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2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
3 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
4 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
5 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
6 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
7 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
8 **MANY, LA 71449**
9 **1:00PM THURSDAY AUGUST 23RD 2018**

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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
12 Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman
13 Mrs. Estella Scott, Secretary
14 Mr. Norman Arbuckle
15 Mr. Valmore Byles
16 Mr. Daniel Cupit
17 Mr. Jimmy Foret
18 Mr. Byron Gibbs
19 Mr. Allen Shane Jeane
20 Mr. Therman Nash
21 Mr. Mike McCormic
22 Mrs. Dayna Yeldell

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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Jeremy Evans

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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Warren Founds, III, Executive Dir-SRA, Many, LA
27 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
28 Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
29 Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA

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31 **There were (17) visitors.**
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34 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
35 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Evans was
36 absent; however, a quorum was established. .

37 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated
38 agenda. He stated that on the agenda, Mrs. Anderson found a “wording error” under the
39 Legal Section which she corrected prior to the meeting. Mr. Goodeaux asked that when
40 making motions, he asked that you state the complete motion due to voices overriding
41 each other on the recordings. He asked for a motion to adopt the corrected meeting
42 agenda. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Byles to adopt the corrected agenda.**
43 **Motion carried unanimously.**

44 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the July 24th 2018 meeting were in the
45 packet. He stated that on Page 5 under Executive Director’s Report, there needs to be
46 clarification of the motion. Mrs. Anderson stated that the minutes would be corrected.
47 **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the corrected minutes of**
48 **the Board meeting of July 24th, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**

2 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

3 **STAFF REPORTS: Item#1-TBPJO-** Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Guidry was
4 attending the FERC Inspection of the dam. He stated that Mr. Guidry's reports were
5 included in the Board packet. He stated that he would try to answer any questions.

6 **Power House Operations:** Generation was made in July and August and will continue
7 for power, downstream needs and to plan to lower the reservoir to approximately
8 168.0' msl on September 1st for spillway repair project. The total billing for the month of
9 July was \$159,970.00. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** The reservoir level on July 1st was
10 169.36' msl and was at 168.54msl to-date, August 15th. Then moving forward, plans are
11 to generate as needed (and operate gates) to target the reservoir level at approximately
12 168.0' msl on September 1st for the spillway repair project. **Spillway Repairs:** The
13 spillway repair project is planned in two-design packages: 1st- Underwater Soil Cement
14 Repair which was made on August 6th and 7th. He stated that the second project, Main
15 Spillway Repairs, design plans have been completed and bids have been received. The
16 TBPJO Board met with legal counsel and it was decided to reject all bids and revamp the
17 bid packages which are to be advertised on July 25th 2018 with the bids to be received by
18 August 20th with bid opening on August 21st. Plans are to mobilize equipment and
19 material and prepare site in fourth quarter. Rip Rap proposed to be done in fourth quarter
20 with the proposed Apron Repair to be started as well continuing into the first quarter of
21 2019. Reservoir level will stay within the license guide. **NERC/SERC:** The FERC
22 annual dam inspection is scheduled tentatively for August 22-23. All compliance issues
23 are up-to-date. Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and SRA-
24 LA for NERC/SERC/ FERC compliance issues. **DAM**

25 **INSTRUMENTATION/RELIEF WELLS:** The Power House Relief wells are working
26 on automatic controls and the pump and motor for Well #17 were replaced on April 9th.
27 The routine readings of the piezometers are made to satisfy regulations and ensure the
28 dam remains stable.

29 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Guidry's report was include in the
30 board packet. The Year #3 survey of the shoreline from the southern point of Slaughter
31 Creek all the way to the dam on Google Earth and checked data against the Assessor's

1 Office to determine deed owners of suspected encroachments. The plan is to complete
2 identifying encroachments by November. **Permitting:** July 2018, 11 new structures
3 were permitted, 3 transfer of structures permitted, 1 new water withdrawals and 1 transfer
4 of water withdrawals.

5 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that the crew had
6 one cabin remodel left at San Miguel. He stated that the crew continues to keep up the
7 grounds at all park sites and launches. He stated that the “buoy” crew had continued to
8 maintain and replace the navigational aids which is 180 miles with over 10,000 buoys.
9 He stated that the crew had expanded and upgraded the greenhouse at Cypress Bend
10 Park. **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated that discussions are ongoing with all
11 Industrial Customers regarding the April 2019 renewal of Water Sales Agreements. He
12 stated that dredging on Canal #1 is still moving along with over 90,000 cubic yards
13 removed. He stated that currently this contract has overrun the initial budget; however,
14 there were provisions within the contract to handle the overage which staff has estimated
15 to be approximately \$100,000 due to the amount of material to be dredged at the Ozan
16 drainage ditch. He stated that to re-mobilize a crew to this site would cost an estimated
17 \$230,000, so it is cost effective to continue the dredge while the contractor is already
18 onsite. He stated that the system experienced a 49-hour run which made the staff think
19 there was a levee breach. He stated that he had staff to ride the 35 miles of levees and
20 they did not find a breach. He continued that later it was discovered that a crawfish
21 farmer had opened multiple gates to flood his acreage. He stated that plans are to address
22 the problem and to run a controlled scenario early next week. He stated that staff had met
23 with Westlake (formerly Axiall) to discuss unmetered water and a way to resolve the
24 situation. He stated that staff had met with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and
25 Fenstermaker Engineering for a kickoff of the Coach Williams Drive extension. He
26 stated that there were a few glitches in the design where it crossed the canal; however,
27 these are being redrawn and will be submitted to staff for final approval. He stated on
28 August 15th, Pump #1 at Pump stations #4 locked up and the crew was unable to restart.
29 He stated that Pump #2 was already down with controller issues so staff used the diesel
30 backup until 7pm. He stated that then, the crew was able to switch the #1 controller to #2
31 pump and was able to convert back to electrical. He stated that a new controller board for

1 Pump #2 at the cost of \$12,185.00 has been ordered as well as the cost of repair of the old
2 one if possible. He stated that it would cost about \$20,000 to remove the pump, ship it to
3 the manufacturer, have the damage assessed and get an estimate on the repair. (see
4 attached). He stated that all of this is included in the budget under major repairs. He
5 stated that the pump was to be pulled today August 23rd and will take approximately 11/2
6 to two weeks. He stated that staff is asking for approval of the overrun on the dredge
7 contract for approximately \$100,000. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to**
8 **approve the overrun on the dredging contract of approximately \$100,000 and for**
9 **the Executive Director to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried**
10 **unanimously.** Mr. Carr stated that staff is requesting approval of the purchase of the
11 new controller as well as the possible pump repair/new pump up to \$150,000. **Mr. Foret**
12 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the expenditure of up to \$150,000 for**
13 **major repairs and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary**
14 **documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that for the Toledo Bend
16 Division total revenue was \$491,791.59; expenditures were \$465,360.93 for a profit of
17 \$26,430.66. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division total revenue was
18 \$440,081.16; expenditures were \$220,234.81 with a profit of \$219,846.35. She explained
19 that due to the way SRA is receiving power payments it is going to be difficult in the
20 future to complete the financial reports prior to the Board meeting. She stated that she
21 would continue to present the report at the meeting; however, it would not be included in
22 the packet. Mrs. Ferguson stated that the final sheet of the report is a list of the current
23 constructions projects and the expenditures for both divisions. She stated that SRA is
24 holding currently holding \$11,851,299.29 for all projects. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded**
25 **by Mrs. Yeldell to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion**
26 **carried unanimously.**

27 **SPECIAL REPORTS: None.**

28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

29 **OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Adopt Resolution for Proposed Bond Issue:** Mrs.
30 Ferguson introduced Matt Kern, legal counsel and Shawn Toups, financial consultant
31 from Baton Rouge were present to discuss the final resolution to move forward with the
32 Bond Issue. She stated that there were three bids for the bonds which these

1 representatives will discuss with you at this time. Mr. Kern stated that the Bond
2 Committee approved the Bond Issue and Mr. Toups will discuss the conditions of the
3 bids and the bonds. Mr. Toups stated that as Mrs. Ferguson said, there were three banks
4 that were interested in the purchase of these bonds which would provide funding for
5 repairs to the diversion canal system. He stated that the bids were from Citizens National
6 Bank-Shreveport-3.1%, Iberia Bank-3.32% and Sabine State Bank 3.97%. He stated that
7 He continued that these bonds would be payable in ten years. He stated that counsel is
8 asking for the Board to accept the bid from Citizens National Bank at the rate of 3.1%
9 with the total cost to be \$14,146,078.33. He stated that within this bond issue, the 2011
10 Bond Issue would be paid off. Mr. Kern stated that with the passage of the resolution,
11 the issue could be closed within the next two weeks. Mrs. Ferguson stated that after five
12 years, if the Authority wanted to pay the bonds off at that time there would be no penalty.
13 **Mr. Gibbs moved seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adopt the resolution for the Bond**
14 **Issue for updates to the Sabine Diversion Canal System in the amount of \$12 million**
15 **dollars. Motion carried unanimously.**

16 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve Bi-Annual Audit ALH, No.5.-Mrs.**
17 Ferguson stated that the audit had been circulated within the Board packet. She stated
18 that the Rent and Replacement Reserve Account were found to be in arrears; however,
19 both have been brought up-to-date at this time. She stated this audit was for July 2017 to
20 December 2017; however, the next audit has begun for January 2018 to June 2018. **Mr.**
21 **Byles moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Bi-Annual Audit of ALH, No. 5**
22 **as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

23 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that he would announce the
24 members of each Committee before convening them and these folks would be the only
25 ones allowed to make nominations for the Chairmanship and to participate in the voting.

