far at  
8 \$52,900.00. He stated that when staff receives the final bid documents along with the  
9 updated construction costs from Freese and Nichols for this project, and if the statement  
10 of probable costs is within the budget, this project will be let for bids

11 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that the Security Inspection held on September 22,  
12 2021, staff is waiting for FERC responses. He stated that FERC EAP Functional  
13 Exercise was held on November 3, 2021. He stated that Certrec Corporation continues to  
14 provide support to SRA/TX and SRA/LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues.

15 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Guidry stated that from September  
16 15 to October 26, there were 10 New Structure permits; 27 Transferred Structure permits;  
17 1 New Water Withdrawal permit; 5 Transferred Water Withdrawal permits; and 2  
18 Cancelled Water Withdrawal permits. **NORTH-LANAN AREA:** 3-new structures; 14-  
19 transferred structures; 1-transferred WW. **MID LAKE-PENDLETON TO TURTLE**  
20 **BEACH:** 2-new structures; 1-transferred structure; 1-transferred WW. **MID SOUTH –**  
21 **NEGREET TO BIG BASS:** 3-new structures; 8-transferred structures; 1-new water  
22 withdrawal. **SOUTH LAKE-SOUTH OF BIG BASS:** 2-new structures;4-transferred  
23 structures; 1-transferred WW; 2-cancelled WW. **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:**  
24 Mr. Guidry stated that there had been one encroachment (LA 2016-039) cleared on  
25 October 19, 2021. He stated that there were 114 total but currently there are 70 total  
26 remaining which 48 are minor, 9 are other, and 13 not determined.

27 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Carr stated that the buoy crew  
28 continues to replace and align navigational aids. He stated that the Oak Ridge is  
29 complete and the Fire Marshall has given approval for occupancy, but waiting for ATT to  
30 install phone system. He stated that the crew is working on erecting the fencing and new  
31 gates. He stated that Cleco has the identified the needed right-of-ways at Pleasure Point

1 for the new primary electrical and SRA crew has cleared them. He stated that the final  
2 RW Agreement was signed on Tuesday September 21, 2021. He stated that Cleco has  
3 given notice that they will start the Pleasure Point project next week and SRA will  
4 provide a 2-man crew to be with them for the duration of the project. He stated that the  
5 crew will be installing the new playground equipment for San Miguel and Pleasure Point  
6 soon. He stated that the Cypress Bend Park fishing pier decking project is complete. He  
7 stated that the SRA maintenance crew installed 340 feet of 24-inch drainage at the golf  
8 course replacing rusty and collapsed galvanized pipe. He stated that work has begun on  
9 the seawalls at holes 11, 14 and 16 during the low water period. He stated that most of  
10 the Christmas decorations are put up at Cypress Bend Park in anticipation of the opening  
11 on Friday after Thanksgiving. **SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that the Diversion Canal report was  
12 included in the packet and he would answer any questions or concerns. He stated that at  
13 Canal #3C Crossing and Coach Williams Drive Extension, the contractor has suggested  
14 changing the headwall from concrete to steel piling. He stated that he has asked  
15 Fenstermaker, the engineer on the job, for a letter stating their recommendation before  
16 moving forward with the project. He stated that work continues on getting the electrical  
17 upgrades for the equipment and pump installation at Pump Station #3.

18 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the auditor would give his report  
19 before moving on with the monthly financial report. Mr. Ross Beasley, CPA and  
20 representative of Broussard & Company who performs the annual audit, asked the Board  
21 to refer to the audit report that was previously provided to each member. He stated that  
22 the letter in the front of report is a letter to the Board that would discuss any problems  
23 found during the audit which there were none. He stated that the Pages 1-3 is the audit  
24 description report of the principals used within the audit itself. He stated that Pages 5-7  
25 is the basic financial statements for the FY'20-'21. He continued that Pages 8-9 are the  
26 balance sheet which shows net position of the agency which is \$110,859,860 as  
27 compared to last year at \$104,615,466 and this increase is probably due to the funds  
28 owed to the authority from FEMA for the debris cleanup project. He continued that Pages  
29 11-12 are the Statements of Cash Flows. He stated that Pages 13-33 are notes concerning  
30 the financial statements. He stated that Pages 34-37 are the Schedule of Compensation,  
31 Benefits and other Payments. He stated that Pages 38-39 are the letter audit letter which

1 discusses any findings which were none. He continued that Pages 40-41 cover the  
2 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs which were none. He continued that Pages  
3 42-46 discuss the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. He continued that Pages  
4 47-end was the report submitted to the State of Louisiana Division of Administration on  
5 behalf of the agency. **Mrs. Yeldell moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to accept the**  
6 **Annual Audit for FY'20-'21 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.** Mrs.  
7 Ferguson stated that the Financial Report was included in the meeting packet. She stated  
8 that for the Toledo Bend Division for the month of September revenues were  
9 \$365,684.88, expenditures were \$500,280.75 showing a loss of \$134,595.87. She stated  
10 that year-to-date shows a profit of \$424,279.88. She stated that for the Diversion Canal  
11 Division for the month of September, revenues were \$645,503.58, expenditures were  
12 \$432,124.34 leaving a profit of \$213,379.24. She continued that year-to-date shows a  
13 profit of \$763,229.49. She stated that the report for the Cypress Bend Golf course was  
14 included which shows year-to-date \$81,648.27 to have been spent out of the budgeted  
15 \$469,000. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as**  
16 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

17 **SPECIAL REPORTS: Cypress Bend Hiking/Biking Trails:** Mrs. Leah White  
18 addressed the Board discussing the hiking and biking trails at Cypress Bend Resort  
19 Complex. She stated that there are several areas where trails had once been cleared and  
20 were in great shape for the avid hiker/biker who might be staying at the resort. She stated  
21 that she had recently visited the trails and there was too much debris and underbrush that  
22 it was very hard to maneuver the trails. She stated that this is a nice amenity to the  
23 facility and she would like to see that these trails were cleared and made better for  
24 accessibility.

25 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

26 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1: Parks Overlay Project-** Mr. Carr stated that bids  
27 had been received and opened on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Pendleton Bridge  
28 Office. He stated that a copy of the bids had been provided to each member present. He  
29 continued that the total amount the Board approved at an earlier date was \$998,000.00  
30 and the winning bid by Williams Equipment Services was for \$808,205.60. He stated the  
31 staff is requested that the Board approve the bid, allow the Executive Director execute the  
32 contract and allow for the award of the bid. He stated that the contractor stated that the

1 job could be started within four weeks. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to**  
2 **accept the bid of \$808,205.60 from Williams Equipment Services for the Parks**  
3 **Overlay Project and for the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents**  
4 **for this project. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

6 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

8 **2) Parks: Mrs. Yeldell moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the**  
9 **minutes of the Committee Meeting on September 23, 2021 as circulated.**

10 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

12 **4) Finance: No Meeting.**

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

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

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

16 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that SRA had received a favorable  
17 decision for the Agency in the Baca Case. He stated that the next step if they so desire  
18 would be to move the case to the Supreme Court.

19 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he would like  
20 to say that several staff members had participated in a Mock Disaster Drill which was  
21 attended by a FERC representative and he gave the drill an A+. He stated that he along  
22 with Mr. Guidry, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Derouren had participated in the  
23 drill which was very interesting and educational for all who attended. He stated that  
24 special thanks to Mr. Guidry and Mr. Fulton who helped organize the event and had been  
25 working for several months to development the plan for the drill. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**  
26 **seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.**  
27 **Motion carried unanimously.**

28 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, December 9, 2021 at  
29 11:00am at the Cypress Bend Conference Center, 2000 Cypress Bend Park, Many, LA.

30 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**  
31 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**  
32 **Meeting adjourned at 2:12p.m.**

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**JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN**

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**NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY**