

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 JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**  
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**  
11                               **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman**  
12                               **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**  
13                               **Mr. Valmore Byles**  
14                               **Mr. Daniel Cupit**  
15                               **Mr. James Foret, Jr**  
16                               **Mr. Byron Gibbs**  
17                               **Mr. Shane Jeane**  
18                               **Mr. Therman Nash**  
19                               **Mr. Mike McCormic**  
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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**   **Mr. Jeremy Evans**  
23                               **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
24                               **Mrs. Dayna Yeldell**  
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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:**   **Warren Founds, III, Executive Dir-SRA, Many, LA**  
27                               **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**  
28                               **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgt-SRA, Many, LA**  
29                               **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**  
30                               **Gene Guidry, PE-SRA, Many, LA**  
31                               **There were (12) visitors.**  
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34                        Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
35 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Evans, Mrs.  
36 Scott and Mrs. Yeldell were absent; however, a quorum was established.

37                        Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated  
38 agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda?

39 **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the circulated agenda.**

40 **Motion carried unanimously.**

41                        Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the December 6th, 2018 meeting were in  
42 the packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.

43 **Mr. Byles moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of the Board**  
44 **meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

45                        **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry  
46 stated that generation was made in December and January primarily for lake level control  
47 attempting to return the level to 168.0'. He stated that gross power output was based on  
48 water output and power at capacities ranging from 6,070 to 7,370cfs/39-40MW and

1 6,100-6,800cfs/29-25MW for Units #1 and #2 respectively. He stated that billing for the  
2 month of November was \$2,816,515.00(for TBPJO). He stated that the outage total  
3 appears to be under budget at \$650,000.00 which was initially budgeted for \$885,000.00.  
4 **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that the beginning level on December was  
5 170.35' msl and as of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 it was 172.2' msl. He stated that as of January  
6 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, a spill was in its 29<sup>th</sup> day and currently there were five (5) gates opened at 1ft  
7 each. **Spillway Repairs:** He stated that the hydro-blasting was discontinued on  
8 December 13, 2018. He stated that the gates opened on December 20<sup>th</sup> and all work was  
9 halted until the spill is over. He stated that the coffer dam appears to be in place however,  
10 the clay surface of the dam and sand bags leading up the spillway to isolate Gate #11  
11 have washed away. He stated that there is minimal damage to hydro-blasted areas, but  
12 the access road across stilling basin has washed away. He stated that moving forward,  
13 which means rip rap(rock) will continue to be delivered, rebuild 20in pipes in spillway  
14 and wait for safe reservoir levels before resuming any repairs. **FERC:** He stated that  
15 TBPJO will be working with Freese and Nichols Inc. on addressing FERC Compliance  
16 issues. He continued that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA/TX  
17 and SRA/LA for NERC/SERC/FERC/ compliance issues. **Dam Instrumentation/Relief**  
18 **Wells:** He stated that Wells #16, #17, #18, and #19 working on automatic controls. All  
19 wells are working.

20 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Guidry stated that staff has completed the audit on the  
21 computer and are now preparing visits to the properties to follow-up on the possible  
22 encroachments. He stated that the total encroachments year-to-date is 120. **Permitting**  
23 **Activity:** He stated that seven (7) New structures have been permitted; one (1) Transfer  
24 and no water withdrawal.

25 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that maintenance  
26 crews have been working on the last cabin at San Miguel and it should be completed by  
27 March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He stated that the crew continues to replace and maintain the  
28 navigational aids which consists of approximately 180 miles and 10,000 buoys. He  
29 stated that site preparation and tree removal for the new office at Pleasure Point Park has  
30 been completed. He stated that the Fire Marshall had approve the plans. He stated that  
31 the crew has finished taking down the Christmas decorations and that it was a success.

1 **Diversion Canal Division:** He stated that staff reports were included in the packet. He  
2 stated that notices have been sent to all Industrial Customers regarding the April 2019  
3 renewal of Water Sales Agreements and Water Reservation Agreements. He stated that  
4 the revised price per thousand gallons as well as any Demand Rate changes were also  
5 sent out. He stated that the new price will be 27 cents per thousand gallons for water  
6 delivered and 1.8cents per thousand for reserved water. He stated that the dredging of  
7 Canal #1 is complete except for the shaping and seeding of the spoil site due to the wet  
8 weather. He stated that Pelican Company performed a survey to use as backup for the  
9 quantity of material dredged and the contractor was paid according to those comparisons.  
10 He stated that a conference call was held with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and  
11 Fenstermaker Engineering to discuss the Coach Williams Drive and with the resolution of  
12 some design problems, the project is now ready to move forward. He stated that the third  
13 pump installation at Stations #3 and #4 are complete and have been commissioned. He  
14 stated that Champion Technology is now working on incorporating them into our  
15 SCADA system. He stated that a new commercial customer, Juniper GTL has signed a  
16 “take or pay” format contract for water which was effective January 1, 2019. He stated  
17 that they will be paying \$6,832.80 per month for the term of the agreement which ends  
18 March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 with two additional 5-year extensions. He stated that he had included a  
19 spreadsheet on our current and future customer standings.

20 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that for Toledo Bend Division  
21 the revenues for November was \$2,719,836.49; expenses were \$1,284,201.57 showing a  
22 profit of \$1,435,634.92. She stated that for the month of December revenues were  
23 \$1,960,867.64; expenses were \$901,673.51 showing a profit of \$1,059,194.13 which left  
24 a year-to-date profit of \$1,994,262.05. She stated that for the Sabine Diversion Division  
25 revenues for the month of November were \$482,534.63; expenses were \$235,107.00  
26 showing a profit of \$247,427.63. She continued with the December revenues were  
27 \$437,154.01; expenses were \$235,727.19 showing a profit of \$201,426.82 with a year-to-  
28 date profit of \$938,970.76. She stated that staff had prepared the figures for the  
29 Christmas lighting project which showed 2,568 cars with 10,401 visitors from which  
30 \$11,900.00 in fees was collected. She stated that staff also compared the utility bill with  
31 the one from the previous year and there was only a \$600 increase so it was felt the

1 project was a definite success. She stated that Phase #1 of the online  
2 information/reservation system is in process. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Foret**  
3 **to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**  
4 **unanimously.**

5 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

6 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Accept Meyers & Associates Consulting**

8 **Agreement for 2018 Bond Issue:** Mr. Carr stated that it was necessary to enter into an  
9 agreement with Meyer & Associates for the engineering and quality control of the six  
10 projects that will be accomplished with the 2018 bond issue. He stated that the cost of  
11 engineering, administration, and construction oversight for these projects will be  
12 \$494,851.00. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to accept the consulting**  
13 **agreement with Meyer & Associates for the estimated cost of \$494,851.00 and to**  
14 **authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion**  
15 **carried unanimously.**

16 **Item #2- Accept Bid for Motors & Drive (CIP#13)-SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that  
17 the bid opening was held on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 for the purchase of motors  
18 and drives for CIP #13. He stated that only one bid was received in the amount of  
19 \$530,514.00. He stated that this amount was over staff's initial estimate of \$475,000.00  
20 but still under the budget for this project which was estimated at \$1,165.00. He stated  
21 that estimated delivery time is 250 days from the time the order is placed. **Mr. Foret**  
22 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to accept the bid for motors & drives (CIP#13) in**  
23 **the amount of \$530,514.00 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute any**  
24 **necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Approve the Purchase of Truck for SRD-**Mr. Carr  
26 stated that the new truck to be purchased would replace the truck that Mr. Finn drives.  
27 He stated that staff has been having issues with the truck getting too hot, won't crank, and  
28 other issues which has caused this truck to be in the shop at the dealership several times.  
29 He stated that due to the remote locations that Mr. Finn has to travel to, this is not  
30 acceptable. He stated that the cost of a new truck is \$25,003.34 which is a Dodge ½ ton  
31 pickup. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the purchase of a**  
32 **Dodge ½ ton truck for the Sabine Diversion Canal office at the cost of \$25,003.34**

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

3 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

5 **2) Parks:** No meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

11 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that Item #1-Baca Suite has been sent  
12 back to the lower courts. He stated that Item #2-Capital Properties and #3-Deloutre  
13 Property are waiting on the final survey of the property to clear the subdivision for  
14 exchange of properties.

15 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that a letter or  
16 statement from Mrs. Lisa Prewitt was included in the meeting packet. He stated that he  
17 had met with Mr. and Mrs. Prewitt on Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the SRA  
18 operations of the reservoir. He continued that he explained them the history and the basic  
19 operations of the reservoir using the operational guide approved by FERC. He stated that  
20 this couple had had been flooded in 2016, but were not a part of the lawsuit. He  
21 explained to them about the "buyout" program and maybe this was something they could  
22 have explored as an option for them, but they said they had not heard of it. He stated that  
23 really, there are no words to make any of those folks happy about their situation and that  
24 we will probably be hearing more relative to this issue in the future. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**  
25 **seconded by Mr. Nash to accept the Legal and Executive Director's Reports as**  
26 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

27 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>,  
28 2019 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office, Many, Louisiana.

29 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.  
30 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**  
31 **Meeting adjourned at 2:04p.m.**

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**NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

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**STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN**