

1 which is minimum generation with one unit three hours each day. He stated that after
2 May 1st maximum weekend generation will increase to 12,000cfs flow rate. **Reservoir**
3 **Levels/Status:** Lake Level on January 1st, 2021 was 168.89’msl. He continued that both
4 units ran at full capacity from January 1 through January 28. He stated that the average
5 reservoir level through February was 169.02’msl. **BIG FREEZE:** There were no
6 significant adverse effects to the Dam or the facilities due to the recent extreme cold
7 weather in the area. He stated that monitoring of the dam was maintained by our Security
8 Team. **NERC/SERC:** He stated that TBPJO continues to maintain a close relationship
9 with FERC and currently there are no outstanding warnings or penalties. He stated that
10 Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for all
11 compliance issues. **HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE:** Mr. Fullerton stated that nine
12 (9) properties have been completed. He continued that five (5) more have been closed
13 and await demolition by SRA. He stated that with the closing of these five brings the
14 total to fourteen (14) properties.

15 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Guidry stated that for the months
16 of January and February there were 19 New Structures, 9 Transferred Structures, 0 New
17 Water Withdrawal, 5 Transferred Water Withdrawal and 2 Cancelled Water Withdrawal.
18 He stated that permitting by Area: N- Lanan Area 16 New Structures, 3 Transferred
19 Structures, 2 Transferred Water Withdrawal and 1 Cancelled Water Withdrawal; Mid
20 Lake-United Bay to Turtle Beach 1 New Structure, 1 Transferred Structure and 1
21 Transferred Water Withdrawal; Mid-South-Negreet to Big Bass 1 New Structure, 1
22 Transferred Structure, 1 Transferred Water Withdrawal; and South Lake-South of Big
23 Bass 1 New Structure, 1 Transferred Structure and 1 Cancelled Water Withdrawal.

24 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Carr stated that the buoy crew
25 continues to replace and align buoys and remove larger numbers of floating logs in the
26 lanes. He stated that many logs and other debris were removed from boat ramps,
27 shoreline, and swimming areas. He stated that repairs on cabins and RV spots, as a result
28 of the freeze, have been completed by the maintenance crews. He stated that site
29 preparation for the new Oak Ridge Park Office has begun. He stated that Cleco has run
30 the Primary electric line and installed the transformer as the result of an agreement,
31 between them and SRA, which allowed the agency to purchase and bury the conduit and

1 Cleco would run the wire and set the transformer. He stated that Department of Health
2 mandated that a backflow preventer be installed at the two (2) water meters at Cypress
3 Bend Park and the one (1) water meter at San Miguel Park. He stated that approximately
4 five years ago, a backflow preventer had been installed at Pleasure Point Park. He stated
5 that a potential failure of the seawall around the playground area at Cypress Bend Park
6 had to be addressed. **SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that SRD staff reports were handed to each
7 member at the meeting and if there were any questions, he would be glad to address
8 them. He stated that there was a power outage during the cold weather and had a difficult
9 time starting the diesel bypass pumps. He stated that staff decided to drain the pump
10 bowls prior to the event to prevent freezing but did not seem to aid the situation. He
11 stated that in the future of anticipated event as such, the plan is to operate the diesel
12 pumps at a low RPM to prevent freezing. He stated that the Department of Homeland
13 Security has made the decision to designate us (Sabine River Diversion) as critical
14 infrastructure and are in the process of filming our canal, control gates, and inside the
15 pump stations, at no cost to SRA, which will contain information on all components of
16 our operation and providing us with a powerful tool for managing the system. He stated
17 that Sasol had originally reserved 16,000GPM for the Chemical plant and 16,000GPM
18 for the GTL plant. He stated that the plans for the GTL Plant have been cancelled and
19 currently they are only using 8,000GPM at the Chemical Plant. He stated that Entergy
20 had reserved 8,000GPM of water for their new Lake Charles Plant and are now taking
21 water. He stated that Entergy Nelson has reduced their usage and with those reductions
22 in water usage, the revenue estimates previously provided will be reduced. He stated that
23 the debris removal has started and a more in-depth review will be given at a later time.

