1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY STATE OF LOUISIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CYPRESS BEND RESORT LEARNING CENTER 2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY MANY, LA 71449 1:00PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	MEMBERS PRESENT: MEMBERS ABSENT: OTHERS PRESENT:	Mr. Kenneth Ebarb, Chairman Mr. Byron Gibbs, Vice-Chairman Mr. Shane Jeane, Secretary Mrs. Rhonda Cupit Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Mr. Ned Goodeaux Mr. Ned Goodeaux Mr. Mike McCormic Mr. Kevin Mitchell Mr. Stanley Vidrine Mrs. Estella Scott Warren Founds, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	UTHERS PRESENT:	Kellie Ferguson, Deputy Director SRA, Many, LA Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA Kim Ford, Adm Prog Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA Alan Fulton, Eng. Tech 2-SRA, Many, LA Colby Matthew, Procure. Analyst 1-SRA, Many, LA Joey Remedies, Fac. Maint. Mgr C-SRA, Many, LA Chad Strother, Land Specialist 3-SRA, Many, LA
32 33 34 25	Mr. Eboob colled the	There were seven (7) visitors.
35	Mr. Ebarb called the meeting to order. Mr. Gibbs offered the Prayer and Mrs.	
36	cupit led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mrs. Scott was absent;	
37	however, a quorum was established.	
38	Mr. Ebarb asked for a motion to adopt the agenda if there were no additions and	
39	deletions. Mrs. Ferguson stated that staff would like to move New Business, Item #3-the	
40	Audit to be presented before the Staff Reports since it will be done by zoom. Mr. Ebarb	
41	asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda? Mr. Mitchell moved,	
42	seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to amend the agenda as requested. Motion carried	
43	unanimously. Mr. Ebarb asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Jeane	
44	moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried	
45	unanimously.	
46	Mr. Ebarb stated that the minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting were in the packet	
47	and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, if there were no	

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corrections. Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the circulated

2 minutes of the Board meeting of June 27, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3: Accept Annual Audit Report for FY'23-'24 by Griffin & Furman,

4 **LLC:** Mr. Furman thanked the Board for allowing him to present the audit by zoom 5 capabilities. He stated that on Pages 1-3 was the letter of responsibility of the audit. He stated that Pages 5-6 were the Statement of Net Position for the year. He stated that on 6 7 Page 7 was the Statement of Changes in Net Position as compared to the previous year 8 which showed that in FY'22-'23 the net position was \$104,978,679.00 and the net position for FY'23-'24 was \$109,878,292.00 which showed an increase of \$4,899,613.00 9 10 which means the agency is firm within their standing. He stated that it was a clean audit 11 with no deficiencies or compliance issues and Mrs. Ferguson and her staff should be 12 commended for a job well done. He stated that the staff was very pleasant to work with 13 as well as very prompt with the information that was requested. He stated that a prior 14 accounting issue that was overlooked by last year's audit performed by our staff had been 15 corrected on our behalf. He continued thanks again for your allowing me to use zoom 16 media to present the audit. Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to accept 17 the Annual Audit for FY'23 - '24 as circulated and presented to the full Board.

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Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations: Mr. Fulton 20 stated that year-to-date thru September 18th, run hours were Unit #1-4,471 hrs. and Unit #2-4,685 hrs. He stated that total generation year-to-date thru September 18th was 21 22 342,809 MWH. He stated that Unit #1 entered into outage from August 26th thru August 23 31st due to a roller chain that had failed and prevented Gate #1 from fully closing. He 24 stated to update everyone on the Power House Step-Up Transformer Replacement Project Kiewit's contract is for 45 days beginning on October 1st. He stated that on September 25 26 16th, the power house was taken into outage to begin the relay work in the switchyard and 27 remove the fire suppressant system from the old transformer. He continued that October 28 through December, the guide calls for attempting to maintain a reservoir level of 29 168'msl. Emergency Spillway Generator: He stated that on July 24, 2024 the pre-30 construction meeting was held and notice to proceed was given. He continued that the 31 completion date is scheduled for December 6, 2024. Reservoir Levels/Status: He

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1 stated that the average reservoir level for as for July was 170.95'MSL, August was 2 169.30'MSL and the to-date thru September 18th was 167.98'MSL. RELEASES: He stated that during July the total releases through the Power House and the Spillway was 3 4 824,727 AC FT, August was 446,652 AC FT and up to September 17th total releases have 5 been 7,297,076 AC FT. FERC/NERC/SERC: He stated that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC 6 7 compliance issues for Power House. He stated that the annual FERC inspection took place on July 31st. He stated that staff has not received an update on the 11th Part 12D-8 9 Comprehensive Assessment.

10 Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity: Mr. Strother stated that from JULY 18th thru September 19th, 2024, there were (8) new structure permits, (61) transferred 11 12 structure permits, (4) new water withdrawal(s), (15) transferred water withdrawals, (4) 13 cancelled water withdrawal, (1) shoreline improvement (erosion control/dredge), (6) 14 approved final inspections and (0) failed final inspection. NORTH-Converse area: 0-15 new structures; 3-transferred structures; 0-transferred water withdrawals and 0-cancelled water withdrawal. NORTH-Noble area: 0 new structures; 1-transferred structures; 0-16 17 new water withdrawal; 0-transferred water withdrawal and 0-cancelled water withdrawal; 18 **NORTH-Zwolle area: 2**-new structures; 17-transferred structure; 3-new water 19 withdrawal; 5-transferred water withdrawal; 1- cancelled water withdrawal. MID 20 LAKE-Many area: 4-new structures; 29-transferred structures; 1-new water 21 withdrawal; 8-transferred water withdrawal; 2-cancelled water withdrawals; 0-shoreline 22 improvements. **SOUTH-Florien: 2**-new structures; 11-transferred structures; 0-new 23 water withdrawal; 2-transferred water withdrawal and 1-cancelled water withdrawal. 24 FLOWAGE EASEMENTS: He stated that staff approved flow easements for San Miguel Haven Subdivision on Caddo Street to include 17 lots. ENCROACHMENT 25 26 **PROGRAM:** He stated that there were no encroachment corrections. **OTHER:** He 27 stated that nothing to report.

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Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND: Mr. Founds stated that the Mr. Remedies had to go to San Miguel to meet with the contractor who is putting in fiber 29 30 optic lines within the park. He stated that as far as the Pleasure Point Overlay Project, staff was waiting for bids which are to be submitted by October 8th. He stated that the 31

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1 maintenance crew had repaired a roof at San Miguel on a cabin and at Cypress Bend Park 2 on the parking lot bathhouse. He continued that a lift pump had to be replaced at Cypress 3 Bend Park. He stated that the crew was working on putting up Christmas lights for the annual display. He stated that the buoy crew was working to get the buoys inline. SRD: 4 5 He stated that the fencing project at the office and at Pump Station #1 is now complete. He stated that Capital Project #7-SCADA System upgrade is underway with Sycon. He 6 7 stated that three new air release valves were purchased for use on the pipelines. He stated 8 that Project #15 (Meter Upgrade) is about 80% complete at Pump Station #1 & #4.

9 Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that she would like to introduce to Mr. 10 Colby Matthews who is the Procurement Specialist. She stated that Christmas decorating 11 has been begun and there will be more exciting displays. She stated that year-to-date 12 totals for the Toledo Bend Division last fiscal year 2023-24 showed revenues were 13 \$12,011,753.89, expenses were \$9,505,261.64 leaving a profit of \$2,506,492.25. She 14 stated that for the Diversion Canal Division year-to-date totals showed revenues 15 \$7,217,129.17, expenses \$4,494,562.59 leaving a profit of \$2,722,566.58. She stated that 16 also included in the report is the FY'24-'25 July report for each division. She stated that 17 for the Toledo Bend Division revenues were \$1,428,576.47, expense were \$663,157.56 18 leaving a profit of \$765,418.91. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division revenues 19 were \$679,605.66, expenses were \$278,651.35 leaving a profit of \$100,954.31. Mr. 20 Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve staff reports as circulated and 21 presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

23 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Jim Mifflin asked if there was an update on the 24 future out-of-state water sales. Mr. Founds stated that he would address that in his report. **OLD BUSINESS:** Item #1-Discuss and Approve to pursue the transfer of 25 land to the Ebarb Choctaw Apache Tribe and Sabine Parish School Board: Mr. 26 27 Founds stated that both parties are interested in the property that SRA has leased to them 28 for 99 years. He stated that the property in question is the land that SRA owns across from the school down Knight Road. He stated that the members of the Tribe had 29 30 approached Representative Larry Bagley asking for help to see if this property where 31 their annual Pow-Wow is held could have the ownership transferred to the Tribe. He 32 continued that this land was purchased with Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Funds (Land

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1 & Conservation Fund) which was a Federal Program so it would be necessary to seek 2 approval from them before the transfer could be completed. He stated that staff is 3 requesting approval to move forward with this land transfer once Federal approval is 4 received. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the Executive 5 Director moving forward with the land transfer to the Ebarb Choctaw-Apache Tribe and the Sabine Parish School Board once the Federal approval has been 6 7 received. Motion carried unanimously. 8 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Approve per diem due to CPEX Orientation for 9 **Board Members:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that staff is recommending the Board approve 10 the per diem and other expenses for those Board members drove to Cypress Bend Resort 11 to meet with the CPEX group who is performing a study for the agency. Mr. Goodeaux 12 moved, seconded by Mrs. Cupit to approve per diem and expenses to the Board Members for orientation with CPEX. Motion carried unanimously. 13 14 Item #2-Adopt Resolution for Banking Signatures: Mrs. Ferguson stated that 15 this request was necessary to update approved signatures for the various checking 16 accounts since the addition of new accounting employees. Mr. Foret moved, seconded 17 by Mr. Gibbs to adopt the resolution to be sent to the banks with approved staff 18 signature privileges. Motion carried unanimously. 19 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 20 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting. 2) Toledo Bend Division: No meeting. 21 22 3) Parks: No meeting. 23 4) Finance: No meeting. 24 5) Cypress Bend Golf Resort: No meeting. 25 6) Toledo Bend Project Operations: No meeting. 26 LEGAL REPORT: No updates. 27 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the last 28 information staff had received from Aqueduct Werks was that a meeting had been 29 scheduled with the Governor's Office, but due to the weather, the meeting was cancelled 30 and has not been rescheduled. He stated that CPEX plans to be at the October Board

31 Meeting to give an update and would also hold their first public meeting at Cypress Bend

1	Resort sometime that afternoon/evening. Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr.		
2	Foret to approve the Legal and Executive Director's report as presented. Motion		
3	carried unanimously.		
4	Mr. Ebarb stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, October 24, 2024, at		
5	1PM at Cypress Bend Resort Ballroom.		
6	With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ebarb asked for a motion to adjourn.		
7	Mrs. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to adjourn. Motion carried		
8	unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:24p.m.		
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