1 2	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY	
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4	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	
5	CYPRESS BEND CONFERENCE CENTER	
6	2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY	
7	MANY, LA 71449	
8	1:00PM THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022	
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11	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Chairman
12		Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary
13		Mr. Danny Cupit
14		Mr. Kenneth Ebarb
15		Mr. Jeremy Evans
16		Mr. Shane Jeane
17		Mr. Mike McCormic
18		Mr. Kevin Mitchell
19		Mr. Therman Nash
20		Mrs. Estella Scott
21		Mr. Stanley Vidrine
22		Mrs. Dayna Yeldell
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24 25	MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mr. Ned Goodeaux
25	OTHERS DRESENT.	Wesser East de Estate Discontra CDA Martin IA
26	<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
27 28		Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
28 29		Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA
29 30		Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA
31		Gene Guidry, P.ESRA, Many, LA
32		Chevy Medlock, Adm. Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
33		Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
34		There were (9) visitors.
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37	Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Foret	
38	led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Goodeaux was absent;	
39	however, a quorum was established.	
40	Mr. Foret asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?	
41	Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. Mrs. Yeldell	
42	moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried	
43	unanimously.	
44	Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting were in the	
45	packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.	
46	Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve the minutes of the Board	
47	meeting of March 24, 2022 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.	
48	STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations: Mr. Fulton	
49	stated that the power house generated a cumulative total of 557.2 hrs. during March. He	

1 stated that the as of April 19th, 7604.3MWH had been generated. He stated that during 2 March through June, we are obligated by our FERC license to provide the minimum flow of one unit for 3hrs on Saturdays and Sundays. He stated that update on the Power House 3 4 Step-up Transformer Replacement Project, the four bids received were opened on April 5 19th with the bids as follows: Alterman, Inc.-\$5,292,000; Integrated Power Co-6 \$7,132,901.76; Kiewit-\$4,680,388 and Power Standard-\$4,779,087.34. He stated a Joint 7 Board meeting would need to be held before moving forward. Reservoir Levels/Status: 8 He stated that the reservoir level on April 1<sup>st</sup> was 170.44'msl and as of the 20th, the level 9 is 171.00'msl. He stated that the average reservoir level through March was 169.83'msl and the average level to date through April 20<sup>th</sup>, it was 170.45. He stated that on the 10 11 Spillway Electrical Repair Project, that as soon as the spillway generator is acquired, the 12 bid documents finalized by Freese and Nichols, Inc. and then the project will be let for bids. **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec Corporation continues to provide 13 14 support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power 15 House.

Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity: Mr. Guidry stated that from March 16 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to April 20<sup>th</sup>, there were seven (7) new structure permits, thirty-six (36) 17 18 transferred structure permits, one (1) new water withdrawal(s), three (3) transferred water 19 withdrawal and thirteen (13) cancelled water withdrawal changes. NORTH-Converse 20 area: 0-new structures; 1-transferred structures; -transferred water withdrawals and 0-21 cancelled water withdrawal. NORTH-Zwolle area: 2-new structures; 0-transferred 22 structure; 1-transferred water withdrawal; 0 cancelled water withdrawal. MID LAKE-23 Many area: 4-new structure; 24-transferred structures; 1-transferred water withdrawal; 24 9-cancelled water withdrawals. SOUTH-Florien: 1-new structure; 6-transferred 25 structure; 1-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal. 26 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** Mr. Guidry stated that no change to report. He 27 stated that SRA is waiting on FERC to approve the Shoreline Boundary Amendment that 28 will allow staff to give a choice to many landowners (especially in Louisiana) to clear 29 encroachments by reconveyance or encroachment permit. He stated that investigations 30 made per 4 reports of sewage going into the late or water quality issues: 1) Private

31 residence on Caddo Street, notified owner and staff was told it would be cleaned up; 2)

1 Holly Point Park was reported to the Sabine Health Unit & DEQ; 3) Paul Road no 2 evidence of sewage going into the lake; and 4) Bull Run Road no evidence of sewage 3 found going into the lake. He stated that leaseback conditions at Shadows Landing were 4 investigated, owner not available for discussion, left notice in collection box for owner to 5 contact SRA. He stated that a Commercial Permit Transfer should be enacted only when 6 certain conditions are met. He stated that the Toledo Bend Marina was issued a 7 Commercial Permit (CLUP) transfer from the old Bass Haven Marina. He stated that he wanted to inform the Board that he was retiring effective May 6<sup>th</sup> and that he had enjoyed 8 9 his time working at the SRA and was very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the 10 agency.

11 Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND: Mr. Carr stated that the new office at 12 Oak Ridge Park is complete as well as the fencing and gates installed and the only thing 13 left to be done is some landscaping. He stated that the electrical project at Pleasure Point 14 Park has been completed and all primary electrical maintenance and upkeep now belongs 15 to Cleco. He stated that new playground equipment has been installed at San Miguel 16 Park and Pleasure Point Park. He stated that the crew had installed several culverts for 17 drainage at Cypress Bend Park prior to the overlay project beginning. He stated that the 18 maintenance crew had cut and removed all the damaged trees at Pleasure Point Park due 19 to the high winds. He stated that the secondary electrical connections at Pleasure Point 20 Park have been complete by the SRA crew. He stated that the overlay project has been 21 completed at Cypress Bend Park and Cypress Bend Golf Resort. He stated that the walk 22 out pier has been installed at Oak Ridge Park. He stated that the SRA maintenance crew is working on clearing the timber, approximately six acres for the new holes (8 & 9) at 23 24 the golf course and this should be completed next week. SRD: Mr. Carr stated that a 25 copy of the Diversion Canal report has been handed out and he would be glad to review 26 and answer any questions. He stated that on the Capital Improvement Project-Bridge 27 Repairs, the contractor found some stringers that have to be replaced on #11, #12, and 28 #13. He continued that the contractor is having difficulty find obtaining the necessary 29 materials to complete the project and due to the cost of materials, this project is going to 30 be about \$30,000 over the initial bid.

1 Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were 2 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that she wanted to inform the Board that the Crappie for Cash Tournament was scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Bend Park. 3 4 She stated that the Sabine River Compact Administration would have its bi-annual meeting in Natchitoches on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Church Street Inn. She stated that she 5 6 wanted to recognize Mr. Medlock and his Safety Committee which just had their safety 7 audit and scored a 92%. She stated that the online reservation system would be going "live" with Oak Ridge Park by May 15<sup>th</sup> and then the rest of the parks would follow and 8 9 this project completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division 10 revenues were for March were \$708,460.10, expenses were \$920,624.21 leaving a deficit 11 of \$212,164.11. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division revenues for March 12 were \$584,156.59, expenses were \$756,953.84 leaving a loss of \$172,797.25. Mr. Gibbs 13 moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and

14 presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## 15 SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

17 **OLD BUSINESS:** Item #1: Capital Expenditures for Cypress Bend Resort: Mrs. Ferguson stated that of the proposed budget for this year, a total of \$233,487 has 18 19 been spent leaving a balance of \$235,513.00. She stated that there were two air 20 conditioners in the kitchen and one in the office was out and the total to replace the three 21 would cost approximately \$37,400; a new return air for the swimming pool system is 22 needed and the cost would be \$45,000, and the pool needs to be resurfaced at the 23 approximate cost of \$30,750. She stated that staff is requesting that these expenditures 24 and also authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents for these 25 projects. She stated that staff is also requesting the Board to authorize the Executive 26 Director to be allowed to spend the remaining \$65,200 in the budget for any other Capital 27 Expenditures for the resort and report back to the Board. She stated that other projects 28 that have been discussed was painting inside, new carpet, and others that would be 29 discussed between Mr. Founds and Mr. Rolland as to how to prioritize the projects. Mr. 30 Jeane moved, seconded by Mr. Ebarb to approve the following Capital 31 Expenditures for Cypress Bend Resort: \$37,400 for two air conditioners for the kitchen and one for the office; \$45,000 for the return air for the swimming pool 32

area; \$30,750 for resurfacing the pool; authorize the Executive Director to execute
the necessary documents for these projects; and, as well as approve authority for
the Executive Director to spend the remaining \$65,200 for any other capital projects
necessary at the resort prior to June 30, 2022 and report the expenditures back to
the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:** Item #1: Approve Vandalized Equipment Repair-SRD:

Mr. Medlock stated that at Pump Station #1, the crew had an excavator parked at the site, and someone tried to steal the catalytic converter which they did not get but damaged the equipment which made it in operable. He stated that the caterpillar equipment company was contacted for a possible cost estimate to repair the machine. He stated that the cost for the mechanic to visit the site cost \$1,187.00 and the cost for the repair was \$10,720.00. He stated that Mr. Founds signed for the repair due to the need to remove the equipment from the site and staff is asking for approval to pay the vendor. He stated

14 that the insurance company would reimburse the agency approximately \$9,720.00. Mr.

Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the repairs to the equipment at
the cost of \$10,720.00. Motion carried unanimously.

17Item #2: Accept Bi-Annual Audit ALH, No.5: Mrs. Ferguson stated that a copy18of the audit report was included in the meeting packet. She stated that the only finding19was that SRA had not received a copy of the annual business plan for the resort for the20year 2020 which must include the annual budget. She stated that there were no other21issues with the audit. Mr. Ebarb moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to accept the bi-22annual audit for ALH, No. 5 for the period of July 1st through December 31st, 202023as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

A. Golf Course Project: Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the minutes of committee meeting of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as circulated.

- 27 Motion carried unanimously.
- 28 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.

29 2) Parks: No meeting.

30 3) Leaseback: No meeting.

- 31 **4) Finance**: No Meeting.
- 32 5) Water Sales: No meeting.

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## 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

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

3 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that Capitol Properties, LLC has been 4 extended until the end of May and once this case is resolved, the Deloutre Property case 5 should move toward resolution. He stated that the other lawsuits are still pending in the 6 Texas courts.

7 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he serves on 8 the Water Resource Commission for the State since taking the position as Executive 9 Director of the agency. He stated that before Covid started, there was a study started to 10 review possible out-of-state water sales. He stated that there has been a definite interest 11 in water sales with the Toledo Bend Reservoir supplying the water. He stated that this Commission work with the Senate and House Committees concerning natural resources 12 13 in the State the interest continues in the opportunity for possible water sales. He stated 14 that he would keep the Board informed if such a definite opportunity arises in the future. 15 Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Legal Report and Executive Director's reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 16 17 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 18 1:00pm at the Cypress Bend Conference Center, 2000 Cypress Bend Park, Many, LA. 19 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. 20 Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. 21 Meeting adjourned at 1:59p.m. 22 23 24 JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN 25