

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, JULY 22, 2021
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10 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Vice-Chairman
11 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Secretary
12 Mr. Danny Cupit
13 Mr. Jeremy Evans
14 Mr. Byron Gibbs
15 Mr. Shane Jeane
16 Mr. Mike McCormic
17 Mr. Kevin Mitchell
18 Mr. Therman Nash
19 Mrs. Estella Scott
20 Mr. Stanley Vidrine
21 Mrs. Dayna Yeldell
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23 MEMBERS ABSENT: None.
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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 Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA
30 Gene Guidry, P.E.-SRA, Many, LA
31 There were (14) visitors.
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33 Mr. Foret 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 all members were
35 present; therefore, a quorum was established.

36 Mr. Foret asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?

37 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Mr. Gibbs

38 moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion
39 carried unanimously.

40 Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting were in the packet
41 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.

42 Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs approve the minutes of the Board
43 meeting of May 27, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

44 Mr. Foret stated that Mr. Mitchell, Sabine Parish Sheriff would like to address the
45 Board. Mr. Mitchell thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and discuss further
46 plans in dealing with the thieves on the lake. He stated that his department has designed

1 a program where GPS Trackers will be placed in various places in hopes of improving
2 the issue.

3 Next to address the Board was State Representative Rodney Schamerhorn. He
4 gave a brief recap of things that had taken place during the Legislative Session. Mr.
5 Foret thanked each for coming to the meeting and keeping the Board informed of the
6 issues.

7 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations: Mr. Guidry**

8 stated that generation was done June through July in accordance with the Power
9 Operating Guide. He stated that the power season had begun (May through September)
10 and generation will be made with coordination with Entergy with monthly targets as the
11 reservoir is lowered to 168.0' msl by October 1, 2021. He stated that the Weekend
12 Operation Plan that calls for reduced flow from March through June was in effect from
13 June 22nd to the end of the month and Unit #1 ran at a reduced capacity of 35MW. He
14 stated that the rest of the time June throughout July, the gross power output was at full
15 capacity with Unit #1 at 40MW and Unit #2 at 35MW with a combined water output of
16 approximately 13,820 cfs. He stated that the total generation as of July 13th was
17 238,359.9MWH. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that the reservoir level on June 1st
18 was 172.27' msl and as of July 13th, the level was 170.96' msl. He stated that the average
19 reservoir level through June was 172.14' msl and thus generation took place 100% of the
20 time. He stated that the average lake level for the first 13 days of July was 171.02' msl
21 with generation occurring at 44% of the time. He stated that the Spill Event that started
22 on May 9th ended on June 18th. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that FERC Annual
23 Dam Safety Inspection was held June 29th & 30th. He continued that no major
24 discoveries were found; however, staff is awaiting comments from FERC.

25 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Guidry stated that for the months
26 of May 18th to July 13th, there were 21 New Structures, 30 Transferred Structures, 6 New
27 Water Withdrawal, 11 Transferred Water Withdrawal and 4 Cancelled Water Withdrawal
28 permits. He stated that permitting by Area: N- Lanan Area 12 New Structures, 20
29 Transferred Structures, 5 New Water Withdrawal, 6 Transferred Water Withdrawal and 2
30 Cancelled Water Withdrawal; Mid Lake-United Bay to Turtle Beach 5 New Structure, 6
31 Transferred Structure, 1 New Water Withdrawal, 5 Transferred Water Withdrawal; Mid-

1 South-Negreet to Big Bass 3 New Structure, 2 Transferred Structure, 1 New Water
2 Withdrawal, 0 Transferred Water Withdrawal and 1 Cancelled Water Withdrawal; and
3 South Lake-South of Big Bass 1 New Structure, 2 Transferred Structure, 0 New Water
4 Withdrawal, and 1 Cancelled Water Withdrawal permits.

5 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Carr stated that the buoy crew
6 continues to replace and align navigational aids. He stated that the Oak Ridge Park
7 Office construction is ongoing and this project is going to run over budget due to the
8 rising costs of materials. He stated that the playground equipment has been delivered to
9 San Miguel and Pleasure Point and the crew will be installing it next week. He stated
10 that mowing and weed eating continues on a weekly basis at the parks. He stated that
11 staff met with a contractor to discuss improvements to Cypress Bend Resort entrance
12 road and he is to prepare an estimate for the patch work needed by the next week. He
13 stated that approximately 15,000 sq. ft. needs to be repaired. **SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that
14 bid documents are advertised and available for to be sent to potential bidders for the SRD
15 Bridge Repair Project which includes seven (7) bridges. He continued that bids would be
16 opened on August 18 and staff would report on this at the next Board meeting. He stated
17 that the budget for this project is \$800,000.00. He stated that Pump Station #2 was
18 broken into and law enforcement was contacted to do a report. He stated that one siphon
19 at Cit-Con ditch upstream from Pump Station #4 is plugged and the SRD crew is working
20 to unplug it. He stated that the Diversion Canal reports have been handed out for review
21 and he'd answer questions if necessary.

22 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was included in
23 the meeting packet. She stated that reviewing the Toledo Bend Division for the month of
24 May, revenues were \$993,420.05; expenses were \$752,499.44 showing a profit of
25 \$240,920.61. She stated that reviewing the Diversion Canal Division for the month of
26 May, revenues were \$594,663.91; expenditures were \$1,643,702.86 showing a loss of
27 \$1,049,038.95. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to approve the Staff**
28 **Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

29 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**
30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**
31 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1: Approve final Budget FY'210'22-** Mrs. Ferguson
32 stated that a copy of the final budget was circulated in the meeting packet. She stated

1 that the projected revenue \$15,497,200; expenses are projected at \$19,407,200 with a loss
2 of \$3,910,000. She stated that in reviewing Acquisitions, staff is recommending that the
3 Board approve \$25,000 for a new phone system, \$17,000 for two (2) replacement
4 mowers for the recreation sites; \$60,000 for new mini excavator; and \$132,000 to replace
5 the tractor and slope mower for SRD. She continued that reviewing Major Repairs, staff
6 is recommending that the Board approve \$250,000 for emergency repairs for
7 pump/motors at SRD. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the final**
8 **Budget for FY'21-'22 at \$15,497,200 and to approve the following Acquisition items-**
9 **\$25,000 for phone system; \$17,000 for 2 replacement movers for recreation sites;**
10 **\$60,000 for new mini excavator, and \$132,000 for replacement tractor and slope**
11 **mower for SRD. Also to include approving the request for \$250,000 for Emergency**
12 **Repair to pump/motors at SRD. Motion carried unanimously.**
13 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1: Approve Selection of Official Journal-The**
14 **Sabine Index:** Mr. Foret asked for a motion to approve the Sabine Index as the official
15 journal of the SRA. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to approve the**
16 **Sabine Index as the official journal for the Sabine River Authority. Motion carried**
17 **unanimously.**
18 **Item #2: Approve Delegation of Appointing Authority:** Mrs. Ferguson stated
19 that this item is done each year for Civil Service which allows the Executive Director to
20 direct hiring, promoting, and terminating employees of the agency. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**
21 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve delegation of Appointing Authority to the**
22 **Executive Director, Warren Founds for the agency by adopting a resolution in**
23 **support of such action. Motion carried unanimously.**
24 **Item #3: Approve Legislative Compliance Questionnaire:** Mrs. Ferguson
25 stated that the questionnaire was provided in the Board packet. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**
26 **seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the Legislative Compliance Questionnaire by**
27 **adopting a resolution in support of such action. Motion carried unanimously.**
28 **Item #4: Approve Broussard-Poche', LLP Contract:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that
29 this contract is to perform the bi-annual audit of ALH, No.5. **Mr. Vidrine moved,**
30 **seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the Broussard-Poche', LLP contract to perform**
31 **the bi-annual audit of ALH, No.5. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

3 **2) Parks: No Meeting.**

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

5 **4) Finance: Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the**
6 **minutes of the May 27th 2021 meeting of the Finance Committee as circulated**
7 **within the Board packet. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

10 **7) TBPJO: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Joint Board had met on June 15, 2021.**

11 He stated that the Joint Board approved the budget for FY'21-'22. He stated a
12 discussion was held about moving the transformers and electrical work to be done
13 on the gates.

14 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that on June 4, 2021, the 1st Circuit Court
15 of Appeals dismissed the Baca case; however, the Baca attorney moved it to the
16 Louisiana Supreme Court. He stated that Item #2-Capital Properties, LLC has been
17 extended for two months waiting for EPA approval, so therefore, Item #3-Deloutre
18 Property Rentals, LLC also has been extended.

19 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the Public
20 Service Commission was supposed to meet at Cypress Bend Resort last year, but due to
21 the pandemic, the meeting was canceled. He stated that plans are in the making for a
22 possible meeting here in October. He stated that work has begun on requesting a five-
23 year extension on our power sales agreement. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs.**
24 **Scott to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried**
25 **unanimously.**

26 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, August 26, 2021 at
27 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, LA.

28 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**

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

30 **Meeting adjourned at 2:23p.m.**

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JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN


NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: 

BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY