

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
 2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
 3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
 4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
 5 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
 6 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
 7 **MANY, LA 71449**
 8 **1:00PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2019**
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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. Jeremy Evans**
 18 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
 19 **Mr. Shane Jeane**
 20 **Mr. Therman Nash**
 21 **Mr. Mike McCormic**
 22 **Mrs. Dayna Yeldell**
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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Jimmy Foret**
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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**
 30 **Gene Guidry, P.E.-SRA, Many, LA**
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32 **There were (12) visitors.**
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35 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
 36 Goodeaux led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Foret was absent;
 37 however, a quorum was established.

38 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated
 39 agenda. Mr. Gibbs asked to add under New Business, Item #3- ALH, No.5 Replacement
 40 Reserve Account Expense-Mr. Randy Roland. Goodeaux asked for a motion to approve
 41 to amend agenda. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Byles to amend the agenda**
 42 **and to accept the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

43 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the August 22nd, 2019 meeting were in
 44 the packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.
 45 **Mr. moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of**
 46 **August 22nd, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

47 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry
 48 stated that the generation made during the months of August and September were for lake

1 level control. He stated that for the month of August 24,071 MWH were produced by
2 both units and to-date for the month of September only 1,061 MWH had been produced.
3 He stated that the outage for the Transformer and Protective Relays replacement and
4 upgrades was complete. He continued that from September 8th thru October 29th, Unit #1
5 will be in outage for maintenance. He stated that Unit #2 would be available for
6 downstream flows. He stated that in November and early December, the exciters would
7 be installed. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that the reservoir level at the beginning
8 of August was 167.95' msl. He stated that the generators were used to get the level to
9 165.0' msl by August 20th on which date, the Power House went into an outage for the
10 transformer and protective relay work. He stated that plans are to generator as needed for
11 downstream flows approximately three (3) hours every other day. **Spillway Repairs:** He
12 stated that approximately 80% of the physical work is done. He stated that the rip-rap
13 bedding installation is complete. He stated that approximately 256 cubic yards of has
14 been replaced on the concrete apron or 43% complete. He stated this is a tedious an
15 ongoing part of the repair work. He stated that as of September 18th, \$6,526,958.00 has
16 been paid to the contractor which represents 68% of the project and FNI had been paid
17 \$189,868.00 for Construction Support Services for the project. He stated that the project
18 continues to move forward with the completion date of November 7th less site restoration.
19 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that the annual FERC Inspection and "Part 12"
20 Inspection was held September 10th -12th and Commendation was given by FERC for
21 maintenance of the Project, Owner's Involvement in the Project, and discovery of bell
22 pilings under the Spillway that reduces failure risk of potential failure modes at the
23 Spillway which is sliding of the Spillway. He stated that the Seepage Blanket Inspection
24 by underwater will be performed September 23rd -27th. He stated that staff is soliciting
25 estimates for soil cement repairs to the upstream face of the embankment. He stated that
26 the Underdrain System of the Spillway, Embankment and Power House inspection
27 possibly using CCTV with maintenance/repair will be done as needed. **Dam**
28 **Instrumentation/Relief Wells:** He stated that Wells #16, #17, #18 and #19 are working
29 on automatic controls with no issues at present.

30 **Item #2-Shoreline: FERC Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Review and**
31 **Possible Update:** Mr. Guidry stated that there no changes to report. **Permitting**

1 **Activity:** He stated that since August 20th there has been forty-five (45) New Structures
2 permitted, one (1) Transfer and one (1) New Water Withdrawal.

