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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND CONFERENCE CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA 71449
1:00PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022**

11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr Chairman
12 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman
13 Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary
14 Mr. Kenneth Ebarb
15 Mr. Jeremy Evans
16 Mr. Shane Jeane
17 Mr. Mike McCormic
18 Mr. Kevin Mitchell
19 Mr. Therman Nash
20 Mrs. Estella Scott
21 Mr. Stanley Vidrine
22 Mrs. Dayna Yeldell

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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Danny Cupit

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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 Alan Fulton, Eng. Intern 1-SRA, Many, LA
31 Gene Guidry, P.E.-SRA, Many, LA
32 There were (10) visitors.
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35 Mr. Foret called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
36 Founds led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit was absent;
37 however, a quorum was established.

38 Mr. Foret asked if there were any additions or deletions to the circulated agenda?
39 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**
40 **seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried**
41 **unanimously.**

42 Mr. Foret stated that the minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting were in the
43 packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no corrections.
44 **Mrs. Yeldell moved, seconded by Mr. Jeane to approve the minutes of the Board**
45 **meeting of December 9, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

46 **STAFF REPORTS: Item #1-TBPJO- Power House Operations:** Mr. Guidry
47 stated that no generation was made in December and in January only on the 11th both
48 units and on the 12th of the month one unit ran for 24 hours. He stated to update on the

1 Power House Step Up Transformer Replacement Project finds bids being advertised on
2 January 25th, February 1st, and 8th. He stated that the bid opening is scheduled for March
3 1st. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that the reservoir level on December 1st was
4 167.24'msl and thru January 18th, the level is 168.47'msl. He stated that the average
5 reservoir level for December was 167.89'msl and through January 18th it was 168.49'msl.
6 He stated that attempts are being made to try to keep the reservoir level as close to the
7 168'msl. He stated that on the Spillway Electrical Repair Project, no new updates.
8 **FERC/NERC/SERC:** He stated that Certrec Corporation continues to provide support
9 to SRA-TX and SRA-LA for NERC/SERC/FERC compliance issues. He stated that
10 FERC filed Notice of Application Accepted for filing and soliciting comments, motions
11 to intervene, and protests re Sabine River Authority-LA & TX under P-2305 which was
12 to inform the public of SRA's proposed non-capacity amendment of license for the
13 project boundary administration and the deadline for the public to respond ended on
14 January 14, 2022.

15 **Item #2-Shoreline: Permitting Activity:** Mr. Guidry stated that there were four
16 (4) new structure permits, twenty-five (25) transferred structure permits, four (4)
17 transferred water withdrawals and three (3) cancelled water withdrawal changes.
18 **NORTH-LANAN AREA:** 2-new structures; 11-transferred structures; 2-transferred
19 water withdrawals and 1-cancelled water withdrawal. **MID LAKE-PENDLETON TO**
20 **TURTLE BEACH:** 1-new structures; 4-transferred structure; 1-transferred water
21 withdrawal. **MID SOUTH –NEGREET TO BIG BASS:** 1-new structure; 4-transferred
22 structures; 2-cancelled water withdrawals. **SOUTH LAKE-SOUTH OF BIG BASS:** 6-
23 transferred structure; 1-transferred water withdrawal. **ENCROACHMENT**
24 **PROGRAM:** Mr. Guidry stated that SRATX had 16 uncleared encroachments with 3
25 completed in 2021. He continued that SRALA had 73 uncleared encroachments with 9
26 completed in 2021. **SEWER FLOWAGE EASEMENTS 2021:** He stated that SRA
27 received requests for Sewer Flowage Easements for six (6) potential developments for a
28 total of 66.2 acres which will be subdivided into 83 lots/tracts.

29 **Item #3-Operational: TOLEDO BEND:** Mr. Carr stated that the new office at
30 Oak Ridge Park is open with work continuing on the fencing and gate installation. He
31 stated that the expected date for completion of the electrical project at Pleasure Point Park

1 is February. He stated that the SRA crew has completed the seawall work at holes 11, 14,
2 and 16. He stated that all the Christmas lights and decorations are down and stored until
3 next time. He stated that the sewer installation project at Pleasure Point Park is
4 underway. He stated that the SRA crew has cleared a 3,500 ft. of right-of-way for a new
5 force main to deliver wastewater from the RV section to the treatment site. He stated that
6 the crew would be laying the 3-inch pipe which has been delivered as soon as they can
7 get to it. He stated that the playground equipment has been installed at San Miguel Park
8 and the crew is working on the play surface. He stated that the new seawall is complete
9 at Cypress Bend Park water frontage and Cleco has raised the transformer to a higher
10 elevation to prevent flooding. **SRD:** Mr. Carr stated that the Diversion Canal report was
11 handed out to members present, and he would answer any questions or concerns. He
12 stated that he, Bryon Racca-representative of Meyer & Associates, and staff had met with
13 the Calcasieu Parish Engineering staff and the contractor working on Coach Williams
14 Drive on January 19th to review changes in material and installation. He stated an
15 agreement was reached on the changes and they will resubmit. He stated that Bids were
16 opened on January 19, 2022 at the Sulphur Office for the CIP18 and Meyers recommends
17 the acceptance of the low bid of \$827,850. He stated that copy of the letter concerning
18 the bid opening was handed out and this has been executed by the Executive Director on
19 the Board's behalf.

