John K. Kelly – Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Oct 12, 2023, 4 pm

Grand Bayou Resort

5286 Hwy 784

Coushatta, LA 71019

Commission Chairman Peggy McCoy called the meeting to order. Other commissioners present were: Becky Craig, Anita Hinds, Faerie Sledge, and Richard Worsham, along with resort manager David Pickett. Antony Thomas was absent due to a medical appointment and Tom Jones was out of state due to work.

The minutes of the meeting on Sep 14, 2023, were reviewed. Commissioner Hinds moved to approve them as written; Commissioner Worsham seconded. Motion carried.

Under new business, Mr. Pickett brought up the subject of possibly going to online banking in the near future to catch any check fraud early if it happens. After a discussion, Hinds made a motion to give manager Pickett authority to move to online banking with the Bank of Coushatta if needed. Craig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

As part of continued business and in conjunction with the manager’s report, Pickett reported on current seawall and dock work. He also stated that the electrical upgrade at the shop has been completed and that the next shop project will be putting up additional metal storage shelves. The resort still rents 4 storage units at a local business. Pickett noted that gravel is needed in the small parking area behind the cooking shed at the event center. The board verbally agreed that he should make that purchase. Pickett also mentioned that signs are up in the boat launch area regarding the new rules on fishing tournaments no longer being allowed from June 1 – Sept 30. He also advised the board that he believes a significant percentage of tournament fishermen are not paying their fees to enter the resort when entering directly through the boat launch parking lot. He plans to try to remedy this situation soon. In addition, a local fisherman recently inquired if the board would be open to sponsoring fishermen at fishing tourneys. After a discussion, the board decided to decline sponsorships at such events.

There was a brief discussion about reports such as the sexual harassment and ethics reports that are due annually.

Mr. Pickett presented the board with the September bills. Craig moved to pay the bills; Sledge seconded. Motion carried. The September financials were reviewed and verbally approved. There was no other business to come before the board. Craig moved to adjourn; Hinds seconded. Motion carried; the meeting was adjourned.

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Faerie Sledge, Secretary