

1 **Mr. Arbuckle to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of August 25th 2016**
2 **meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **STAFF REPORTS:**

4 **Item#1-TBPJO-**Mr. Founds stated that Mr. Rumsey's report was included in the
5 packet. He stated that Unit #1 of the powerhouse was operated approximately 13 hrs/day
6 for the first 25 days of August, then power generation increased to 24 hrs/day through
7 September 1st. He continued that operation ceased on September 2nd and remained shut
8 down through September 5th, started back on the 6th and has been operating 24hrs/day
9 since that time. He stated that no releases were made through the spillway gates in
10 August and a total release of 277,340 ac/ft ran through the powerhouse and continuous
11 flow pipes in the spillway resulted in the reservoir level being 170.15' msl August 31st.
12 He stated that this operating schedule with inflows similar to this past month should
13 result in the reservoir level of 168.0' msl around September 30th. He stated that the
14 spillway gate rehabilitation of the last two gates is ongoing. He stated that on September
15 16th, Layne Bukhair of Freese and Nichols Engineering inspected the welding phase of
16 Gate #11 and the completion of Gate #4. He stated that only minor grinding was
17 recommended on Gate #11 prior to sand blasting and painting. He stated that Gate #4
18 was operated for the inspection with and without water on the seals, and other than minor
19 adjustments to the seals, worked as designed. He stated that a final inspection will be
20 done on both gates after the completion of work on Gate #11. He stated that during the
21 past month work has shifted to the very top of Unit #2 in preparation for the new
22 operation of the fixed blade setup. He stated that the controller, the oil head (pressure
23 chamber and exhaust chamber) the oil head bearings and jack shafts have been removed.
24 He stated that the supply and discharge oil pipes have been removed and lines capped
25 where not being used in the new setup. He stated that there are some needed parts being
26 fabricated, others reconditioned and some already on site for reassembly in the new
27 configuration. He stated that the governor controller and vibration monitoring equipment
28 have been worked out by Entergy to accommodate the fixed blade design. He stated that
29 in addition to this work, a final sealing of the hub has been established and will take place
30 prior to reassembly of the top section of the unit to allow for pressure testing insuring the
31 sealing is complete. He stated that plans to complete the repairs and modifications to

1 operate Unit #2 in the new configuration appear to be near completion; however, in
2 addition to completing the actual repairs, commissioning the Unit with different operating
3 outputs will have to be done prior to placing the Unit back on line. He stated that both
4 SRAs and Entergy will be involved in the planning and contacting of the different
5 agencies required in approving and completing this process.

6 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that activity for the Shoreline department
7 during the month of August 2016: **New Structures: 12 @ \$35; Transfer Structures: 1**
8 **@ \$35; New Water Withdrawals: 1 @ \$100; Transfer Water Withdrawals: 1 @**
9 **\$100 for a total of 15 permits with total receipts \$655.** He stated that staff continues
10 the work with FERC compliance issues. He stated that notice had been posted
11 concerning the environmental consultants from CRA that will be performing studies
12 along the shoreline for FERC license compliance. He stated that these consultants will be
13 accessing the Shoreline from the water and the land. He stated that this work should
14 begin on or around September 26th and be completed within forty-five (45) days. He
15 thanked Mr. Toliver and Mr. Mifflin for sharing the information with their perspective
16 groups. He stated that notice from FERC had been received concerning the March 2016
17 storm event. He stated that “From our review of the information submitted in the post-
18 incident report and review of precipitation and flow gage data during the event, it is
19 determined that the project works were operated in a manner consistent with the licenses
20 throughout the March 2016 storm event, the co-licensees followed their notification
21 procedures and complied with the relevant license articles.” He stated that the Revised
22 Upstream Passage Plan for Juvenile Eels has been completed with Agency Consultation
23 as required by the license and filed with FERC for acceptance. He stated that FERC
24 issued a letter asking for clarification on the delay of releasing water through the spillway
25 gate; questioned whether the ninety (90) days was “temporary”. He stated that a “draft”
26 Drought Contingency Plan has been completed and it is out on the website for review and
27 comment period.

