

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT LEARNING CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary
Mr. Conrad Cathey (late 1:45pm)
Mrs. Rhonda Cupit
Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr
Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr
Mr. Mike McCormic
Mr. Gary Moore
Mr. Ricky Moses
Mr. Michael Norton
Mr. Matthew Rains
Mr. Stanley Vidrine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Byron Gibbs

OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Alan Fulton, Engineer 3-SRA, Many, LA
Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA

There were sixty-one (61) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Fulton offered the Prayer and Mr.

Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Gibbs was absent; however, a quorum was established.

Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions or deletions. Mr. Founds stated that staff is requesting to place under Old Business, Item #1- Increase Taylor, Porter, Brooks, and Phillips Contract for legal services and Item #2- Update on Water Sales Study. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to amend the agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting were in the packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no corrections. Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve the circulated minutes of the Board meeting of September 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

1 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Alan
2 Fulton stated that today's lake level is 167.51' msl. He stated that year-to-date thru
3 November 2nd, run hours were Unit #1-3,803 hrs. and Unit #2-4,329 hrs. He stated that
4 total generation year-to-date thru November 2nd was 303,624 MWH. He stated that
5 October through December generation is allowed above 168' msl. He stated that relief
6 well #19 has been repaired and running. He stated that the Outage on Unit #2 was
7 completed on October 23rd without any significant issues. He stated that a roller had been
8 repaired. **Emergency Spillway Generator:** He stated that operational. **Reservoir**
9 **Levels/Status:** He stated that the average reservoir level for September was
10 168.37' MSL. He stated that the reservoir level in October was 167.81' MSL. He stated
11 that the level as November 3rd was 167.62' MSL. **RELEASES:** He stated that as of
12 November 2nd was 4,513,900 AC-FT had been released through the Power House and
13 releases through the Spillway and P.H. leakage was 253,053 AC-FT, bringing the total
14 releases to 4,766,952 AC-FT. He stated that the total calculated inflows this year as of
15 November 2nd was 4,432,597 AC-FT. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec
16 Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for
17 NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House.
18 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that permitting
19 activity from September 17th to November 13th, 2025 was as follows: (7) new structure
20 permits, (12) transferred structure permits, (3) new water withdrawal(s), (3) transferred
21 water withdrawals, (1) cancelled water withdrawal, (0) shoreline improvement (erosion
22 control/dredge), (19) approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-**
23 **Converse area:** 0-new structures; 1-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal, 0-
24 transferred water withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:**
25 1- new structures; 1-transferred structures; 0-new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water
26 withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal; **NORTH-Zwolle area:** 2-new structures;
27 3-transferred structure; 1-new water withdrawal; 2-transferred water withdrawal; 0-
28 cancelled water withdrawal. **MID LAKE-Many area:** 3-new structures; 5-transferred
29 structures; 2-new water withdrawal; 1-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled
30 water withdrawal. **SOUTH-FLORIEN:** 1-new structure; 2-transferred structure; 0-new
31 water withdrawal; 1-cancelled water withdrawal. **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** None.

1 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** None. **OTHER:** He stated that he wanted to
2 inform the Board members if they were asked, a barge had sunk down in Esto
3 Landing/Big Bass area, but has been recovered without incident.

4 **Item #3-Operational: DIVERSION CANAL:** Mr. Remedies stated that staff
5 was able to contract with a company to spray the Giant Salvia using a drone and have
6 had good results with the application. He stated that the bid opening was held for Capital
7 Project #17-Erosion Control and Apeck Construction was awarded the bid. He stated that
8 the metering project continues. He stated that at Pump Station #1, Pump #2 should be
9 installed and working within the next few weeks. He stated that crews have the fence
10 lines cleaned and looking good. **TOLEDO BEND:** He stated that the pictures are to
11 show you what the crew has been doing at San Miguel and Cypress Bend with the cabin
12 renovations continue. He stated that the crew has been pouring concrete. He stated that
13 the crew has been working on the jetty at Cypress Bend Park. He stated that the entrance
14 and exit gates at San Miguel should be completed and operational today. He stated that
15 it's that time of year for installation of Christmas lights and that's kept the crew very
16 busy and stretched out pretty thin.

