MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT BALLROOM
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY MAY 28, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman** **Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary** **Mr. Conrad Cathey** **Mrs. Rhonda Cupit** **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** **Alan Fulton, Engineer 3-SRA, Many, LA** **Chevy Medlock, Proj Mgr-SRA, Many, LA** **Joey Remedies, Fac Maint Mgr-SRA, Many, LA** **Chad Strother, Shoreline Mgr-SRA, Many, LA** **There were seven (7) visitors.**

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Moore 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. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting were in the packet. **Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of April 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO: Power House Operations: Mr. Fulton stated that total generation year-to-date through May 19th was 7625MWhs. He stated that May through September, generation is allowed above 168.0' MSL. **Spillway**: He stated that a full gate opening is tentatively scheduled for the first week of June. He stated that a 10-year Gate Inspection is to be completed before the end of June. He stated that Inclinometer readings to be conducted by Fugro on May 26th. **Reservoir Levels/Status**:

He stated that the average level in April was 168.95'MSL.He stated that as of May 20th, the level was 169.66 MSL. **Releases**: He stated that the total releases this year through May 19th; Powerhouse-120,481 AC-FT, Spillway & P.H. Leakage-80.850 AC FT; Total 201,331 AC-FT. Total calculated inflows this year through May 19th are 490,413 AC-Ft. **EMBANKMENT:** He stated that the embankment asphalt project mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on May 12th with bid opening held on May 19th. **NERC/SERC/FERC**: He stated Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for compliance issues for the Power House. He stated that the FERC physical inspection was don on April 28th with no issues reported. He stated that the FERC Physical Security Inspection is scheduled for August 31st. He stated that staff is preparing for the EAP Functional Exercise to be scheduled this fall.

Item #2-Shoreline: Mr. Strother stated that the report was included in the packet. He stated that the report showed from April 16th to May, 21st, 2026 following: 4- New Structures, 5- Transferred Structures, 1- New Water Withdrawals, 1- Transferred Water Withdrawals, 2- Cancelled Water Withdrawals, 1- Shoreline improvements, 4- Final Inspections Approved, and 0- Final Inspections Failed. **Flowage Easements:** He stated that no flowage easements to report. **Encroachment Program:** He stated that an existing encroachment permit was transferred to David Hebert and Janet Pope at 456 Lafayette Drive Many, LA. OTHER: He stated that staff had visited the DeJean/Miller properties concerning a fence issue. He stated that staff took pictures from various angles and it is within permitting regulations. (Pictures in meeting packet.) He stated that the two abandoned barges will be discussed during the Toledo Bend Committee Report.

Item #3-Operational: **Toledo Bend:** Mr. Remedies stated that the report was handed out prior to the meeting. He stated that the crew has completed the bulkhead/seawall repair on Green #11 at the golf course. He stated that the buoy crew has been working on the boat lanes working from the north end of the lake and to-date, have made it down to Solan's Boat Launch which is near Ebarb. He stated that the crew working on Cabin #7 at San Miguel has been completed. He stated that beach sand at Cypress Bend Park, San Miguel Park, and the park at Pendleton Office. He stated the crew is doing plenty of mowing. **Diversion Canal:** He stated that for the Diversion Canal, the level gate costs for repairs has been received with an estimated cost of

$3,079,160.00; however, the overall report from the inspection has not be received. He stated that level gates help maintain the water elevation in the canals for the industries who receive water from the canals. He stated that Pump #2 at Pump Station #1 has been installed and is currently online. He stated that the erosion repairs at Pump Station #1 are going well and will probably with be completed by the end of next week. He stated that a contract has been signed with Pond Doctor to remove the giant leaf Salvinia near Pump Station #4, where it has caused problems with Westlake's intact as well as ours. He stated that the SRD crew has begun spraying herbicide when the wind and weather permit to help manage the Giant Salvinia.

Item #4-Financial: Mrs. Ford stated that the financial report was included in the meeting packet. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division for April revenues were $612,683.43, expenses were $276,069.55 leaving a profit of $336,613.88. She stated that year-to-date revenues were $6,296,660.84, expenses were $3,349,437.77 leaving a profit of $2,947,223.07. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division revenues for April were $444,702.93, expenses were $767,326.91 for a loss of $22,623.98. She stated that year-to-date revenues were $7,95,604.69, expenses were $8,638,258.721 leaving a loss of $840,648.03. Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to approve all staff reports as circulated and presented. **Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve all staff reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Jodi Cook and Mr. Donnie Wooley who wanted to inform the Board of the upcoming millage election to help keep the parish libraries open. Mr. Joe DeJean addressed his neighbor's fence issue. Mr. Strother had explained during his report concerning this issue.

OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Final Acceptance of the FY'26-'27 Budget: Mrs. Ford stated that a copy of the final budget had been included in the meeting packet. She stated that the Legislative Audit Committee had re-scheduled their meeting to Saturday, May 30th and since the Board would not be meeting in June, it was necessary to request that the Board approve the circulated/presented budget. **Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Fulton to accept the Budget for FY'26-'27. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #2-Consider Amendment of Legislative Auditor's Contract: Mrs. Ferguson stated that last month this contract was discussed and staff was asked to see if it could be written in the contract that it would be necessary for the Auditor to present the report in person instead of electronic media. She stated that the three-year contract with the Auditor presenting in person would be $70,200 versus the media presentation at the cost of $61,400. **Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to accept the Legislative Auditor's contract report through media presentation at the total cost of $61,200 and for the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary 07-01-06-30-27: Mr. Goodeaux opened the floor for nominations of officers. **Mr. Vidrine nominated Mr. Goodeaux for Chairman, Mr. Fulton for Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Cupit for Secretary and that the nominations cease, seconded by Mr. Moses. Motion carried unanimously. All officers were elected by acclamation.**

Item #2-Selection of Official Journal-The Sabine Index: Mrs. Ferguson stated that it is necessary that the official journal/newspaper be within the domicile parish of the Agency, and since the Sabine Index is the only newspaper within the parish it would serve in that capacity. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to name "The Sabine Index" as the official journal for the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #3-Adopt Resolution for Delegation of Appointing Authority: Mrs. Ferguson stated that this resolution allows the Executive Director to oversee the employees as well as the day-to-day operations of the Authority on behalf of the Board. **Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mr. Norton to adopt the resolution for Delegation of Appointing Authority as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #4-Adopt Resolution for Purchasing Authority: Mrs. Ferguson stated that this resolution allows the Executive Director spend up to $25,000 for expenses other than those earmarked within the budget. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to adopt the resolution of Purchasing Authority as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #5-Approve Legislative Compliance Questionnaire: Mrs. Ford stated that a copy was mailed in the meeting packet. She asked if there were any necessary changes especially the Board Members' information. Several of the members needed phone numbers changed. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve the Legislative Compliance Questionnaire provided that staff make the needed corrections prior to submission to the Legislative Auditor's office. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #6-Cancellation of Letter of Understanding with LA WLF &SRA: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the letter of understanding with LA WLF dealt with the biologist building and office located at the dam. She stated that WLF had moved their operations to another location and no longer needed the building and that this letter of understanding needed to be cancelled. **Mr. Cathey moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to cancel the Letter of Understanding with LA Wildlife & Fisheries concerning the use of the biologist building owned by SRA located by the Dam and the Executive Director to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #7-Approve Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips Contract: Mrs. Ford stated that was to renew the current contract which is for $50,000 for legal services. She stated that if more was needed at any time, the increased amount would be brought back to the Board for approval. **Mr. Moses moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips contract in the amount of $50,000 for the new fiscal year and the Executive Director to execute the documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #8-Adopt Resolution for the Chairman to sign closing documents on behalf of the Board: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the proposed closing date for the hotel purchase is June 30, 2026. She stated that the Executive Director is scheduled to be on vacation during that time so a request is being made to allow the current chairman, Mr. Goodeaux be allowed to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. **Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to adopt the resolution for the Chairman to sign the closing documents on behalf of the Board concerning the purchase of the Cypress Bend Hotel. Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1) Diversion Canal-no meeting. 2) Toledo Bend Division-Mr. Rains stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board. He stated that the main discussion was concerning abandoned barges on the lake. **Mr. Rains moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve moving forward with a request to the Attorney General's office as to whether SRA has the authority to confiscate any abandoned barges and disposing of them at the owner's expense once proper notification has been sent to the owner and the Executive Director to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Rains stated that also a discussion was held about the current buoy system as to how or what type of buoy could be placed within the reservoir that would stay more stable as far as being in line with the river and lake areas. He stated that staff is currently reviewing a new boat design that would enhance quicker replacement times for the crew as well as improve the crew's safety. **3) Parks-no meeting. 4) Finance- Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the circulated minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort-no meeting. 6) Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations-** Mr. Vidrine stated that there had not been a meeting, but one was scheduled for July 1, 2026. **Sub-Committee-Power/Water Sales Committee-no meeting.**

LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to convene into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Rains to re-convene from Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Mr. Fulton moved, seconded by Mr. Rains to adopt a resolution to honor the existing sub-lease with Sterling Golf and to apply and negotiate a contract with WHR Franchisor, LLC (Wyndham) once the purchase of the Cypress Bend Resort and Condominium units by SRA is completed by scheduled time of June 30, 2026 under which terms and conditions the Executive Director deems appropriate on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Founds stated that the 2016 flood suit has been once again ruled in the favor of the SRA. He stated that it is felt that there probably will not be another appeal. He stated that the Fourth of July weekend, there will be a big fireworks show at Cypress Bend Park off the jetty as well as on the Texas side sponsored by SRATX at the same time. He encouraged everyone if they didn't already have plans, to try drive up and enjoy the show that SRA is sponsoring along with the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission in celebration of the 250th Birthday of the USA. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 1:00PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.**

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ATTEST: Shane Jeane

SHANE JEANE, SECRETARY