20 **Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were
21 circulated within the meeting packet. She stated that for the Toledo Bend Division
22 revenues were for November were \$481,483.91, expenses were \$1,177,886.02 leaving a
23 deficit of \$696,402.11. She stated that for the month of December revenues were
24 \$425,350.74, expenses were \$1,205,711.02 leaving a deficit of \$780,360.50. She stated
25 that revenues were down due to no power generation. She stated for the Diversion Canal
26 Division revenues for November were \$568,615.60, expenses were \$237,186.23 leaving
27 a profit of \$331,429.37. She stated that for the month of December, revenues were
28 \$608,509.74, expenses were \$399,633.93 leaving a profit of \$208,875.81. She stated that
29 for the Christmas Lighting Project at Cypress Bend Park, the were a total revenue was
30 \$11,860.00 within the seventeen (17) days the park was open. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**

1 **seconded by Mr. Ebarb to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented.**

2 **Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mrs. Gaynell Goodeaux asked to Board to please keep
4 Danny and Rhonda Cupit and family in your prayers. She stated that Mrs. Cupit had lost
5 both parents within the past two months.

6 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Mitchell stated that he would like to request that
7 staff examine possibly building a “floating” boat dock at Oak Ridge Park. Mr. Foret
8 stated that he needed to request it to be put on the next Parks Committee Meeting
9 Agenda.

10 **OLD BUSINESS: None.**

11 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1: Accept the ALH, No. 5 Bi-Annual Audit**

12 **Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the report was included in the meeting packet. She
13 stated that due to the Covid Pandemic, the audits are behind schedule. She stated that the
14 audit is for the January 2020 through June 2020. She stated that under Item #1, a and b,
15 were affected by the changes that were made by the Board; therefore, those payments
16 have been suspended for a while. She continued on Pg.2, Item #2, the business plan for
17 2020 as of this date, has not been received. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Evans**
18 **to accept the ALH, No. 5 Bi-Annual Audit Report as circulated and presented.**

19 **Motion carried unanimously.**

20 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mr. Foret stated that he would like to appoint a
21 special Committee to help the Executive Director oversee the Golf Course Project. He
22 stated that this Committee would only serve for the duration of the project. He
23 continued, those to serve are Mr. Ebarb, Mr. McCormic, Mr. Jeane, and Mr. Evans and
24 all have agreed to serve on the Committee.

25 **1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.**

26 **2) Parks:** Mrs. Yeldell stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board
27 Meeting. She stated that Mr. Boasso, owner of Wildwood Resort made a
28 presentation to the Committee concerning his development of the “Zwolle
29 Adventure Park” which will have putt-putt golf, a lazy river, splash pad and
30 concession stand. She stated that he made a request to the Committee to ask the
31 Board to approve taking the following action: 1) eliminate anything longer than
32 weekly RV rentals at San Miguel between May 15th to September 15th; 2) Increase
33 the RV rate to \$65 a night; and 3) consider purchasing tickets to resale to SRA

1 park visitors. She stated that the Committee decided by motion, to table any
2 action on the request until staff can do research and make a proposal to the Parks
3 Committee at a meeting at a later date.

4 **3) Leaseback:** Mr. Vidrine stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board
5 meeting to discuss the amendment to the Shoreline Management Plan. He stated
6 that in the Board meeting packet was the information provided by staff explaining
7 the issue. He stated that this amendment when the final approval is received from
8 FERC, will be put immediately in affect so that Shoreline can clear up the
9 impending encroachments and new developments can move forward with their
10 projects. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Yeldell to approve immediate
11 implementation of Article 417 in conjunction with the Shoreline
12 Management Plan and authorize the Executive Director to execute any and
13 all documents necessary to legally make any transfers in compliance with the
14 new amendment. Motion carried.**

15 **4) Finance: No Meeting.**

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

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

18 **7) TBPJO:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that bids for the transformers to replace the
19 one big one should be solicited in a couple of weeks. He stated that the plan is to
20 keep the old large transformer for emergency purposes only. He stated that there
21 is not much progress on the electrical system gates project, but hopefully the
22 scope of work will be ready to go to bid in a month or two.

23 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Founds stated that Item #1-Baca Lawsuit was not filed
24 to the Supreme Court and that judgement should be final in favor of the SRA. He stated
25 that there is a current issue if Texas citizens can sue Louisiana which is in Federal court
26 and awaiting a decision. He stated that the other two cases deal with the Nantucket
27 Subdivision. He stated that this case is almost resolved with an Administrative Order of
28 Consent and when the this is signed then the second case can move forward toward
29 resolution.

30 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** He stated that an update on the Golf
31 Course Project, the architect will visit next week with the irrigation planner so the scope

1 of work for bid letting can be completed and advertised by mid-February. **Mr. Gibbs**
2 **moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to accept the Legal Report and Executive**
3 **Director’s Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 Mr. Foret stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, February 24, 2022 at
5 1:00pm at the Cypress Bend Conference Center, 2000 Cypress Bend Park, Many, LA.

6 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Foret asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
7 **Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

8 **Meeting adjourned at 1:56p.m.**

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JAMES FORET, JR, CHAIRMAN

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BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY