

1 **Gibbs to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 29th, 2015 meeting.**

2 **Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **STAFF REPORTS:**

4 Item#1-TBPJO-Mr. Pratt stated that he would give the overall engineering report
5 and Mr. Carr will give the operational report. He stated that Mr. Rumsey's report was
6 included in the packet. He stated that the lake level was 171.50' msl. He stated that there
7 was no progress to report on the Power Sales Agreement with Entergy. He stated that the
8 legal counsel had met with the Public Service Commission and a follow-up was planned
9 with PSC Chairman Clyde Holloway.

10 Item #2-Shoreline: Mr. Chance stated that he would give the Shoreline report
11 first. He stated that for the Month of October: New Structures-5, Transfers-1, New
12 Waterwithdrawal-4, Transfer-0 Total fees collected: \$610.00. He continued that for the
13 Month of November: New Structures-11, Transfers structures-0, New Water
14 withdrawals-1, Transfers Water withdrawals-0 Total fees collected \$485.00 which made
15 a grand total of \$1,095.00 for the two months. He stated that staff continues the shoreline
16 audit in which approximately 8.5 miles of shoreline have been surveyed. He stated that
17 pictures of 46 structures including boat houses, piers and seawalls were taken. He stated
18 that eleven violations ranging from no visible permit plate to falling down structures were
19 recorded and letters have been sent to adjoining fee property owners notifying them of
20 the need to correct the violations. He stated that a letter was sent to adjacent property
21 owner from SRA legal to cease and desist after the owner had timber cut on Toledo Bend
22 Project property. He stated that the adjacent property owner, a new land owner, had
23 called asking for guidance on cutting timber within the FERC boundary. Staff cruised
24 the tract and the owner was advised to not harvest all the hardwoods and cypress for
25 compliance with the SMP (Shoreline Management Plan) for environmental and aesthetic
26 value. Staff also advised the owner to use Forestry Best Management Practices (BMP)
27 and to leave a Streamside Management Zone (SMZ) along an area within the Project
28 Boundary. He stated that the land owner advised staff that his plan was to leave all the
29 hardwood and to follow the BMP. He stated that staff went to do an inspection of the
30 entire area and it had been clear cut. He stated that at the time, staff made pictures and an

1 inventory by stump count was completed. He stated that hardwood trees from 10 inch to
2 32 inches in diameter were counted and a total of 200 were found.

3 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the **Toledo Bend Division** the crew
4 continues to do general maintenance and upkeep on all cabins and RV sites. He stated
5 that SRA's participation at Hodges Gardens was completed and that there was only one
6 more year on the agreement to assist them with expanding the Christmas lighting. He
7 stated that the SRA crew built a "drive thru" tunnel which has already been a big "hit"
8 and the Hodges Gardens Manager reports there were a thousand visits on in the park on
9 the first Saturday night that the lights were lit. He stated that staff has been working on
10 lighting for Oak Ridge Park. He stated that Hallmark Oil Company donated the poles
11 and staff is hopeful that Cleco will donate the lights. He stated that work continues on
12 the office at San Miguel as well as renovations of Cabin #14 which is the handicap cabin.
13 He stated that the buoy crew is keeping up with boat lane maintenance and have most all
14 of the 180 miles in exceptionally good condition. He stated that a crew has been working
15 on cutting trees in the parks that pose a danger to RV's or cabins. He stated that at the
16 **TBPJO Division**, the crew assisted divers with log removal from trash racks at the
17 Power House intake. He stated that the crew assisted the Power House crew with the
18 removal of old trash racks and installation of new racks. He stated that the crew reset
19 Toe Ditch Weir Pipe after heavy rains washed out the weir and culvert. He stated that the
20 crew moved the stop logs from Spillway Gate #3 to Gate #11. He stated that the crew
21 hauled six loads of rock to be used on Project roads and boat ramps. He stated that all
22 Project Roads were bladed and rock was spread where needed. He stated that the crew
23 replaced three light fixtures on the Louisiana lookout tower and restroom. He stated that
24 the staff read and recorded water elevations in all piezometers for the fourth quarter
25 instrumentation report. He stated that the crew installed electric breaks on both haul
26 trailers to comply with Texas State Law. He stated that the crew trimmed the corners off
27 of wire tray brackets in the Spillway Gallery and the wire tray was removed and all wire
28 is now in conduit. He stated that the crew repaired several areas of the toe ditch damaged
29 by wild hogs. He stated that mowing, weed eating and spraying of Round-up is ongoing.
30 He stated that He stated that at the **Sabine Diversion Canal Division**, Morrison Survey is
31 in the process of surveying the toe of the levee in preparation of the land exchange with