3 **Item #3-Operational: Toledo Bend Division:** Mr. Carr stated that the crew
4 continues to maintain the navigational aids in the 180 miles of boat lanes with over
5 10,000 buoys. He stated that the office building at Pleasure Point is moving forward
6 with the flooring installed, concrete drive completed, AC unit installed and operating
7 along with approximately 80% of the new fencing installed. He stated that the electric
8 was run by CLECO so the office has power to operate. He continued that the painting is
9 continuing and the parking lot needs to be poured. He stated that the agreement with
10 CLECO for the updated electrical at San Miguel has been signed with the cost of
11 \$226,295.00 for a turnkey project. He stated that all high voltage electrical in the park
12 will then belong to CLECO. He stated that estimated time of completion is six (6) weeks
13 once construction begins. He stated that the overhead portion is complete, but CLECO
14 has hired a contractor for the underground work and have started. He stated that staff met
15 with CLECO to locate the primary meters for the overhead high voltage at Pleasure Point
16 Park. He stated that CLECO's engineering will provide a plan early in 2020 for the
17 underground electrical work as well as the cost of the project and CLECO taking
18 ownership at that time. He stated that maintenance continues in all the parks. He stated
19 that insurance claims for the wind damage to the buildings and stage at Cypress Bend
20 Park. He stated that the total claim was valued at \$7,308.00 minus a \$1,000.00
21 deductible; however, in-house labor will do all the necessary repairs. He stated that
22 within the park, repairs to the beach with access handrails have been completed and the
23 remaining repair which is ongoing at this time is the rectangle pavilion. He stated that
24 there were two (2) seawalls that needed repairing due to the FERC Inspection-Pendleton
25 Bridge and Cypress Bend of which Pendleton Bridge is complete and the crew is working
26 on the one at Cypress Bend. He stated that the FERC deadline to have both completed
27 will be achieved. **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated that the reports were included in
28 the meeting packet. He stated that the table listed in the report shows four of our
29 industrial customers that pay a monthly water reservation fee which totals \$26,068.00.
30 He stated that these four companies paid \$341,000.00 for water actually used in August.
31 He stated that the Dredging at Canal #1 is complete except for the shaping and seeding of

1 the spoils, but due to the water level completion of this part of the project is incomplete at
2 this time. He stated that CIP #12A-Third Pump Installation at Pump Stations #3 and #4
3 are complete, closed out, commissioned, and awaiting to be incorporated into our
4 SCADA system. He stated that there had been a lightning strike at the main office which
5 has impeded our completion; however, an insurance claim has been submitted for the
6 repairs. He stated that CIP#13-Pumps, Motors, and Drives have been bid, ordered and
7 should be ready for installation sometime in December. These upgrades will make PS#3
8 capable of delivering 35,000GPM which is the maximum this pipeline will carry. He
9 stated that CIP#14-Standby Diesel Pumps Project, staff is expecting for the Procurement
10 Contract to be signed by October 21st. He continued that CIP#15-Metering Project, staff
11 is waiting on the field inspection and engineering reports prepared by Champion
12 Technology before the end of September. He stated that CIP#16-Repair and Painting of
13 all Pump Stations and above Ground Pipelines bid date will be sometime in October
14 2019. He stated that CIP#17-Pump Station #1, Erosion Repair, staff is soliciting proposal
15 for topographic, elevation and cross section surveys. He stated that CIP#18-Rehab
16 Bridge Crossings, staff has retained the services of a DOTD certified bridge inspector to
17 inspect all the bridges and provide a preliminary estimate of needed repairs which has
18 been received and staff is currently reviewing the report.

19 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that for the month of August
20 2019, the Toledo Bend Division total revenue was \$1,102,532.16 expenditures were
21 \$797,530.03 for a profit of \$505,181.33. She stated that there are no entries for
22 expenditures for TBPJO since their end of the year was August 31st and staff has to wait
23 for the audit report for any final entries to be made to close out the fiscal year. She stated
24 that for the Diversion Canal Division total revenue was \$620,180.10; expenditures were
25 \$261,478.35 with a profit of \$358,701.75. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott**
26 **to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
27 **unanimously.**

28 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Political Candidates that introduced themselves to the
29 Board were: Rodney Schamerhorn, State Representative District #34; Carroll Ellzey,
30 Sabine Parish Tax Assessor, and Ronnie Bison, Sabine Parish Tax Assessor.

31 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

32 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

1 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Accept Annual Audit FY'19:** Mrs. Ferguson stated
2 that Ross Beasley, CPA with the Broussard Group will present the audit report. Mr.
3 Beasley stated that a copy of the report had been furnished for each member present. He
4 referred to the audit turning to the letter included that is the statement of the findings and
5 explanation of the principals of the auditing process. He stated that there were no
6 “issues” to address from the audit and the staff should be commended for their great job.
7 He stated that the agency is in good standing financially due to the increased power
8 generation. He stated that the overall net position of the agency compared with FY'2018
9 shows an increase of \$7,139,222.00 for FY'2019. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs.**
10 **Scott to accept the Annual Audit Report for FY'19 as circulated and presented.**
11 **Motion carried unanimously.**

12 **Item #2-Approve Purchase of Bobcat Skid Steer with Attachments:** Mr. Carr
13 stated that a list of the items on the Acquisition Budget for FY'20 had been prepared for
14 each member. He stated that staff is requesting approval to purchase a bobcat skid steer
15 with attachments which is needed for the Toledo Bend Operation. He stated that the cost
16 of the machine is approximately \$80,000.00 without the attachments. He continued that
17 the cost with the attachments would be approximately \$122,000.00. He stated that staff
18 would use the remaining funds from the purchase of the two (2) vehicles for SRA
19 (balance of \$22,000.00) to purchase the bobcat with attachments. He stated that the
20 attachments for the machine were a grapple, bucket, forestry cutter, brush cat mower and
21 heavy duty forks. He stated that this would not increase the Acquisition Budget. **Mr.**
22 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the purchase of a TA70 Bobcat**
23 **Skid Steer with attachments using funds from the Acquisition Fund for the Toledo**
24 **Bend Division. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 **Item #3-ALH, No.5 Replacement Reserve Account Expense:** Mr. Randy
26 Roland, General Manager of Cypress Bend Resort stated that during the spring storm, the
27 resort experienced a lightning strike which “hit” the AC unit. He stated that of course, it
28 was an emergency due to having guests, so a new AC Unit was purchased with funds
29 from the replacement reserve account. He stated that the unit cost was approximately
30 \$90,000.00. He stated that this purchase needed to be approve by the Board. **Mr. Gibbs**
31 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve ALH, No.5 purchasing an AC Unit for**

1 **the resort which was struck by lightning prior to Board approval due to the**
2 **situation using the Replacement Reserve funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

4 **1) Diversion Canal:** Mr. Foret no meeting.

5 **2) Parks:** No meeting.

6 **3) Leaseback:** No meeting.

7 **4) Finance:** Mr. Byles stated that the Committee had met earlier and there
8 were some items recommended to bring before the Board. **Mr. Byles moved, seconded**
9 **by Mrs. Yeldell to approve refunding \$282,780.00 of the remaining funds in the**
10 **KCS Project account to KCS since the project is complete and all outstanding liens**
11 **have been cleared. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Byles moved, seconded by**
12 **Mrs. Yeldell to accept the ALH, No.5 Bi-Annual Audit since all findings have been**
13 **brought up-to-date. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Byles moved, seconded by**
14 **Mrs. Yeldell to approve investing \$7,000,000.00 for 12 months, and \$8,000,000.00**
15 **for 24 months due to current interest rates. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

18 **7) TBPJO:** No meeting. (Mr. Goodeaux informed the Board that he had
19 attended the inspection.)

20 **LEGAL REPORT:** No report.

21 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that he wanted to
22 commend his Staff-Mr. Carr, Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Guidry along with their staff who
23 does a great job for the agency. He stated that there are several new developments taking
24 place on the reservoir. He stated that there are subdivision developments and new trailer
25 parks as well as renovation of existing RV Parks and recreation areas taking place. He
26 stated that staff is working with these individuals who are investing lots of money and
27 time in the area. He stated that Toledo Bend/Sabine Parish has lots to be proud of as
28 things continue to grow. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the**
29 **Executive Director's Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

30 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, October 24th,
31 2019 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office, Many, Louisiana.

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

2 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **Meeting adjourned at 2:21p.m.**

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

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STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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ESTELLA SCOTT, SECRETARY

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