28 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that from the **Toledo Bend Division**, the
29 work continues on the new San Miguel Office. He stated that the buoy crews have been
30 on the reservoir maintaining the 180 miles of boat lanes and over 10,000 buoys. He
31 stated that seventy-five (75) ft of new retaining wall at Cypress Bend Golf Resort has

1 been installed at Hole #11. He stated that the material for the new roof for the file
2 building has been received. He stated that park maintenance and callouts continue with
3 our busy season. He stated that from the **Sabine Diversion Canal**, the staff reports were
4 included in the packet. He stated that the servitude for the Coach Williams Drive
5 extension has been completed by SRA staff and submitted to the Calcasieu Parish Police
6 Jury for their review and acceptance. He stated that the third pump for Stations #3 and #4
7 have been ordered and delivery time could be up to three hundred (300) days (low bid
8 \$198,200). He stated that servitude has been issued to Sasol to set the pipe rack across
9 our canal just north of Pump Station #3. He continued that a temporary servitude has
10 been issued to cross our pipeline with crane to set the pipe rack. He stated that the crane
11 weighs 790 tons and it was suggested to have the area tested before allowing the crane to
12 cross due to the massive weight. He stated that Geotek has done the geotechnical work
13 and soil samples were completed by Sasol and sent to the pipe manufacturer which they
14 approved and the crane is now in place. He stated that a conference for several different
15 Sasol projects was attended by SRALA staff on September 13th at which time it was
16 discussed the land exchange along the canal, the land around Pump Station #3 that is
17 needed by SRA for future use, and the two permanent crossings for the road and
18 road/railroad were discussed. He stated that no permit has been received from the Corp
19 regarding the dredging of Canal #1; however as soon as the permit is received, bid
20 packets will be sent out to perspective bidders. He stated that all four of the hot taps were
21 successfully completed by Forterra who is the manufacturer of our original piping, two
22 (2) each at Pump Station #3 and #4. He stated that the contractor is currently working on
23 installing the new piping. He stated that staff has been working with Lake Charles
24 Methanol on their new pump station that is to be erected on Canal #6 just up from Pump
25 Station #4. He stated that total monthly revenue from water reservation fee was
26 \$22,338.00 and the total gallons reserved are 50,000. He stated that he and Mr. Founds
27 will be meeting in Sulphur with Axiall concerning the capability of our pipeline and
28 meter loop to provide the extra 8,000GPM which Axiall has reserved. He stated that our
29 water budget at Pump Station #3 has reached its maximum and we can no longer reserve
30 or sell additional water from that Station.

1 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financials were
2 included in the meeting packet. She stated that for the **Toledo Bend Division** for the
3 month of July revenues were \$608,628.76; expenses were \$538,598.24 leaving a profit of
4 \$70,030.52. She continued with the August revenues were \$736,818.93; expenses were
5 \$479,078.15 with a profit of \$257,740.78. She stated that for the **Diversion Canal**
6 **Division** for the month of July revenues were \$7,991,201.63 which includes \$7,575,000
7 received for the KCS Project; expenses were \$ 301,179.80 leaving a profit of
8 \$7,690,027.83. She continued that the August revenues were \$349,946.94; expenses
9 were \$386,640.79 showing a loss of \$36,693.85. Mr. Gibbs asked for a motion to
10 approve the staff reports as presented and circulated. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded**
11 **by Mr. Davis to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion**
12 **carried unanimously.**

13 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Mifflin addressed the Board concerning the -
14 Drought Contingency Plan. He stated that the extension of an extra fifteen (15) days
15 gave the public more time to review. He stated that if the lake level was to drop to below
16 159.91' msl that most of the boat launches on the reservoir would be inoperable which
17 would have a significant impact not only businesses, but visitors and residents as well.

18 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

19 **OLD BUSINESS: ITEM #1: Recommendations for Fish Caught at**
20 **Tournaments:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that he had asked Mr. Frank Davis to join the
21 committee as well as the other appointed members along with the SRA staff to discuss
22 tournament fishing. He stated that Todd Driskoll, biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife
23 presented a study to the group that included some good points. He stated that the
24 committee thought they were to discuss events held in the SRA parks; however, Mr. Pratt
25 stated that SRALA & SRATX make decisions concerning the waters of the Toledo Bend
26 Reservoir and this should be taken into consideration when discussing how tournaments
27 should handle the fish caught on Toledo Bend. He stated that the committee is now
28 considering how whatever policy is set would affect all tournaments on the lake not just
29 SRA parks. He stated that the committee was not ready to make any recommendations at
30 this time, but there is another meeting scheduled for 1:00pm September 28th at the
31 Pendleton Office. Everyone is welcome. He continued that Mr. Villis Dowden, biologist

1 with LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries as well as Mr. Sean Kinney, inland biologist
2 who was previously “stationed” on Toledo Bend will join the group.

