

1 **Item#1-TBPJO**-Mr. Guidry stated that generation report was included in the
2 packet. **Powerhouse Operation:** He stated that Unit #2 upgrade and testing was
3 completed on March 10th. He stated that generation through the month of March was
4 sporadic and was primarily done to accommodate testing and commissioning of the Unit
5 #2. He continued that the bulk of the energy delivered for the occurred on the last 39
6 hours o f the month when both units were put on line as per the Power Sales Agreement.
7 He stated that Unit #1 runs at a power rate of 40MW and Unit #2 runs at a 35MW. Unit
8 #1 gross energy delivered for the month was 2,109MWH and Unit #2 delivered
9 1,888MWH with a combined gross energy delivered for the month of 3,997MWH. He
10 stated that the trash racks upgrade was completed on March 27th which included
11 replacing ten (10) racks-bottom 2 racks for columns #2 thru #6 and to-date, column #1
12 except for the top rack, and bottom 2 rows of racks for columns #2 thru 6 have now been
13 replaced. He stated that looking to the future, the twenty (20) racks in the water that
14 haven't been replaced should be done. **Reservoir Levels/Status:** He stated that inflow
15 for the month was 150,936 AF with releases of 81,390AF. He stated that the stating
16 reservoir level was 169.31'msl and ending level was 169.72'msl. He stated that the
17 current level is 170.50'msl. **Spillway Status:** He stated that he had met with Bill
18 Hughes, SRATX Engineer and FNI to get an update on engineering plans for repairs to
19 the spillway. He stated that coring on the spillway was done in March and the analysis is
20 underway with the drawings, draft of technical specifications and engineering analysis to
21 be 60% completed by April. He stated that the heightening of the training walls for events
22 up to a Probable Maximum Flood event is being investigated by FNI as per FERC
23 comments which suggested that computational fluid dynamics model may provide the
24 best estimate of the water surface on the spillway chute which may be included in this
25 investigation. He stated the targeting execution of the work for the fall, possibly October
26 2017. **Dam Status & FERC:** He stated that the annual FERC inspection of the dam,
27 powerhouse, spillway and dikes was held on March 22nd and Mr. Adam Sugrue, FERC
28 inspector, reported via letter that the project was in good overall condition with no major
29 dam safety issues noted. He stated that Mr. Surgrue also stated in the follow-up letter
30 that FERC concurs with various repairs planned for the dam including the following:
31 spillway repair due to damage from Spring 2016 high flow event; soil cement repairs to

1 peninsula upstream to spillway; schedule removal of trees near toes of dikes; installation
2 of various French drain systems on dam and dikes; re-grade and re-seed as needed; and
3 place rip-rap on upstream face of Dike #3. **Eel Trapping Program:** He stated that the
4 setting up of the Eel ramp traps was done March 27th thru 29th with the final setup of
5 traps occurring early April. He stated that on April 6th, active monitoring of the eel traps
6 commenced and as of April 18th, no eels had been captured. He stated Mr. Chance would
7 give a more in-depth report of the eel study.

8 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that the activity for the Shoreline
9 department was included within the board packet. He stated that his report was as
10 follows: during the month of Mar **2017: New Structures: 7 @ \$35 total \$245; Transfer**
11 **Structures: 4 @ \$35 total \$140; New Water Withdrawals: 1 @ \$100 Water**
12 **Withdrawal Transfers: 2 @ \$200 for a total of 3 permits with total receipts of \$300**
13 **with a grand total of fees collected \$685. FERC Compliance:** Mr. Chance stated
14 that plans are underway to hold a meeting of the Cultural Resource Work Group in mid-
15 May at the SRATX Orange office for planning the Year #3 (2017) survey for the HPMP.
16 He stated that the inclinometer installation on the gates was complete and providing the
17 flow data in near real time during the week of March 27th. He stated that four eel traps
18 were installed on the spillway. He continued that two of the traps were installed on the
19 wing walls at the tailrace and put into operation April 6th. He continued that the agencies
20 were on site and picked the locations of the four traps on the spillway and set the water
21 flows on the pumps. He stated that as of April 25th, there had been no eels caught in the
22 traps; however, the contractor did the April electro fishing for eels on Monday afternoon
23 and caught five eels in the spillway and observed another ten which they were unable to
24 catch. He stated that LDWLF did some backpack electro fishing on their own and caught
25 another two eels in the spillway. He stated that all of those eels were in the rocky
26 substrate where one would expect to find them if they were content where they were and
27 did not have a strong drive to keep moving upstream. He stated that Bio-West captured
28 eleven eels in the tailrace and saw two others they were able to collect. He stated that
29 these eels were also in the rocky substrate, not along the sill where one would expect to
30 find eels attempting to move upstream. He stated that eels ranged from 195mm to 700mm
31 (7 to 27 inches) long, indicating there are eels of a variety of different age classes, i.e.,

1 they didn't all migrate up there during any one year. He stated that all eels caught (18
2 total) were sent to LDWF for their genetics, aging, and parasite study. He stated that next
3 week, staff would begin Year #2 audit of the shoreline. He stated that the plan is to work
4 the north shore of Lanana Creek from the Hwy #191 bridge west and the south side of
5 San Miguel to cover the 100 miles. He stated that ending April 23rd, the Cypress Bend
6 Facebook page had a weekly reach of 13,652 while the SRA main page only reached
7 2,144 but still remains an effective way to inform the public.

8 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that from the **Toledo Bend Division**, the
9 annual SRA Crappie for Cash Tournament now in its 11th year was held April 15th at
10 Cypress Bend Park. He continued that SRA had selected to an organization and asked for
11 donations from the tournament participants and SRA which a total of \$765 was collected.
12 He stated that the crews have completed the retaining walls at Cypress Bend Resort,
13 Cypress Bend Park and Pendleton Office park. He stated that all of this work is part of
14 the PW grants from FEMA for these projects which the actual grant is for \$181,718.83 of
15 which FEMA will pay 75% to SRA for the repairs. He continued that SRA has received
16 one payment of \$58,000 thus far for the aforementioned projects which were completed
17 at the cost of \$29,095.29. He stated that the crew has moved to Pleasure Point Park to
18 work on the retaining wall. He stated that tournament season continues through June
19 with a break in July and August. He stated that routine park maintenance and weekend
20 callouts continue and increase as usage goes up. **Sabine Diversion Canal:** He stated that
21 reports from SRD are included in the packet. He stated the third pump for Stations #3 &
22 #4 have been ordered and expected delivery is May 2017. He stated that the base plates
23 were preordered. He continued that a bid opening was held on April 18th for the
24 installation of the pumps in both stations. He stated that the SRA crew would cut the
25 opening and install the base plates prior to delivery of the pumps. He stated that the bid
26 packets were sent to five contractors with only two submitting actual bids-\$224,000 from
27 Sea Level Company and \$223,208.00 from Total Industrial Service Specialties which
28 being the lowest bid was accepted for the project. He state that the KCS Project is
29 nearing completion and the new siphons are delivering water. He stated that Sasol
30 pumped water into their new Pump Station Intake and the portable dam has been
31 removed allowing the canal level to return to normal. He stated that SRA has not

1 received a permit from the Corps of Engineers regarding the dredging of Canal #1. He
2 stated that issue is placement of the spoils once the dredging takes place because of the
3 area is classified as wetlands. He stated that once the permit is received, a bid packet will
4 be sent out. He stated that a contractor was hired to remove trees from both sides of the
5 banks of the intake canal in preparation for the dredging as well as to prevent debris from
6 collecting on the intake grates. He stated that this project is approximately 80%
7 complete. He stated that the Corps has placed the SRA dredging plan on their website for
8 public comments which the time period closes May 11th. He stated that he had sent an
9 email to all the industrial customers asking them to make comments in support of the
10 project in hopes that this will move the final decision by the Corps forward and the
11 project can be started. He stated that staff is working with Citgo to agree on a timeframe
12 for a short shutdown at Station #4 which would be approximately a ninety minute
13 window to allow TISS to perform a necessary valve change by the SRA crew. He stated
14 that all industrial customers have their contracts up for renewal every five years and if
15 there is to be a rate change, the customers must be notified of the rate change prior to
16 October 2018. He stated that staff will open negotiations for the amended contracts in
17 April 2018 and staff would like to advise them of the new value of water in Toledo Bend
18 at that time. He stated that staff is recommending a Water Sales Committee meeting
19 perhaps next month to discuss the recommendations and justifications prepared by staff
20 for a different value of water at that time.

