

1 Johnson took the podium and spoke to the Board discussing various happenings in
2 Washington, D.C. within the realm of Congress. He stated that discussions were still
3 being held about funding the I-10 bridge in Lake Charles area. He stated that elections
4 were coming up on November 3rd and he encouraged everyone present to exercise their
5 right to vote.

6 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry
7 stated that his reports were circulated in the packet. He stated that generation through
8 September & October were made in accordance with the Power Operating Guide. He
9 stated that generation was made for power supply and to retain the reservoir level at
10 168.0'msl. He stated that total generation up to October 20th is 251,468.0 MWH. He
11 stated that Unit #2 Outage finished on October 7th (six day ahead of schedule)..

12 **Reservoir Levels/Status:** Lake Level at the beginning of September was 169.73'msl
13 and as of October 20th, the reservoir is at 168.09'msl. He stated that Hurricane Delta
14 came through October 9th dropping 5.25inches of rain at the Dam. Reservoir peaked at
15 168.76'msl and no gate openings or advisories were necessary and no damage was
16 sustained from Hurricane Delta. **EMBANKMENT:** He stated that earthen pads for the
17 drilling of five (5) replacement piezometers have been prepared and the contractor to drill
18 these piezometers is Terracon. **HAZARD MITIGATION:** Mr. Fulton stated that final
19 inspection of the first five houses has been completed. He stated that there have not been
20 any closings for any of the other properties since our last meeting.

21 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that FNI performed the annual inspection on August
22 24th which will be sent to FERC pending review by the Authorities. He stated that
23 Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TC and SRA-LA for all
24 compliance issues.

25 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Guidry stated that he had prepared
26 an updated report for each member and he would be reviewing it. He stated that there has
27 been three (3) New structures permitted, and eight (8) structural transfers. He continued
28 that there had be one (1) New water withdrawal, two (2) water withdrawal transfers and
29 two (2) Cancelled water withdrawal permits. He stated the report shows the various
30 permitting by areas: Mid-Lake near Pendleton Bridge one (1) new structure, three (3)
31 transfers, and one (1) cancelled water withdrawal; Mid-North Lake in the Lanan or San

1 Miguel areas-two (2) structural transfers, one (1) water withdrawal transfer, and one (1)
2 cancelled water withdrawal; Mid/South Lake in the Negreet or Big Bass area- one (1)
3 new structure; two (2) structural transfers and one (1) new water withdrawal; South Lake
4 near Pleasure Point- one (1) new structure, and one (1) structural transfer.

5 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that there are no reports from SRD due to
6 the hurricane. **TOLEDO BEND:** He stated that maintenance crews continue to complete
7 removing debris in all parks and at Cypress Bend Resort. (Approximately 400 trees down
8 at Cypress Bend Park, San Miguel Park, Pleasure Point Park and the Resort altogether).
9 He stated that the buoy crew has been replacing and aligning buoys and removing large
10 numbers of floating logs in the lanes. He stated that also removed many logs and other
11 debris from boat ramps, shoreline, and swimming areas. He stated that repairs on cabins
12 and RV Sites are being completed by the maintenance crew. He stated that the crew is
13 also working diligently on the Christmas lighting displays. **SRD:** He stated that an
14 employee was working on Control Gate #3 when he fell and broke his leg and will be
15 expected to be off an extended period of time. He stated that the SRD Office and
16 operation was on State Mandated Closure until October 13th 2020 and at that time, in an
17 effort to hold down costs, only essential employees reported to work. He stated that upon
18 reopening several employees have taken leave to work on their homes in an effort to
19 make them livable due to the damage from the hurricane. He continued that although we
20 have extensive damage at the main office, first priority was to be able to visually inspect
21 the 35miles of levees. He stated that staff cleared the south side of the levees in an effort
22 to be able to see the extent of damage on the canal system. He stated that staff is now
23 monitoring control gates, looking for levee damage and potential failure, removing
24 floating debris collecting at siphons and gates, etc.. and this visual monitoring will
25 continue daily. He stated that it is taking two (2) employees to manually operate the
26 pump stations due to our SCADA system failure during the storm. He stated that a RFP
27 for debris removal from the office area and the canal system had been submitted. He
28 stated that there has been very little movement on our Capital Improvements and an
29 update will be prepared for the next meeting. He stated that multiple claims have been
30 submitted to ORM for reimbursement and Mr. Medlock will brief you on those items.
31 Mr. Medlock stated that a report had been prepared for each member present. He stated

1 that in reviewing the list of items, there are several that pending listed by side them which
2 means staff has received information from the insurance carrier as what or how will be
3 covered. He stated that there are three items that were not covered under the insurance.

4 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that has presented each member with
5 the financial report. She stated that reviewing the Toledo Bend Division for the month
6 of September, revenues were \$949,250.83; expenses were \$1,332,048.99 showing a loss
7 of \$382,798.16. She stated that reviewing the Diversion Canal Division for the month of
8 September, revenues were \$722,333.66, expenditures were \$326,287.39 showing a profit
9 of \$396,046.27. She stated that she had prepared a “recap” for FY’19-20 to help those
10 understand the audit. She gave a report on the current policy for handling Covid-19 cases
11 who are employees. She stated that there have been four (4) employees that have tested
12 positive for the illness and were placed on “Covid-19” leave until they are considered
13 recovered. She continued that two have returned to work and the other are still
14 recuperating. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the Staff Reports
15 as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

16 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Representative Rodney Schamerhorn addressed to the
17 Board discussing some of the outcome of the special session which didn’t seem to
18 accomplish what was hoped for that being allowing businesses and sporting events etc. to
19 be able to resume serving the public. He thanked the Board for continuing to serve and
20 he commended the staff for the good job that they do for the Agency.

21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

22 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

23 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Discussion and Possible Award of the Bid for
24 SRD Debris Cleanup and Removal from Hurricane Laura:** Mr. Carr stated that with
25 the help of consultants Myer & Associates, a RFP was prepared for bids for the cleanup
26 and debris removal at the Diversion Canal. He stated that there were two companies that
27 returned bids for consideration on October 28th, 2020 and the letter from our consultants
28 which has been presented to each member present recommends awarding the bid to
29 CERES Environmental Services, Inc. being the low bidder at \$400,00.00 Mr. Carr stated
30 that both companies visited the site and made their bit based on quantity which was
31 60,000 cubic yards. He stated that it was missed calculated and this error was not caught
32 before it was released for the bid process. He stated that both companies were contacted

1 and told that the estimated amount was to be 10,000 cubic yards and not 60,000 cubic
2 yards and were asked if they would like to resubmit a bid with the new information. He
3 stated that Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., the initial low bidder, stated that they
4 would like to resubmit their bid considering the current estimated cubic yards of 10,000.
5 He stated that staff feels sure that the cost is going to increase. He stated the Board has
6 already given authority to the Executive Director to move this project forward; however,
7 staff wanted to update you and inform you about the possible cost of this project. He
8 continued that staff is requesting to try to negotiate with the current low bidder to move
9 this project forward and not wait until the next Board meeting to award the bid. After
10 some discussion, **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to authorize staff to**
11 **negotiate with the current low bidder a new price not to exceed \$600,000.00. Motion**
12 **carried with 12 Yea and 1 Nay.**

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:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that there was a meeting held Thursday,
21 October 1st 2020 at 10:30am at the SRA TX Office at the Dam.

22 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Byles asked for a motion to move into Executive
23 Session to discuss possible litigation from Capital Properties, LLC et al vs Sabine River
24 Authority, State of Louisiana, 19th Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana Case
25 No.656,098 and Deloutre Property Rentals, LLC et al vs Sabine River Authority, State of
26 Louisiana, 11th Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana Case no. 068266. **Mr. Foret**
27 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to move into Executive Session. Mr. Gibbs**
28 **moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to re-convene from Executive Session. Mr. Foret**
29 **moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to authorize the Executive Director to move forward**
30 **with resolution of the litigation of Case #656,098-Capital Properties, LLC et al vs**
31 **Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana. Motion carried unanimously.**

32 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated no report.

1 Mr. Byles stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, December 10th, 2020
2 at 11:00am at the Pendleton Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, LA if precautions
3 allowed for it.

4 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Byles asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
5 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
6 **Meeting adjourned at 3:44p.m.**

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VALMORE BYLES-CHAIRMAN

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JAMES FORET, JR VICE-CHAIRMAN

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18 **ATTEST:** _____
19 **NED GOODEAUX- SECRETARY**