24 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was included in
25 the meeting packet. She stated that reviewing the Toledo Bend Division for the month of
26 November, revenues were \$307,144.99; expenses were \$586,847.31 showing a loss of
27 \$279,102.32. She stated that revenues for December were \$706,033.46, expenses were
28 \$1,278,633.26 showing a loss of \$572,599.81 and for the month of January 2021,
29 revenues were \$1,602,413.90, expenses were \$925,908.65 showing a profit of
30 \$676,5050.25. She stated that reviewing the Diversion Canal Division for the month of
31 November, revenues were \$517,122.43; expenditures were \$422,757.80 showing a profit

1 of \$94,364.63. She stated that revenues for December were \$606,955.85, expenses were
2 \$369,123.16 showing a profit of \$237,832.69 and for January 2021 revenues were
3 \$508,656.25, expenses were \$375,184.39 showing a profit of \$133,471.86. **Mr. Gibbs**
4 **moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and**
5 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

6 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Fisheries Update by Mr. Villis Dowden, LA Department
7 of Wildlife & Fisheries. He stated that the Toledo Bend bass population has been
8 sampled with electrofishing gear using a “catch per unit effort”. He stated that the
9 cumulative catch per hour for stock, quality and preferred size classes during the 2019
10 electrofishing effort was the highest of the last eight efforts and this is likely due to
11 favorable conditions with low turbidity. He stated that the growth rate has increased as
12 compared with the 2012 assessment. He stated that the mortality rate has decreased by
13 24% from the previous assessment. He stated that the retention rate of legal largemouth
14 bass caught by anglers was 16.11% during the 2019 ramp creel. He thanked the Board
15 for allowing him to give the fisheries update.

16 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

17 **OLD BUSINESS: None.**

18 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Adopt Resolution In Support Of Extending the**
19 **Power Sales Agreement:** Mr. Founds stated that in discussions with legal counsel, it
20 was suggested that both SRATX and SRALA adopt a resolution in support of extending
21 the current Power Sales Agreement for another five years if all stakeholders are in
22 agreement. He continued that once both agencies have adopted their respective
23 resolution, then legal counsel would proceed in presenting the request to the stakeholders
24 for their consideration. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt a**
25 **resolution in support of extending the Power Sales Agreement. Yeas: 9 Nays: 0**
26 **Absent: 3 Motion carried unanimously.**

27 **Item #2: Approve Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips Contract:** Mrs.
28 Ferguson stated that it is necessary to approve renewal of the current contract which is in
29 the amount of \$75,000 and it has to be sent to the Attorney General’s Office for final
30 approval. She stated that this contract would be for next fiscal year which would be July,
31 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve**
32 **the contract with Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips in the amount of \$75,000 for**

1 **next fiscal year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 and authorize the Executive Director to**
2 **execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **Item #3: Approve the Removal of the Shelter at Pleasure Point:** Mr. Carr
4 stated that the one shelter at Pleasure Point has received damage from the previous storm
5 and staff was asking for approval to the entire structure from the premises. He stated that
6 it was not feasible to rebuild the structure since it was not a cabin per say. No action
7 required.

8 **Item #4: Emergency Repair of Seawall at Cypress Bend Park:** Mr. Carr stated
9 that there was a 100ft washout of the seawall by the playground at Cypress Bend Park.
10 He stated that staff felt there was a definite possibility of the entire wall collapsing
11 therefore, the decision was made to repair it due to the emergency situation. He stated
12 that the maintenance crew has completed the repairs and the cost of the repairs was
13 \$19,757.92. **Mr. Gibbs moved, Mr. Goodeaux seconded the motion to approve the**
14 **emergency repairs to the seawall at Cypress Bend Park at the cost of \$19,757.92.**
15 **Motion carried unanimously.**

16 **Item #5: Approve the Transfer of Temporary Crossings to Sasol:** Mr. Carr
17 stated that in March of 2015, Sasol requested and the Board approved installing four (4)
18 temporary crossings for a 3-year duration due to construction. He stated that Calcasieu
19 Parish Police Jury took on the responsibilities of one of the crossings to use during the
20 “Coach Williams Drive” extension which crosses our canal. He stated that the crossing
21 agreements were extended for two (2) years by Sasol request and granted by SRA. He
22 stated that Sasol is now requesting to make the crossings permanent. He stated that a
23 copy of the request has been provided to each Board member. He stated that Sasol has
24 agreed to review Meyer and Associates cost for engineering to provide us with the
25 current condition of these crossings and also review M&A engineering costs to convert to
26 permanent crossings. He stated that if Sasol declines to pay for the engineering, Staff is
27 suggesting that the agreement which states that “upon expiration Sasol will remove the
28 crossings and return the SRA property to a like or improved condition be enforced at that
29 time. He continued that if Sasol approves the associated costs, Staff requests approval to
30 enter into an agreement with Sasol and enter into a contract with Meyer & Associates for
31 the project as well as authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary

1 documents. After some discussion, **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to table**
2 **this approval until the April meeting in hopes that Sasol will have reached a**
3 **decision as to which direction they will move forward. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 **Item #6: Task Order for Cleanup:** Mr. Carr stated that the debris cleanup at the
5 Diversion Canal had begun. He stated that each member was presented a copy of a
6 current “ticket” from the contractor so that everyone could understand how the cost per
7 tree is figured. He stated that FEMA has approved reimbursement to SRA at 90%
8 leaving the agency’s participation at 10%. He continued that the total-to-date was
9 approximately \$1.2 million and the job is only 1/3 complete. He stated that staff is
10 requesting to increase the approved funding to \$3million. After some discussion, **Mr.**
11 **Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve increasing the budget for the SRD**
12 **Debris cleanup task order to \$3.5 million and to authorize the Executive Director to**
13 **execute all necessary documents concerning this project. Motion carried**
14 **unanimously.**

15 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

20 **5) Water Sales:** Mr. Gibbs stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board
21 meeting. He stated that a discussion was held concerning changes that needed to
22 be made to the short-term water contracts to be in compliance with the changes
23 made within the Shoreline Management Plan which included changing the
24 contract length to six months, establish the \$150 application fee and the water rate
25 from \$.18 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**
26 **seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the short-term water contract to be six**
27 **months only with no extension, \$150 application fee and \$1.80 per 1,000**
28 **gallons for water taken and authorize the Executive Director to execute the**
29 **necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

1 **LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to**
2 **convene into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Goodeaux**
3 **moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to re-convene from the Executive Session.**
4 **Motion carried unanimously. Action: Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr.**
5 **Cupit to authorize the Executive Director, with the approval of legal counsel,**
6 **Michael Dufilho of Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLC to sign the**
7 **Administrative Order on Consent, in the matter of Mr. Jack Singleton, et al.**
8 **(Respondents) Docket Number CWA-06-2020-2714 from the United States**
9 **Environmental Protection Agency and take any necessary action to comply with the**
10 **agreed upon terms to fulfil Sabine River Authority’s involvement in the matter.**
11 **Motion carried unanimously.**

12 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated no report.
13 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 at
14 1:00pm at the Cypress Bend Resort Conference, 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway Many, LA.

15 Mr. Goodeaux asked that Mr. Arbuckle’s name remain on the meeting notices,
16 etc. in honor of his many years of service to the Authority Board of Commissioners until
17 such time of the appointment of his replacement. Noted by the secretary.

18 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
19 **Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
20 **Meeting adjourned at 3:12p.m.**

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JAMES FORET, JR VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
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