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Next TBCAC SOCIAL 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Our Next TBCAC Quarterly Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the **Sabine Council on Aging – Toledo Town Location (SCOA)** located on Hwy. 191, 3/4 miles north of the Hwy. 6 Toledo Town intersection. The SCOA is located next to the DAV. Socials are held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the designated month.

The guest speaker for the June 2018 meeting will be announced at a later date. The June social entrée will be crawfish cornbread with etouffee. Please bring complimentary side dishes and desserts and join us for good food, fellowship and updates on TBCAC. For more information, contact Jim Mifflin at (318) 586-7897.

2018 Calendar of Meetings: Be sure to “*save the date*” for the upcoming 2018 Socials:

June 12

September 11

November 13

Meetings/Socials begin at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there, and bring a guest!

Board Meetings: The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of even numbered months at 2:00 pm at the SCOA-Toledo Town location. The Board welcomes all members to attend these meetings. Any member who wishes to address the Board during a Board meeting should notify the President prior to the meeting to ensure that appropriate time is allocated to hear that member. The detailed minutes of all Board of Directors meetings are posted on the TBCAC website at www.tbacac.net.

TBCAC Board of Director Election Results: The election for candidates for the TBCAC Board of Directors is held at the membership meeting each March. At the March 13, 2018 meeting, current board member Harry Stafford was elected to a new two-year term and current board members Ramona Moore and Chuck Soileau were each elected to new three-year terms. Former board member Ted Dove was elected to a new two-year term and new board member Bobby Ward was elected to a three-year term.

Lake Level as of 03/30/2018: The lake level for Toledo Bend is reported to be 173.27 feet above mean sea level, as measured near the dam by the National Weather Service automated gauge. Last year at this time the lake level was reported at 169.35 feet. Up-to-date reservoir elevations and releases may be obtained from the Toledo Bend Project offices on a 24 hour per day basis at (337) 286-5253 and (409) 565-2273. For the most current lake levels, go to www.srala-toledo.com and click on the National Weather Service link.

Sabine River Authority Updates:

Update on Power Generation Contract

Progress has been made. A draft contract has been received from the power companies for the replacement of the 50 year old Power Sales Agreement. The proposal is under review by the Louisiana and Texas SRA's, the three power companies involved (Entergy, Cleco and Swepco), and attorneys from all the parties. The current power sales agreement expires on April 30, 2018, and negotiations are ongoing trying to insure a replacement or extension, approved by the Louisiana Public Service Commission, before expiration of the current agreement. More information will be made available at a later date.

Update on Spillway Repair Plans

The significant rainfall in February and March and the resulting rapid increase in the lake level has required water releases at the spillway, even though both generators have been running at maximum capacity 24/7. Operation of the spillway and some repair design issues have delayed the schedule to a minor degree. The first phase (Advertise and Secure Bids) has been delayed from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of 2018.

The currently planned timeframes are:

2nd Quarter 2018: Advertise and secure bids. Work on the underwater repairs in front of the spillway after the current spill is over.

3rd and 4th Quarters 2018: Mobilize for repairs, complete the underwater cement repair and refurbish the 20 inch pipes that provide water flow downstream during repairs.

4th Quarter 2018– 2nd Quarter 2019: Complete the concrete apron repairs and “rip rap” stone replacement.

The repair work is still planned to be accomplished under the normal lake operations within the generating pool range of 168 feet to 172 feet mean sea level.

Update on Water Sales

There are no negotiations underway for any new large water sales from Toledo Bend Reservoir. The vast majority of the water sales from Toledo Bend are relatively constant with over 80% of the water going to the two largest customers, International Paper and Cleco. Water sales for hydraulic fracturing represent approximately 7% of the total water sales from Toledo Bend.

Water Pricing Strategy (Louisiana vs. Texas)

SRA/LA basically has a blanket price for all water drawn from the reservoir for municipal and industrial purposes. In 2018, the price for industrial usage was increased from \$.15/1000 gallons to \$.18/1000 gallons. That 20% increase was the first increase levied in over 10 years. The municipal usage price remained at \$.15/1000 gallons. SRA/LA passed a resolution to review the pricing structure every 5 years in the future, after research on competitive water prices regionally and nationally.

SRA/TX has a more detailed pricing structure based on type of usage and volume of usage. The water rate schedule adopted in January 2018 has water usage for municipal, industrial or mining (Return Flow) priced at \$.189/1000 gallons. Water supply contracts requiring reservations of 16,000,000 or more gallons per day are negotiated on an individual basis.

