

1 **minutes of the Board meeting of December 7th, 2017 meeting as circulated. Motion**
2 **carried unanimously.**

3 **STAFF REPORTS: Item#1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry
4 stated that generation was made through the month of December for downstream flows
5 was as follows: Unit #1 ran 2 hours every other day until the 13th; Unit #1 ran 3 hours
6 every day until the 22nd; Unit #1 ran 2 hours every day until the 24th. He continued due
7 to problems with Unit #1, the run was extended on the 25th and both units were run on the
8 26th and 27th. Unit #1 went into outage until 28th. Unit#2 ran 2 hours every day until the
9 end of the month. He stated that generation was made in January for downstream flows
10 as follows: Unit #1 and Unit #2 ran 3 hours every day from the 1st to the 6th; due to
11 emergency demands by MISO due to cold weather, both units were run for approximately
12 22 hours each on the 17th and 18th; Unit #1 and Unit #2 ran 3 hours every day from the
13 19th to 22nd. He stated that the gross output for Unit #1 for December was 2089.3 MW at
14 40MW/hr~ to 7000cfs. He stated that the gross output for Unit #1 through January 22nd
15 was 2223.3 MW at 40MW/hr ~ to 7150cfs. He stated that the gross output for Unit #2
16 for December was 464.9MWat 35MW/hr ~6400cfs for December. He continued that the
17 gross output for Unit #2 through January 22nd was 1722.0MW/hr ~6500cfs. **Reservoir**
18 **Levels/Status:** He stated that the reservoir level on December 1st was 167.38' msl and on
19 January 22nd the level was 167.92' msl. **Spillway Repairs:** He stated that Freese and
20 Nichols (FNI) reported on January 23rd 2018 that the Spillway repair plan is has three
21 design packages. He stated that the underwater soil cement repair is going through
22 quality control now and the package, drawings and technical specifications will be by
23 January 30th. He stated that once this is ready, Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations will
24 prepare and advertise for bids. He stated that the 20" pipe refurbishment is still in design
25 and specifications with this phase to be ready by February 1st and bids will be advertised
26 shortly thereafter. He stated that the spillway repairs (aprons and rip-rap) details are to be
27 finalized by February 1st and Freese and Nichols will advertise this project shortly
28 afterwards. He stated that the proposed scheduled is as follows: Advertise and secures
29 bids for all three packages by the first quarter. He stated that the underwater upstream
30 repair, pipe refurbishment by the second quarter with the Spillway repair to mobilize
31 equipment and material, and prepare the site; during the second and third quarter. He

1 stated that the apron repair and rip-rap will be done during the third quarter of 2018 into
2 the second quarter of 2019. He stated that the apron repair and rip-rap work is to
3 coincide with 168' msl around October 2018. **NERC/SERC:** Certrec Corporation
4 continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/ FERC
5 compliance issues.

6 **Item #2-Shoreline: Timber Sale-Ebarb Tract:** Mr. Guidry stated that SRA
7 plans to advertise a timber sale of a 13-acre tract near Ebarb High School in Sabine
8 Parish. He continued that the advertisement for the sale would be placed in the Sabine
9 Index on January 31st with bids to be received and opened on February 27th. **Permitting:**
10 Mr. Guidry stated that for the month of December 2017 there were six new structures
11 permitted and two transfer structures permitted. He stated that activity up to January 23rd
12 2018 thus far, seven new structures have been permitted.

13 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that the approved
14 FEMA projects at Cypress Bend Golf Resort, Cypress Bend Park, Pendleton Bridge Park,
15 and Pleasure Point Park have all been completed. He stated that SRA has received funds
16 from FEMA on all projects with the exception of Pleasure Point Seawall Project. He
17 stated that the crew continues remodeling the A-frame cabins at San Miguel with two
18 more to be done. He stated that refurbishing the older cabins at Cypress Bend Park
19 continues on availability. He stated that the new gates have been installed at San Miguel
20 Park. He stated that the crews are helping with the launching of the BASS College and
21 High School tournament participants which are fishing out of Cypress Bend Park.