17 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ford stated that the September report was included in
18 the packet. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division monthly revenues were
19 \$454,864.20, expenses were \$377,640.02 leaving a profit of \$77,224.18. She stated that
20 year-to-date revenues were \$1,952,475.75, expenses were \$1,078,501.41 leaving a profit
21 of \$873,974.34. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division monthly revenues were
22 \$733,426.97, expenses were \$971,695.49 leaving a deficit of \$238,268.52. She stated
23 year-to-date revenues were \$2,784,112.74, expenses were \$2,532,992.03 leaving a profit
24 of \$251,120.71. She stated that the Sabine River Compact had met in Nacogdoches
25 November 4-5. She stated that the annual audit was presented and it was found to be a
26 clean audit report. Mrs. Ferguson stated that the crews have been working diligently on
27 getting Cypress Bend Park ready for Christmas. She stated that there is a massive
28 fundraising going on for a little girl whose has a deadly childhood disease. She stated
29 that staff would like to waive the entry fees received from the first weekend from those
30 visiting the Cypress Bend Park Christmas Light show for this little girl whose name is
31 Lydia Rachal from Natchitoches that is fighting the disease called Sanfilippo Type B

1 Syndrome. She explained that there are fourteen children whose families and
2 communities are trying to raise \$3.8 million dollars to pay the drug company for the
3 drugs needed for these youngsters to receive treatment to fight their disease. **Mr. Jeane**
4 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to waive the fees into Cypress Bend Park from**
5 **visitors to see the Christmas lights for the entire “lighting season”, but to allow a**
6 **volunteer group, “Save Lydia” to ask for donations to be collected as part of the**
7 **fundraising for Lydia Rachal’s cause. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Moses**
8 **moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve staff reports as circulated and**
9 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

10 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

11 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Those present who addressed the Board in opposition
12 of moving forward with a possible Out-of-state water sale was Mr. Pat Scarborough, Mr.
13 Al Jenkins, Mr. Don Gauthier, and Mr. Mike Hubel.

14 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Increase Taylor, Porter, Brooks, and Phillips**

15 **Contract:** Mrs. Ford stated that due to the ongoing issues with International Paper, it is
16 suggested by legal services to increase this contract an additional \$100,000 from the
17 initial \$50,000 so the actual total contract would be for \$150,000. She stated that the IP
18 issue deals with the pond built on SRA leaseback. **Mr. Norton moved, seconded by**
19 **Mr. Foret, to amend the Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips contract for legal**
20 **services in the amount of \$100,000 bringing the total current contract to \$150,000.**
21 **Motion carried unanimously.**

22 **Item #2-Update on Water Sales Study:** Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Moore
23 would like to address this item. Mr. Moore stated that the Power/Water Sales
24 Subcommittee had previously met on September 25, 2025 and voted to recommend to the
25 full board to approve up to \$50,000 to fund a third party study to model the impact of a
26 potential water sale on the water levels on Toledo Bend Reservoir. He stated that at the
27 time, it was expected that SRATX would fund half of the cost of this study; however,
28 they have declined to participate or fund any of this study. He continued with that
29 development, it is recommended not to proceed with the study. **Mr. Foret moved,**
30 **seconded by Mrs. Cupit to withdraw funding of the proposed Water Sale Study.**
31 **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Moore continued that it is felt that SRA should not

1 renew or enter into a new “Letter of Intent” with Aqueduct Partners due to the lack of
2 clear fundamental alignment between SRATX and SRALA regarding this potential sale
3 or any future potential sale which makes it clear that both have internal work to do to
4 ensure that we maintain the history of cooperation in the co-management of the Toledo
5 Bend Reservoir. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Norton to agree that SRALA**
6 **does not renew or enter into a new “Letter of Intent” with Aqueduct Partners for an**
7 **out-of-state water sale from Toledo Bend Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.**

8 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

9 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

11 2) **Toledo Bend Division:** No meeting.

12 3) **Parks:** No meeting.

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

14 5) **Cypress Bend Golf Resort:** Mr. Foret stated that the Committee had met on
15 November 12, 2025. He stated that after some discussion with Mr. Massad and
16 his staff, the Committee has prepared two recommendations for approval by the
17 full Board. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve entering**
18 **into a “Lease-Purchase Agreement” with ALH for six months with payments**
19 **not to exceed \$600,000 with the option to extend said agreement an**
20 **additional six months, if necessary and all lease payments are to be credited**
21 **to the purchase price and the final draft as prepared by legal services of the**
22 **said agreement to be presented at the December Board Meeting for final**
23 **approval. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
24 **McCormic to authorize re-allocating funds out of Acquisition to make the**
25 **lease-purchase agreement payments. Motion carried unanimously.**

26 6) **Toledo Bend Project Operations:** No meeting.

27 **SUB-COMMITTEE:**

28 1. **Power/Water Sales Committee:**

29 a. Mr. Moore stated that the Committee had met on September 25, 2025 and
30 the minutes were in the packet for review. **Mr. Moore moved, seconded**

1 by Mr. Norton to accept the minutes as circulated. Motion carried
2 unanimously.

3 LEGAL REPORT: None.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Founds stated that he had no
5 report.

6 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, December 4th,
7 2025, 10:30AM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

8 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

9 Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

10 Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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18 ATTEST: 
19 SHANE JEANÉ, SECRETARY