

1 **Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of the Board meeting**
2 **of January 23rd, 2020 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Found's
4 stated that Mr. Guidry was not present due to illness. He stated that his reports were
5 included in the Board packet and he would be glad to address any concerns. Generation
6 was being performed for downstream flow for the diversion canal for SRA-TX from
7 January through February 9th. An approximately 30-minute test run was done on both
8 Units on February 12th. Generation commenced on Sunday, February 16th as per Power
9 House Operating Guide to hold reservoir at near 169'msl. Gross Power Output was
10 254MWH for Unit #1 and 1419.3MWH for Unit #2. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** Lake
11 Level at the beginning of January 200 was 165.12'msl and was at 169.03'msl on
12 February 17th. Plans are to generate as needed following the Power House Operating
13 Guide. The Guide allows for the reservoir to reach 169.0'msl for February and then
14 169.5'msl for March. **Spillway Repairs:** Main Spillway Repairs were completed on
15 January 13th, 2020 and the total Contract Amount was \$10,019,813 including all Change
16 Orders. Fillings made with LA were original contract, Change Orders #1- #4, Substantial
17 Completion filed on February 13th which starts the 45-day waiting period for "No-Lien"
18 Certificate which means by March 29th, 2020 a "No-Lien" Certificate will be received.
19 Fillings that need to be made are File Change Order #5 and Final Completion Report.

20 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** Planning continues for the 2020 FERC Tabletop and Functional
21 Exercise: Tabletop- April 1st 2020; Functional-August 12th 2020. Part 12 Draft by FNI
22 reviewed by TBPJO and sent due March 1st 2020. DSSMP by FNI reviewed by TBPJO
23 and sent back due March 1st 2020. DSSMR by RNI reviewed by TBPJO and sent back
24 Due Date questionable. Certrec Corporation continues to provide support to SRA-TX and
25 SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC Compliance Issues. Certrec hosted a Cyber Security
26 Tabletop Exercise on February 12th 2020 and was attended by SRALA and SRATX and
27 Power House Plant Supervisor. **Relief Wells:** Wells #16, #17, #18, and #19 working on
28 automatic controls and working well.

29 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Since January 13th 2020 nine (9) New
30 structures have been permitted and one (1) water withdrawal.

1 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that the reports for SRD were circulated
2 in the packet and he would be glad to answer questions. **Toledo Bend Division:** Mr.
3 Carr stated that the crew continues to maintain and/or do any necessary repairs at all park
4 properties. He stated that all seawalls needing to be repaired have been completed. He
5 stated that the electrical project at San Miguel has been completed and now belong to
6 Cleco. He stated that the staff has received approval from the Fire Marshall to occupy
7 the new office at Pleasure Point Park. **Diversion Canal Division:** He stated that he
8 would defer his report to Mr. Harris's update on the Capital Improvement Projects.

9 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the Financial Reports were not
10 circulated in the packet, but a copy has been provided for each member present. She
11 stated that for the Toledo Bend Division total revenue was \$484,650.92; expenditures
12 were \$1,500,084.46 for a loss of \$1,015,433.54, and year-to-date shows a loss of
13 \$3,490,514.94. She stated that for the Diversion Canal Division total revenue was
14 \$541,992.44; expenditures were \$301,680.04 with a profit of \$240,312.40 but year-to-
15 date shows a profit of \$1,788,429.85. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**
16 **approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
17 **unanimously.**

