1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 CYP 20	UTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY STATE OF LOUISIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESS BEND RESORT BALLROOM 000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY MANY, LA 71449 00PM THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Kenneth Ebarb, Vice-Chairman Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary Mrs. Rhonda Cupit Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Mr. Byron Gibbs Mr. Ned Goodeaux Mr. Mike McCormic Mr. Kevin Mitchell Mr. Therman Nash Mrs. Estella Scott Mr. Stanley Vidrine
23	MEMBERS ABSENT:	None.
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	OTHERS PRESENT:	Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr-SRA, Many, LA Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA Alan Fulton, Eng. Tech 2-SRA, Many, LA Joey Remedies, Fac. Maint. Mgr C-SRA, Many, LA Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
34 35		There were twenty-one (21) visitors.
36 37	Mr. Fharh called the	e meeting to order. Mr. Ebarb stated the Mr. Evans and Mrs.
38		ace the last meeting due to personal obligations. Mr. Nash
39	offered the Prayer and Mr. Jeane led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that	
40	·	a quorum was established. Motion carried unanimously.
41	Mr. Ebarb asked for	a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions and
42	deletions. Mr. Foret move	d, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt the circulated agenda.
43	Motion carried unanimous	sly.
44	Mr. Ebarb stated that the minutes of the April 25,2024 meeting were in the packet	
45	and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no	
46	corrections. Mr. Foret mov	red, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the circulated
47	minutes of the Board meet	ting of April 25, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
48	STAFF REPORTS	: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations: Mr. Fulton
49	stated that year-to-date thru	May 15th, run hours were Unit #1-2,345 hrs. and Unit #2-

- 2,153 hrs. He stated that total generation year-to-date thru June 19th is 230,419 MWH.
- 2 He stated that an update on the Power House Set Up Transformer Replacement Project no
- 3 new update. He continued that March through June we are obligated to run a minimum
- 4 of one unit for 3 hrs. starting at Noon every Saturday & Sunday. **Reservoir**
- 5 Levels/Status: He stated that the Toledo Bend Project Spillway Electrical
- 6 Improvements-Phase #1 No update. He stated that the average reservoir level for as for
- 7 May was 172.44'MSL and the date to June 20th was 172.58'MSL. **RELEASES:** He
- 8 stated that during May the total releases through the Power House and the Spillway was
- 9 1,576,109 AC FT and up to June 19th total release have been 1,222,661 AC FT.
- 10 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support
- to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues for Power House.
- He stated that the annual FERC inspection has been rescheduled for July 31st and August
- 13 1st. **ADVISORIES:** He stated that as of June 19th, the last issued advisory was #11
- released on June 15, 2024 when the reservoir reached 172.20'MSL and the Spillway
- releases changed from 11,000cfs to 5,000cfs.
- 16 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Strother stated that from April
- 17 18th, 2024 thru June 20th, 2024, there were (11 new structure permits, (34) transferred
- structure permits, (3) new water withdrawal(s), (6) transferred water withdrawals, (3)
- cancelled water withdrawal, (1) shoreline improvement (erosion control/dredge), (7)
- approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. **NORTH-Converse area**: 0-
- 21 new structures; 0-transferred structures; 0-transferred water withdrawals and 0-cancelled
- water withdrawal. **NORTH-Noble area:** 0 new structures; 3-transferred structures; 0-
- 23 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal;
- NORTH-Zwolle area: 4-new structures; 5-transferred structure; 0-new water
- withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal; 1- cancelled water withdrawal. MID
- 26 **LAKE-Many area: 5**-new structures; 21-transferred structures; 3-new water
- withdrawal; 6-transferred water withdrawal; 2-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-shoreline
- 28 improvements. **SOUTH-Florien: 2**-new structures; 5-transferred structures; 0-new water
- 29 withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal.
- 30 **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** He stated that there was none to report at this time.
- 31 **ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM:** He stated that there was one encroachment

1 correction that was cleared by leaseback exception permit. **OTHER:** He stated that

2 there were none to report at this time.