21 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financials were
22 included in the meeting packet. She stated that she would review the totals for the month
23 of March and if there were any questions, she would be glad to answer them. She stated
24 that for the **Toledo Bend Division** March revenue was \$471,128.27; expenses were
25 \$569,059.86 showing a loss of \$97,931.59. She reminded everyone that during the
26 month, there were three pay periods, so there is an increase in salaries for both divisions
27 as compared to the previous two months. She stated that for the **Sabine Diversion Canal**
28 **Division** revenue was \$365,463.49 with expenses of \$281,254.34 showing a profit of
29 \$84,209.15. **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the Staff**
30 **Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Jim Mifflin, President of TBCAC, member of the
2 TBLA, and member of the SRA Public Relations Committee, addressed the Board to give
3 them thanks for allowing the TBLA to Cypress Bend Park Pavilions for the annual Bass
4 Unlimited as well as the SRA staff who helped in any way to make the event a great
5 success once again. He also stated that he wanted to thank everyone for the continued
6 support of the bass tournaments that are held each year on the lake. Mr. Gary Moore,
7 President of TBLA, thanked the Board and the staff for all the hard work SRA does to
8 help make the annual Bass Unlimited Banquet a success each and every year. Mr. Pratt
9 interjected that Kellie Ferguson and Mike Carr head up the team of SRA employees who
10 do all the work to see that all events run smooth.

11 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

12 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

13 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1: Water Withdrawal Request from M5**

14 **Midstream, LLC:** Mr. Chance stated that on January 11th 2017 M5 Midstream requested
15 a permit to construct and operate a fresh water project within the Toledo Bend Project
16 Boundary. He stated that M5 Midstream had previously visited with SRA staff and knew
17 of the FERC approval and therefore, they submitted a 624 page document to FERC
18 asking for approval of the project on March 3rd. He stated that the project could take as
19 much as 6.3 million gallons some days for hydraulic fracturing in the production of
20 natural gas. He stated that on March 21st FERC sent an additional information request
21 (AIR) for location maps and details on the proposed facilities as well as impacts on the
22 water quality and best management practices to be used during the construction phase.
23 He stated that a response to the AIR was filed with FERC. He stated that FERC filed in
24 the National Registry for comments with a 30-day period which will end May 6th. He
25 stated that M5's proposed water withdrawals, even conservatively assuming the
26 maximum amount of 6.3 MGD for 365 days, will account for approximately 0.17 percent
27 of the mean annual inflow to the Project. He stated that because the comment period
28 ends on May 6th and FERC could approve before the next Board meeting, staff is
29 requesting the Board's approval of this project with the Executive Director's
30 authorization to execute any documents concerning this project pending FERC approval
31 as to move this project forward as soon as possible. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded**
32 **by Mr. Burgess to approve the water withdrawal request from M5 Midstream,**
33 **LLC, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents**
34 **all pending upon FERC approval of the project. Motion carried unanimously.**

35 **Item #2: Approve Purchase of Two Mowers:** Mr. Carr stated that the funds to
36 purchase the mowers were in the current budget; however, the cost is over \$10,000.00
37 therefore, the Board must approve the purchase. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr.**

1 **Goodeaux to approve the purchase of two mowers the Toledo Bend Division.**

2 **Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

7 **4) Finance:** Mr. McCormic stated that the Committee April 25th and a copy of
8 those minutes were included in the packet. **Mr. McCormic moved, seconded by**

9 **Mr. Goodeaux to approve the minutes of the April 25th 2017 Finance**

10 **Committee as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 **5) Water Sales:** No meeting. Mr. Pratt requested that a meeting of the
12 Committee be held at 10:30am on Thursday, May 25th prior to the Board Meeting
13 to discuss water rates which the staff would have a report with possible
14 recommendations to be brought before the Board meeting.

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

16 **LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to move**
17 **into Executive Session. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to re-**
18 **convene from the Executive Session. No action necessary.**

19 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. & Mrs. Ben
20 Smith, members of TBLA had purchased the number one print of the Bass Unlimited
21 2017 and donated the print to SRA which will hang in the office of Cypress Bend Park.
22 He stated that on Wednesday, May 10th the Lt. Governor will be at North Toledo Bend
23 State Park for a reception at 3:15 pm and invitation is extended to all Board members
24 who would like to attend need to RSVP at (318)256-5880 or let Mrs. Anderson know and
25 she will RSVP for you. He stated that SRA had received a nice letter from CASA
26 thanking staff for the donation from the tournament. He stated that several notes of
27 thanks have been received from the Elite Tournament. He stated that staff had visited
28 with Texas Parks and Wildlife as well as LA Dept of WLF along with Mrs. Sparks of the
29 tourist commission to discuss the grass situation on Toledo as well as those fishermen
30 who catch bass and keep them for human consumption. He stated that the experts
31 assured those present that the reservoir is cycling which is how nature works. **Mr.**

1 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Executive Director's**
2 **report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be May 25th 2017 at 1:00pm at
4 Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

5 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

6 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

7 **Meeting adjourned at 2:33p.m.**

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BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN

C.A. BURGESS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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MIKE MCCORMIC, SECRETARY