Water contracted for mining usage with no return flow (for example – fracturing) is assessed an additional \$.067/1000 gallons or a total of \$.256/1000 gallons.

Water contracted for usage outside of the Sabine River Basin is assessed an additional \$.192/1000 gallons or a total of \$.381/1000 gallons.



On March 24th the TBCAC participated in the Sabine Parish Trash Bash, picking up the roadside trash along Hwy 191 South, between El Camino Road and Cypress Bend Road. Several businesses, organizations, neighborhoods and concerned citizens in the Parish participated in this event, providing donations of trash bags, water and manpower. As a proud participant in the Leaders Against Litter campaign, the TBCAC has adopted litter abatement as one of the organization’s 2018 Goals. Litter has become an increasing problem in Sabine Parish, and has a negative effect on community growth, tourism and the environment. The TBCAC reminds everyone to secure your trash in your boats and truck beds, and to keep litter bags in your vehicle. Keep Sabine Clean!

Sabine River Authority Operations Summary for 2017: SRA Executive Director, Warren Founds provided the following interesting information to TBCAC.

For the year January 1 – December 31, 2017 (with comparisons to 2016 and 2015):

Reservoir Elevation:	Dec. 31, 2015	172.91 msl
	Dec. 31, 2016	168.07 msl
	Dec. 31, 2017	167.86 msl
Total Inflow to the Reservoir:	Full Year 2015	7,948,940 acre feet
	Full Year 2016	7,448,880 acre feet
	Full Year 2017	2,798,430 acre feet
Total Water Released at Dam: (Includes generation and spillway)	Full Year 2015	7,170,910 acre feet
	Full Year 2016	8,291,220 acre feet
	Full Year 2017	2,834,560 acre feet
Rainfall Measured at the Dam:	Full Year 2015	65.92 inches
	Full Year 2016	61.27 inches
	Full Year 2017	66.98 inches
Hydropower Produced:	Full Year 2015	333,092 megawatts
	Full Year 2016	227,921 megawatts
	Full Year 2017	146,019 megawatts

Summary: The unusually heavy spring rain events of 2015 and 2016 did not occur in 2017; therefore, the full-year inflow to the lake was markedly less in 2017. The tropical storm that came ashore in south Texas in August 2017 did result in heavy rainfall within the Sabine River basin. That event caused an inflow to the reservoir for just one month of 1,018,300 acre feet or 36.4% of the total inflow for the entire year. That event also required significant discharges from the spillway. However, because the full year inflow and water released was down significantly from the two prior years, so was the power generated.

TBCAC Membership Renewals for 2018: After two prior reminders, some of our valued members have still not renewed their 2018 dues. We want to thank all members for their loyal support of the Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee (TBCAC). Your support enables us to continually monitor proposed legislative proceedings or planned governmental actions that could affect the communities surrounding Toledo Bend Reservoir. It is very important that we maintain a large membership since there is always strength in numbers.

We sincerely hope that we can depend on your continued support by renewing your 2018 dues. If you have misplaced your renewal notice, there is an application at the end of this newsletter. If you are unsure if you have paid your 2018 dues, please contact the TBCAC Treasurer, Mitzie Galligan at mitziegalligan@gmail.com or 318-590-0975.

Remember: You can help us save money by providing your e-mail address as a means of receiving your copy of the newsletter. You can list your e-mail address with your dues, or drop us a line at tbcac3@gmail.com. Every newsletter that we can send out via e-mail helps to save \$\$.

Help Us Grow Our TBCAC Membership: If you know someone who is not a member, give them a membership form and ask them to join. The TBCAC is a Civic & Educational Organization, dedicated to making the lake and surrounding community a true "Sportsman's Paradise" and the retirement destination of choice for people from all walks of life. JOIN US TODAY! *We need your support!* And visit our website at www.tbcac.net Questions? E-mail us at: tbcac3@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For new members, or RENEWAL form for existing members.

Annual membership is \$20.00 per single, \$30.00 per couple. *Not tax deductible under IRS rules.*

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Address:	_____	City, State:	_____
Zip:	_____	Home Phone	_____
		Lake Phone:	_____
Occupation:	_____	E-mail Address:	_____
Dues amount:	_____	Donation enclosed:	_____

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