3 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Remedies stated that the 4 drainage issue at Cypress Bend Resort has been addressed with some other repairs that 5 need to be completed. He stated that the lighting at Pendleton Bridge has not been repaired. He stated that it is felt there is a short within the line and it has to be traced in 6 7 order to repair which staff anticipates doing in the near future. **SRD:** He stated that The 8 bid for the fourth pump and motor for Pump Station #1 has been accepted, Meyer & 9 Associates are working to get this project moving forward. Staff has sent out a purchase 10 order number for the repair of Motor #1at Pump Station #3, to Dynamitic Drive Source 11 International, Inc. (bearing failure). The fencing contractor is working to complete the 12 remainder of our hurricane Laura damages to our fences at the main office and Pump 13 Station #1. SRA crew has removed 4 leaking irrigation gates and one levee leak, and will 14 continue levee repairs next month due to beaver damage. He stated that he wanted to 15 commend Mr. Billy Nixon who is actually the mechanic for the agency, built the parts 16 needed to do the repairs at home in his shop with materials that SRA purchased and the 17 parts worked really well. He continued that Mr. Joey Cartinez and the other crew that worked on the Resort project did a great job too. 18 19 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the total revenues for the Toledo 20 Bend Division for the month of April were \$1,053,489.09, expenses were \$1,062,007.27 21 leaving a loss of \$8,518.18. She stated that for the month of May revenues were 22 \$1,437,108.71, expenses were \$979,259.80 leaving a profit of \$457,848.91. She stated 23 that the year-to-day total revenues were \$10,207,558.58; expenses were \$9,610,712.46 showing a profit of \$593,846.12. She stated that revenues for the month of April for the 24 Diversion Canal Division were \$596,715.47, expenses were \$307,458.63 leaving a profit 25 26 of \$289,256.84. She stated that for the month of May, revenues were \$677,446.66, 27 expenses were \$336,640.11 leaving a profit of \$340,806,55. She continued that the year-28 to-date totals were revenues \$6,585,196.99; expenses were \$3,676,086.14 leaving a profit 29 of \$2,909,110.85. She stated that included in the meeting packet was a copy of the 30 Capital Improvement Program reports for both divisions. She stated that staff would like 31 to request to closeout Projects 7A-200, 11-7100, 204-700, and 204-800 and allocate the

1 remaining funds to add picnic shelters at San Miguel for a total of \$14,073.89 to be added 2 to Project #7A-2500. She also stated that staff would like approval to demolish the old 3 enclosed pavilion at 7A. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve 4 the closeout of Projects #7A-200, 11-7100, 204-700 and 204-800 and to reallocate the 5 remaining funds from these projects to Project #7A-2500 which the total funds to be moved is \$14,073.89. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Ferguson stated that the 6 7 agency purchased six vehicles from TBPJO for \$68,000. She stated the office would be closed Wednesday (July 3^{rd)} and Thursday (July 4th) since the Governor gave us an extra 8 9 day. She stated that instead of participating with the life jacket give away this year 10 through KTBS Channel 3 in Shreveport instead the funds purchased spots to advertise the 11 Christmas Lights and there will be a 30-minute segment to showcase the lights as well. 12 She stated that the annual audit will take place the first of August and information 13 requests are already being prepared by the staff. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. 14 Vidrine to approve staff reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried 15 unanimously. **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None. 16 17 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Harry Henry addressed the Board concerning the amount of erosion on the southwest side of Lanan Creek bridge and asked for direction as 18 19 to who to have the area checked for a possible solution for the issue. Mr. Ebarb thanked 20 Mr. Henry for notifying the Board of the current issue. 21 **OLD BUSINESS:** Item #1: Final Acceptance of Budget FY'24-'25: Mrs. 22 Ferguson stated that a copy of the final budget for fiscal year '24-'25 was included in the 23 meeting packet for review. She continued this budget included all expenses including those from the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by 24 Mr. Vidrine to accept the final Budget for FY'24-'25 as circulated and presented. 25 Motion carried unanimously. 26 27 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Selection of Official Journal-The Sabine Index: 28 Mr. Ebarb stated that each year, it was necessary to select an official journal for the 29 agency. He stated that it must domiciled within the parish and The Sabine Index is the 30 only newspaper that could serve in this capacity. He asked for a motion to approve the

selection for the official journal. Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to

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1 approve the selection of The Sabine Index as the Official Journal for the agency. 2 Motion carried unanimously. 3 Item #2-Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, & Secretary: Mr. Ebarb 4 opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Goodeaux nominated Mr. Ebarb, 5 seconded by Mrs. Cupit for Chairman and nominations cease. Mr. Ebarb elected by acclamation. Mr. Ebarb opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. 6 7 Foret nominated Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Vidrine and nominations cease. Mr. 8 Gibbs elected by acclamation. Mr. Ebarb opened the floor for nominations for 9 Secretary. Mr. Vidrine nominated Mr. Jeane seconded by Mr. Foret and 10 nominations cease. Mr. Jeane elected by acclamation. 11 **Item #3-Adopt Resolution Delegation of Appointing Authority:** Mrs. Ferguson 12 stated that a copy of the resolution was enclosed in the packet and asked if there were no 13 questions, staff requested this to be adopted. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. 14 Vidrine to adopt the resolution for Delegation of Appointing Authority as 15 circulated. Motion carried unanimously. 16 Item #4-Adopt Resolution Purchasing Authority: Mrs. Ferguson stated that a 17 copy of this resolution was included in the meeting packet and it gives the Executive 18 Director authority to spend up to \$25,000 for purchases for the agency. Mr. Jeane 19 moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adopt the resolution for Purchasing Authority 20 as circulated allowing the Executive Director to make purchases up \$25,000. 21 Motion carried unanimously. 22 Item #5-Approve Legislative Compliance Questionnaire: Mrs. Ferguson 23 stated that a copy of the questionnaire was enclosed in the meeting packet. She stated 24 that she completes the form on behalf of the Board and asked that if there were no necessary corrections, that the Board approve the document. Mr. Mitchell moved, 25 26 seconded by Mr. McCormic to approve the Legislative Compliance Questionnaire as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. 27 28 Item #6-Approve Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips Contract: Mrs. Ferguson 29 stated that the staff is requesting approval of the contract for legal counsel in the amount 30 of \$50,000 for Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLC. Mr. Foret moved, seconded by

Mrs. Cupit to approve the Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLC contract in the

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2	documents. Motion carried unanimously.
3	Item #7-Recommednation for Deputy Director: Mr. Founds stated that after
4	some consideration, he would like to recommend that the Deputy Director Position be
5	granted to Mrs. Kellie Ferguson who's been with the agency almost thirty years. She
6	knows and completely understands the operations of the agency. He stated that a copy of
7	her contract was included in the meeting packet and if there was no need for further
8	discussion, I ask the Board to approve my recommendation. Mr. Goodeaux moved,
9	seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the recommendation of Mrs. Kellie Ferguson to
10	the contractual position of Deputy Director for three years. Motion carried
11	unanimously.
12	COMMITTEE REPORTS:
13	1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.
14	2) Toledo Bend Division: No meeting.
15	3) Parks: No Meeting.
16	4) Finance: Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the
17	minutes of the Finance Meeting of April 24, 2024 as circulated. Motion
18	carried unanimously.
19	5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort: No meeting.
20	6) Toledo Bend Project Operations: Mr. McCormic stated that a meeting had
21	been held on May 30th. He stated that the Audit for FY'23 along with the auditor-
22	Broussard-Poche' for FY'24 was approved. He stated that several items were
23	approved as surplus and are to be disposed. He stated that the Dam Safety
24	Program was approved. He stated that approved amending the Budget FY'24 for
25	legal fees. He continued that the Budget for FY'25 was approved.
26	LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Founds stated that the 2016 Suit had been rescheduled
27	for February of 2025; however, the attorneys will continue to work on preparation for the
28	trial.
29	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Founds stated that he wanted to
30	share a few facts about the amount of inflow and releases of the reservoir thus far. He
31	stated that year-to-date inflow has been 6,500,000 acre feet and 3,500,000 acre feet has

amount of \$50,000 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary

1	gone through the generators and 3,000,000 acre feet has been release through the		
2	spillway gates. He continued to say that the reservoir has received 3,200,000 acre feet		
3	more than what was received during the same time last year. Mr. Gibbs moved,		
4	seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the legal and Executive Director's report as		
5	presented. Motion carried unanimously.		
6	Mr. Ebarb stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 1PM		
7	at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.		
8	With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ebarb asked for a motion to adjourn.		
9	Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to adjourn. Motion carried		
10	unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:59p.m.		
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12 13	KENNETH EBARB, ACTING CHAIRMAN		
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16 17	ATTEST:SHANE IEANE SECRETARY		