3 **NEW BUSINESS: ITEM #1: Accept Annual Financial Audit FY’16-Steven**
4 **DeRouen:** Mr. DeRouen stated that the annual audit had been mailed to each member
5 within their meeting packet. He stated that he wanted to thank Mrs. Ferguson and her
6 staff for doing such a great job. He stated that there are no findings or concerns with the
7 annual audit that need to be addressed. He stated that SRA’s assets exceeded its
8 liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2016 by \$65,109,245 which represents a 5.92%
9 increase from last fiscal year. He stated that the net position increased by \$3,583,563.
10 He stated that the SRA’s revenue increased \$457,620 (3%) and the change in the net
11 position increased by \$3,583,563 which was primarily due to increased water sales since
12 Unit #2 was down for repairs during most of the reporting timeframe. He stated that
13 Pages 7&8 show the Net Position of the Authority comparing June 2016 (\$85,489,189) to
14 June 2015 (\$80,047,261). **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to accept the**
15 **Annual Financial Audit FY’16 as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
16 **unanimously.**

17 **ITEM #2: Approve Bi-Annual Audit Report ALH, No. 5:** Mrs. Ferguson
18 stated that the report was circulated in the meeting packet. She stated that there were no
19 issues or concerns with the audit. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to**
20 **approve the Bi-Annual Audit Report ALH, No.5 as presented. Motion carried**
21 **unanimously.**

22 **ITEM #3: Approve request from Choctaw-Apache Tribe of Ebarb:** Mr. Pratt
23 stated that SRA has approximately thirty-two (32) acres leased to the Choctaw-Apache
24 Tribe of Ebarb to be used for their Pow-wow grounds and other amenities listed in their
25 initial plan. He stated that the Tribe is requesting to amend their plan to build a baseball
26 field. He stated that Mr. Cole had been out to review the proposed area for the baseball
27 field and there will have to be timber harvested in order to optimize the use of the
28 property; however SRA would receive the funds from the sale of the timber. He stated
29 that this particular area is not in within the boundary of the reservoir. **Mr. Cupit moved,**
30 **seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the request from the Choctaw-Apache Tribe**
31 **of Ebarb to amend their initial plans for the use of the leased land from SRA to**

1 **build a baseball and any timber to be cut, SRA would receive all funds from the**
2 **sale. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **ITEM #4: Notice of Proposed Changes to SRA By-laws:** Mr. Williams stated
4 that he had emailed or mailed out some proposed changes to the current SRA By-laws
5 that he would like to discuss and put before the Board for a vote. He stated that the first
6 item would be to add Item (d) under Section #14-concerns adding term limits of two
7 successive terms for SRALA representatives on the Toledo Bend Project Operations
8 Board. **Mr. Williams moved to add Item (d) to Section #14. Motion died from a lack**
9 **of a second.** He stated that the next proposed change was to add Section #7 under Article
10 XIII Fiscal which deals with all SRALA members should receive a meeting agenda for
11 the TBPJO Board meeting at least three (3) days prior to the meeting and each member
12 should receive a copy of the approved official minutes of the meeting no later than the
13 next SRALA Board meeting. **Mr. Williams moved to add Item (d) under Section.**
14 **Motion died from a lack of a second.** He continued with the next proposed change to
15 add Item 1a. under Article XI Meetings, Section #6-Agenda which would read “TBPJO
16 Board Representative Report. **Mr. Williams moved to add Item 1a. under Article XI,**
17 **Section #6 agenda- TBPJO Board Representative Report. Motion died due to lack**
18 **of a second.** He stated he had nothing else to discuss.

19 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated no need for Executive Session. He stated
27 that there were no new updates except that the Perry Bonin case which was filed in Texas
28 had been moved back to district court from State Supreme Court.

29 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that the Sabine
30 River Compact fall meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 9AM at the Woodlands. He
31 stated that the Harold Temple vs. SRA case has a court date of December 7th. He stated

1 that Robert Barham of LA Department of State Parks is interested in making a proposal
2 for SRA managing Hodges Gardens State Park and it is suggested that the October
3 Meeting be held there. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to have the**
4 **October 27th meeting at Hodges Gardens State Park. Motion carried unanimously.**
5 **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to accept the Executive Director's**
6 **report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

7 Mr. Gibbs stated that the next meeting would be October 27th 2016 at 1:00pm at
8 the Hodges Gardens State Park 1000 Hodge Lane on Highway #171 Pin Florien,
9 Louisiana.

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

11 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried**
12 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.**

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BYRON GIBBS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

C. A. BURGESS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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