18 **SPECIAL REPORTS: Item #1-LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**
19 **Update: Biologist Sean Kinney.** Mr. Kinney gave an updated report concerning the
20 Aquatic Vegetation Plan on Toledo Bend. He stated that the budget for the entire State
21 for Aquatic Vegetation is \$8million for the year. He stated that there are three main
22 plants on the reservoir that can be a nuisance to the fishermen. He stated these are Giant
23 Salvania, Water Hyacinth, and Yellow Floating Heart. He stated that in 2019 137 acres
24 were treated for Giant Salvania and 3 acres for Yellow Floating Heart. He stated that in
25 2019, there was only 400 acres of Giant Salvania on the whole reservoir on the Louisiana
26 side which is a much lower level as compared to previous years there would be 800-1500
27 acres covered with the plant. He stated that there is still 300 acres of Hydrilla with the
28 most prominent areas are Pirate's Cove, Hwy 1215, Blue Lake and San Patricio. He
29 stated that a sampling of bass by electro-fishing which shows how the bass are producing
30 and growing on Toledo Bend Reservoir. He stated that in 2018 the number was 140 bass
31 per hour and 2019 that number was 208 bass per hour. He stated that the Department

1 continues to stock approximately 820,000 Florida Bass Fingerlings and Texas Parks and
2 Wildlife stocking approximately 1,000,000 fingerlings which seems to be having much
3 success with the growth in size of the largemouth bass. He stated that with the bass
4 sampling provides data to show the restocking program is successful. He stated that one
5 other main concern is the Hydrilla on the reservoir. He stated that water fluctuation has
6 caused a reduction in that coverage. He stated that in 2003, there was an estimated 3,000
7 acres of Hydrilla and 2018, the number was 700 acres; however, during all these years,
8 the studies still have not shown an absolute reason for the reduction in covered acreage.
9 He stated that the drying causes the dying of the tubers that is primarily how the Hydrilla
10 grow. He stated that the Hydrilla can grow down/long as 20ft thus eliminating the plant
11 completely will not happen. He stated that it takes need water to grow. He stated that
12 another issue is the high turbidity that comes with the high water levels that also blocks
13 sunlight infiltration. He stated that the other concern for disturbing the Hydrilla is a
14 bacterium that has been growing on the Hydrilla. He stated that as far as any treatment
15 for specifically Hydrilla was done in 2008 (3 acres) and 2013 (4acres) which was at the
16 Army Recreational Park and the Army provided the funds for the treatment at \$479.00
17 per ac ft. He stated that one herbicide application used to combat these problem areas
18 could cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000 depending up the acreage that needs to be treated.

19 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

20 **OLD BUSINESS: Item 1-Update on SRD Capital Projects-Mr. Wayne**

21 **Harris, P.E.:** Mr. Carr stated that the Board had approved and acquired two bond issues
22 for Capital Improvements on the Sabine River Diversion Water Delivery System. He
23 stated one was in 2011 for ten million and another in 2018 for twelve million. He
24 continued that Mr. Wayne Harris of Meyer and Associates would update everyone on the
25 progress on these Bond Projects. He stated that Meyer & Associates have been
26 instrumental in working with the SRA on budget, document preparation, bidding and
27 construction oversight. He stated that these projects have all had two things in mind: 1)
28 to provide an economic method of delivery of water to hold customer costs down and 2)
29 to increase reliability of the system to minimize down time for our customers. Mr. Harris
30 stated that a copy of the slide presentation was available for those present. He stated that
31 the following projects: Phase #1-Project #1-Installation of Diesel Bypass Pump System
32 for Pump Station No.3 (\$654,000); Project #2-Switchgear and Controls upgrades for