26 **1) Diversion Canal:** Mr. Goodeaux announced the members of the Committee
27 as Mr. Cupit, Mr. Foret, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Nash, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Vidrine. **Mr.**
28 **Goodeaux called the Committee to order and opened the floor for**
29 **nominations for Chairman. Mr. Cupit nominated Mr. Foret, seconded by**
30 **Mr. Vidrine and that the nominations cease. Mr. Foret elected by**
31 **acclamation. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to adjourn. Motion**
32 **carried unanimously.**

1 **2) Parks:** Mr. Goodeaux announced the members of the Committee a Mr.
2 Arbuckle, Mr. Jeane, Mr. McCormic, Mr. Nash, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Yeldell.
3 **Mr. Goodeaux call the Committee to order and opened the floor for**
4 **nominations for Chairman. Mr. Nash nominated Mrs. Yeldell, seconded by**
5 **Mrs. Scott and that the nominations cease. Mrs. Yeldell elected by**
6 **acclamation. Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to adjourn.**
7 **Motion carried unanimously.**

8 **3) Leaseback:** Mr. Goodeaux announced the members of the Committee as Mr.
9 Byles, Mr. Evans, Mr. Foret, Mr. Jeane, Mr. Vidrine, and Mr. McCormic. **Mr.**
10 **Goodeaux called the Committee to order and opened the floor for**
11 **nominations for Chairman. Mr. Foret nominated Mr. Vidrine, seconded by**
12 **Mr. Byles and that nominations cease. Mr. Vidrine elected by acclamation.**
13 **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to adjourn. Motion carried**
14 **unanimously.**

15 **4) Finance:** Mr. Goodeaux announced the members of the Committee as Mr.
16 Byles, Mr. Cupit, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Vidrine, and Mrs. Yeldell. **Mr.**
17 **Goodeaux called the Committee to order and opened the floor for**
18 **nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Yeldell nominated Mr. Byles seconded by**
19 **Mr. Gibbs and that nominations cease. Mr. Byles elected by acclamation.**
20 **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to adjourn. Motion carried**
21 **unanimously.**

22 **5) Water Sales:** Mr. Goodeaux announced the members of the Committee as
23 Mr. Arbuckle, Mr. Byles, Mr. Foret, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. McCormic, and Mrs. Yeldell.
24 **Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order and opened the floor for**
25 **nominations for Chairman. Mr. Foret nominated Mr. Gibbs, seconded by**
26 **Mrs. Yeldell and that nominations cease. Mr. Gibbs elected by acclamation.**
27 **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to adjourn. Motion carried**
28 **unanimously.**

29 **6) Fishery & Lake Management:** Mr. Goodeaux announced the members of the
30 Committee as Mr. Arbuckle, Mr. Cupit, Mr. Evans, Mr. Jeane, Mr. Nash, and
31 Mrs. Scott. **Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order and opened the**

1 **floor for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Scott nominated Mr. Cupit,**
2 **seconded by Mr. Jeane and that nominations cease. Mr. Cupit elected by**
3 **acclamation. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn.**
4 **Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **7) TBPJO:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that he and Stanley Vidrine would continue to
6 serve as the representatives on the Toledo Bend Joint Operations Board.

7 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that there were no new updates at the
8 present time.

9 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that you were all
10 informed about the need to re-bid the Spillway Project which was done and three bids
11 were received on August 20th. He stated that all the bids were under the actual engineer's
12 estimate of the cost of the project. He continued that the TBPJO Board would meet on
13 Wednesday August 29th 2018 and it is hoped that the award will be issued at that time for
14 the project. He stated that he would to make the Board aware that once the Joint Board
15 meets next week and approves the bid, then the project will move forward and you
16 understand there will be no need to ask you for a vote since you have been made aware of
17 the action that will take place at the meeting next week with your two representatives
18 along with myself to be present at the meeting. He stated that he would like to inform
19 you how things are going with the Power Sales Agreement. He stated that at the request
20 of Commissioner Francis on August 1st, he asked the power companies to submit their
21 application for the new Power Sales Agreement to the Commission ask to start the
22 process with hopes of approving the agreement at their meeting in October at Cypress
23 Bend Resort. He continued that to-date, it is felt that things are on track to be able to
24 fulfill this request; however, there was a time that comments could be made but that time
25 has lapsed with no real issues. He stated that he had given an update on the Water
26 Resource Commission Study on an out-of-state water sales which a final draft has been
27 received and I am reading over it for comments etc.. to be completed in the next few
28 weeks. He stated that staff will mail out a copy as soon as the final original copy is
29 received. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the Legal and**
30 **Executive Director's Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, September 27th,
2 2018 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, Louisiana.

3 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

4 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**
5 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:01p.m.**

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

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STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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18 **ATTEST:** _____
19 **ESTELLA SCOTT, SECRETARY**