22 **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated that the 3rd pump for Pump Stations #3 and #4 have
23 been delivered and installed. He stated that when the motors and drives are installed, and
24 wired, staff will have Ruhrpumpen (manufacturer) onsite to check installation, set the lift,
25 and confirm the rotation. He stated that there was a cost \$3,000.00 for this service;
26 however, it gained us a 2-year warranty as opposed to the standard one year. He stated
27 that the Sasol Permanent Crossings pavement work is complete and the tracks are
28 scheduled to be completed on February 26th. He stated that staff along with Meyers and
29 the contractor did a walk-through and agreed on a punch list of things to be completed.
30 He stated another walk-through is planned after February 26th. Her stated that the I-10
31 North frontage road contractor had to install bands on all joints of pipe to address the

1 leakage issue and the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury paid for the bands and the installation.
2 He stated that the dredging on Canal #1 was started on January 22nd with an estimated
3 time of completion at 150 days. He stated that the contractor Bertucci Company has
4 moved in a long reach excavator, a large excavator with a thumb and a dozer. He stated
5 that there will a field office onsite. He stated that the contractor has agreed to clean
6 debris in front of the intake structure and will install a silt curtain to keep any debris they
7 stirrup from getting to the structure. He continued that Bertucci will continually remove
8 debris from in front of the silt curtain. He stated that the water quality equipment
9 instruments have been ordered and a contract has been signed with C.C. Lynch for
10 installation at Pump Station #1 discharge and Pump Stations #3 and #4. He stated that
11 staff will provide the web based information to our customers. He stated that with
12 Axiall's additional reservation of 8,000gpm, there is a need to install bigger pumps in
13 Pump Station #3. He stated that staff has compiled a scope of work, a preliminary budget
14 and a method of funding for this project which will be presented later on the agenda. He
15 stated that the Lyondell property has been sold to Bio Lab and a new water sales
16 agreement has been put into place which allows them a demand rate of 500gpm. He
17 stated that this agreement will expire April 2019 like the other industrial customers. He
18 stated that this water is also provided by Pump Station 33. He stated that Entergy will
19 begin taking their reserved water in mid-2019 and have indicated that they may need in
20 excess of the 6,000gpm they have reserved. He continued that they currently have a
21 designated demand rate of 15,000gpm. He stated that the Sasol crossing was designed
22 for current and future use by Entergy. He stated that the KCS project is complete;
23 however, SRA is withholding the retainage due to a lien being placed on the project by a
24 subcontractor. He stated that the general contractor has hired Donohue, Patrick, and
25 Scott Law Firm of Baton Rouge to represent SRA as the agency was named in the suit.

26 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that revenue for Toledo Bend
27 for November was \$343,393.01; expenses were \$1,263,101.74 leaving a loss of
28 \$919,419.32. She continued for the month of December 2017, Toledo Bend revenues
29 were \$425,686.83; expenses were \$678,492.77 showing a loss of \$252,805.94. She
30 stated that revenue for the Diversion Canal Division for November was \$451,475.04;
31 expenses were \$2233, 875.71 leaving a profit of \$217,599.33. She continued that for the

1 month of December 2017 revenues were \$373,899.61; expenses were \$220,624.37
2 leaving a profit of \$153,275.24. She stated that she was happy to report that the parks
3 saw a 7% increase in revenue for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2018 as compared
4 with the same time frame last fiscal year. She stated July-December 2016 Park revenues
5 were \$448,000 and July-December, 2017 Park revenues were \$477,000. **Mr. Vidrine**
6 **moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and**
7 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

8 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

9 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

10 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1: Purchase Pumps for Pump Station #3:** Mr. Carr
11 stated that a hydraulic study was done on the pipeline leading from SRA Pump Station #3
12 to find out our maximum that can be delivered through this pipeline. He stated that the
13 amount is 35,000gpm and in order to achieve this amount, two pumps with an output of
14 23,000gpm are needed. He stated that the current pumps at Pump Station #3 will be sent
15 for rehabilitation in the future to serve as backup pumps at Stations #3 and #4. He stated
16 that currently contracted delivery from Pump Station #3 is 28,000gpm and staff is
17 requesting to move forward with the purchase of new pumps. He stated that the total cost
18 of this project would be approximately \$1.2 million. He continued that staff would like
19 to do a procurement contract for the pumps only at this time at a cost of \$350,000 which
20 is in the current budget under major repairs, due to the 32-38 week lead time, and to
21 authorize the Executive Director to approve all necessary documents. **Mr. Foret moved,**
22 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the procurement contract for the purchase of**
23 **two pumps at the cost of \$350,000 using funds from the current budget under major**
24 **repairs and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents.**
25 **Motion carried unanimously.**

26 **Item #2: Closeout CIP 12B and Re-allocate Funds to CIP 12-A:** Mr. Carr
27 stated that piping by pass was completed by Apeck Construction in 2017 at the cost of
28 \$535,742.97 leaving a balance of \$114,527.03. He continued that the contractor (TISS)
29 doing the installation (Project 12A) has agreed to furnish and install and calibrate two
30 discharge meters at Pump Stations #3 and #4 at an estimated cost of \$70,000. He stated
31 that these meters would have a totalizer and real time flow readout in GPM. He stated
32 that they would send the information directly our SCADA system. He stated that the

1 same contractor has agreed to furnish materials and install the catwalks, ladders, and
2 supports for the new pumps at Pump Stations #3 and #4 at an estimated cost of \$50,000.
3 He stated that this would require a change order to CIP 12A to include the above items.
4 He stated that staff is recommending that a motion be made to close CIP 12B and
5 reallocated remaining funds of \$114,527.03 to CIP 12A and authorize the Executive
6 Director to execute all the necessary documents for the change order. **Mr. Cupit moved,**
7 **seconded by Mr. Foret to closeout CIP 12B and reallocate the remaining funds of**
8 **\$114,527.03 to CIP 12A and authorize the Executive Director to execute the**
9 **necessary documents for the change order. Motion carried unanimously.**

10 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Purchase Truck for SRD:** Mrs. Ferguson stated
11 that a truck had caught on fire and burned while one of crew at the Diversion Canal was
12 going down the road and by the time he stopped and got out, it was a total loss; however
13 staff has made a claim to ORM for the truck and they will reimburse SRA \$14,025.00
14 once the new truck has been delivered. She stated that staff will purchase a 2018 Dodge
15 Ram at the cost of \$25,286.12. She explained that each year, funds are budgeted for a
16 couple of trucks just in case it is necessary to purchase one or two during the year so the
17 budget will not increase. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**
18 **purchase of a 2018 Dodge Ram Truck at the cost \$25,286.12 for the Diversion Canal**
19 **Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

20 **Item #2- Increase Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips Contract:** Mrs.
21 Ferguson stated that Taylor, Porter, Brooks, and Phillips handle general legal services for
22 the agency. She stated that the initial contract for this year's budget was for \$10,000;
23 however, she continued that at the August 2017 meeting the Board approved an increase
24 of \$40,000 to their contract since SRA had been served papers from Capital and Deloutré
25 lawsuits. She stated that staff is requesting that the Board approve to increase their
26 contract by an additional \$40,000.00 in hopes that will fund future fees until the end of
27 the Fiscal year which is June 30th, 2018. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr.**
28 **Holmes to approve increasing the Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips contract an**
29 **additional \$40,000 for legal services. Motion carried unanimously.**

30 **Item #3- Land Exchange with ALH, No.5:** Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Pratt had
31 mentioned at the December 2017 meeting that ALH, No.5 was in the process of trying to

1 get a Rural Development loan for re-financing the hotel as well as to make much needed
2 capital improvements to the building. He stated that there is a holdup due to the fact that
3 the land the hotel sits on belongs to the Authority. He stated that legal counsel is working
4 to see if a land exchange could be done with ALH, No.5 with existing property they own
5 in the area of Cypress Bend Resort. He stated that this exchange actually allows SRA to
6 receive property of equal or greater value that they had purchased in one of the option
7 tracts and the hotel will still become the property of the SRA at the end of the 75-year
8 lease. He stated that legal has worked up a proposal and staff is requesting that the Board
9 vote for this property exchange and allow the Chairman of the Board to execute the
10 documents. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the land**
11 **exchange with ALH, No.5 and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute**
12 **the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 14 **1) Diversion Canal:** No meeting.
15 **2) Parks:** No meeting.
16 **3) Leaseback:** No meeting.
17 **4) Finance:** No meeting.
18 **5) Water Sales:** No meeting.
19 **6) Fishery & Lake Management:** No meeting.
20 **7) TBPJO:** No meeting.

21 **LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Mike McCormic to**
22 **convene into Executive Session. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**
23 **reconvene from Executive Session. No necessary action to be taken.**

24 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he would be
25 serving on the Water Resource Commission in Mr. Pratt's place. He stated that on his
26 way to his first meeting of the Commission, he gets an email discussing putting together a
27 subgroup to devise a plan for an out-of-state water sale and it mentions that it mentions
28 SRA has some rules concerning this issue. Needless to say he would be a part of this
29 subgroup. Mr. Goodeaux asked about a meeting with Police Jurors from Calcasieu,
30 Cameron, Beauregard, and Vernon parishes. Mr. Founds stated that those meetings took
31 place about two-three months ago with representatives from the southern end of the
32 Sabine River Basin to discuss options to prevent flooding. He explained that the staff

1 made a presentation to the group and answered questions. He stated that those present
2 seemed to understand the position that the Agency took on how to operate the releases
3 from the Sabine River. Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the Executive Director's
4 Report as presented. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve the**
5 **Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

6 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be February 22nd, 2018 at 1:00pm at
7 the Pendleton Bridge Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, Louisiana.

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

9 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**
10 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:42p.m.**

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BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
ESTELLA SCOTT, SECRETARY