1 Pump Station No.3 (\$1,440,000); Project #3-Installation of Diesel Bypass Pump System
2 for Pump Station #4 (\$654,000); Project #4-Switchgear and Controls upgrades for Pump
3 Station #4 (\$1,362,000); Project #5-Switchgear and MCC Upgrades for Pump Station
4 No.#1 (\$900,000); Project #6-Canal No.1 Improvements-dredging, slope erosion control
5 and bridge crossing (\$1,100,000); Project #7-New SCADA Monitoring System
6 (\$390,000); Project #8-Repair and Repaint Canal Level Control Gates (\$120,000);
7 Project #9-Rehabilitation of Siphon Crossing Canal #5-Crossing C-23 (Highway #90)
8 (\$594,000); and Project #10-New Galvanized Grating for Pump Station Intakes
9 (\$198,000). He continued that projects in Phase 2 are the following: Project #1-
10 Rehabilitation of Siphon Crossing Canal #6-Crossing C-32 (Arizona) \$2,100,000;
11 Project #2-Replacement of Timber Bridge Crossings Canals and Drainage Ditches
12 (\$1,590,000); Project #3-Surgace Preparation, Repair, and Repainting of Pump Stations
13 and Discharge Piping (\$582,000); Project #4-Interior Levee Slope Repair and Erosion
14 Protection (\$2,040,000); and Project #5-Retrofit Installation of Pump Unit #3 for Pump
15 Stations #3 and #4 (\$1,752,000). He stated that the total for all aforementioned projects
16 is \$15,476,000. He stated that another project not funded by SRA, but by Kansas City
17 Southern Railroad is the KCS Railyard Crossing Canal Section 3C which has been
18 completed. He concluded the presentation with pictures of the various projects. (See
19 report.)

20 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Purchase Replacement Mowers for Toledo Bend**
21 **Division:** Mr. Carr stated that SRA had had two mowers stolen from the Pendleton
22 Office in July 2019. He stated that with some constraints from the insurance company,
23 staff is now prepared to purchase the new mowers especially since “mowing season” is
24 upon us. He stated that the approximate cost of the two new X-Mark mowers is
25 \$17,000.00. He continued that staff is requesting permission to proceed with the
26 purchase. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the purchase of two**
27 **X-Mark Mowers to replace the two stolen from the Pendleton Office with the price**
28 **not to exceed \$17,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

29 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 30 **1) Diversion Canal:** No meeting.
31 **2) Parks:** No meeting.
32 **3) Leaseback:** No meeting.

1 **4) Finance:** No meeting.

2 **5) Water Sales:** No meeting.

3 **6) Fishery & Lake Management:** No meeting.

4 **7) TBPJO:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that a meeting was held Thursday, February
5 6th, 2020 at 10:30am at the Burkeville Texas Dam Office. He stated that action was taken
6 to approve the total cost of the Spillway Repair to \$10,019,812.50; approved an
7 additional \$500,000 for the Hazard Mitigation Program for FY'20. He stated that Texas
8 has appointed two new representatives to serve on the TBPJO Board Tom Beall from
9 Hemphill, TX and Kevin Williams, Orange, TX. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr.**
10 **Foret to approve Committee Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the lawsuits continue to move
12 forward with the Louisiana suits continuing to file motions on our behalf.

13 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that the report in
14 the Board packet was to provide information on two projects that are ongoing at this time.
15 He stated that one was the potential out-of-state water sale. He stated that he had
16 attended a meeting in Baton Rouge with Mr. John Crew, Texas Representative and Tom
17 Harris, Secretary of Natural Resources of Louisiana to discuss this issue and he wanted to
18 keep the Board informed. He stated that the second item was the Bray/Gideon Trailer
19 Park Property on Toledo Bend Reservoir which the owner left to the Gideon's. He stated
20 this was an old trailer park with approximately twenty-five (25) acres which has some
21 leaseback issues that need to be addressed. He continued that he was asking the Board
22 for permission to send the party interested in purchasing the property that if he decides to
23 purchase the property, he must clean up the area as well as with our help to see that all
24 the necessary documents and land transfer to SRA if permissible should be acceptable on
25 our terms so as the SRA can issue permits. **Mr. Byles moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott**
26 **to approve the Executive Director executing correspondence with the developer**
27 **interested in the Bray/Gideon Property explaining the terms and conditions that**
28 **must be met to satisfy the SRA Regulations regarding leaseback issues and**
29 **permitting issues if legal counsel agrees it is permissible. Motion carried**
30 **unanimously. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the Executive**
31 **Director's Report as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, March 23rd, 2020
2 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Office 15091 Texas Highway Many, LA.

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

4 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **Meeting adjourned at 2:57p.m.**

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STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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ESTELLA SCOTT, SECRETARY

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