1 Sasol. He stated that Matheson Tri-Gas has started construction of their Pump Station on
2 Canal #3 and they plan to start drawing water sometime around mid-2016. He stated that
3 Sasol has started installing their over head pipe rack support footings and is also working
4 on their Pump Station. He stated that the Water Reservation for Axiall (formally PPG)
5 for an additional 8,000 GPM is complete and they have started paying their monthly
6 reservation fee of \$5,256.00 which started in November. He stated that Lake Charles
7 Methanol (formerly Lake Charles Co-Gen and Lake Charles Clean Energy) is currently
8 paying \$6,750.00 monthly to reserve 10,000 GPM whose start date began in April of
9 2008 and has paid \$489,934.00 to-date. He stated that Sasol is currently paying
10 \$10,512.00 per month to reserve 16,000 GPM and their start date was July 2013 and
11 \$273,312.00 has been collected to-date. He stated that current total reserved water is
12 34,000 GPM with monthly revenue of \$270,216.00. He stated that total water reservation
13 revenue collected to-date from current reservations is \$768,502.00 without delivering any
14 water. He stated that staff was currently preparing a water reservation agreement with
15 Entergy for their Nelson Plant in the Lake Charles area which would be an additional
16 6,000 GPM with a fee of \$3,942.00. He stated that he had shared this information to
17 emphasize the importance and value of SRD water to that area and to let you know that
18 interest is increasing. He stated that there are some undesignated funds and staff will be
19 bringing needed projects before the board after I get a firm idea of dredging costs of
20 Canal #1. He stated that this project is the number one priority now and must be
21 completed before taking of reserved water begins in the near future. He stated that in
22 2011, Staff gave you an estimate of \$1,100,000.00 for dredging costs of Canal #1, but
23 staff has received from T. Baker Smith an estimate of \$1,812,000.00 so depending on the
24 actual bids, it might necessitate amending the budget. He stated that staff would bring
25 back to the Board all the information before acceptance of any bid. He stated that
26 within ten (10) years, I can see SRD having the need for a fourth pump at Station #1. He
27 stated that our revenue will almost double when our reserved water is taken, and it is
28 staff's expectation that by that time the bonds would be paid off and money in the SRD
29 Capital Fund could fund that project.

30 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was
31 included in the meeting packet. She stated that at the **Toledo Bend Division** Revenue for

1 October was \$453,790.80; Expenses were \$596,127.59 showing a loss of \$142,336.79.
2 She stated that at the **Diversion Canal Division** Revenue was \$288,772.86; Expenses
3 were \$224,043.01 showing a profit of \$64,729.85. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded**
4 **by Mr. Davis to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion**
5 **carried unanimously.**

6 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

7 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Senator and Mrs. Gerald Long were recognized as well
8 as Representative Larry Bagley.

9 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

10 **NEW BUSINESS:** Item #1: Motor for Pump Station #1- Mr. Carr stated that a
11 600 horsepower motor at PS#1 needed to be repaired or replaced. He stated that staff
12 received a repair estimate from Buna Electric in Vidor Texas of \$129,748.00. He stated
13 that staff received an estimate on a drop in new replacement from Continental Motors of
14 \$122,000.00 plus shipping cost of \$8,000.00. He stated that at first look, it seems
15 obvious which way staff would recommend going however; there is a time element that is
16 a major factor. He stated that it would take approximately six (6) months to build and
17 ship a new one whereas; the repairs could be done in less than four (4) weeks. He stated
18 that staff is requesting other repair bids and hopefully will receive them within the next
19 two weeks. He stated that staff is requesting at this time that the Board approve a budget
20 of \$150,000.00 for either repair or replacement of the 600 horsepower motor for PS#1.
21 **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve a budget of \$150,000.00 to**
22 **repair or replace a 600 horsepower motor for Pump Station #1. Motion carried**
23 **unanimously.**

24 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

25 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Cupit called the Committee to order and opened the
26 floor for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Vidrine nominated Mr. Foret,**
27 **seconded by Mrs. Scott and that the nominations cease. Mr. Foret was**
28 **elected by acclamation.** Mr. Cupit in the absence of Mr. Foret stated that the
29 minutes of the October 29th 2015 meeting were circulated in the Board Packet
30 and if there were no additions or corrections, he asked for a motion to approve
31 the minutes. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the**

1 **minutes of the October 29th 2015 meeting as circulated. Motion carried**
2 **unanimously.**

3 **2) Parks: No meeting. Mr. Cupit called the Committee to order and opened the**
4 **floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. McCormic nominated Mr. Davis,**
5 **seconded by Mr. Arbuckle and that the nominations cease. Mr. Davis was**
6 **elected by acclamation.**

7 **3) Leaseback: No meeting. Mr. Cupit called the Committee to order and opened**
8 **the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Vidrine,**
9 **seconded by Mr. McComric and that the nominations cease. Mr. Vidrine**
10 **was elected by acclamation.**

11 **4) Finance: No meeting. Mr. Cupit called the Committee to order and opened**
12 **the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Vidrine nominated Mr.**
13 **Goodeaux, seconded by Mr. Burgess and that the nominations cease. Mr.**
14 **Goodeaux was elected by acclamation.**

15 **5) Water Sales: No meeting. Mr. Cupit called the Committee to order and**
16 **opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Davis nominated Mr.**
17 **Holmes seconded by Mr. Arbuckle and that the nominations cease. Mr.**
18 **Holmes was elected by acclamation.**

19 **6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting. Mr. Cupit called the Committee to**
20 **order and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Arbuckle**
21 **nominated Mr. McCormic seconded by Mr. Gibbs and that the**
22 **nominations cease. Mr. McCormic was elected by acclamation.**

23 **LEGAL REPORT:** No report.

24 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated he and the staff
25 wished everyone a “Merry Christmas” and a “Happy New Year”. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
26 **seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Executive Director’s report as presented.**
27 **Motion carried unanimously.**

28 Mr. Cupit stated that the next meeting would be January 28th, 2015 at 1:00pm at
29 the Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

1 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cupit asked for a motion to adjourn.
2 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adjourn. Motion carried**
3 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.**

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DANIEL CUPIT, CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST:

FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY