John K. Kelly – Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Sep 14, 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: Anita Hinds, Faerie Sledge, Antony Thomas, and Richard Worsham, along with resort manager David Pickett. Becky Craig was absent due to family business and Tom Jones was out of town due to work.

The minutes of the meeting on Aug 10, 2023, were reviewed. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve them as written; Commissioner Worsham seconded. Motion carried.

Under new business, Mr. Pickett advised the board that the yearly audit report ending Dec 31, 2022, by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway, & Todtenbier, was good. There were no new findings that needed correcting. He gave a copy of the audit to each commissioner. In other new business, he noted that next year, the roof on the fishing pier may need replacing, along with some fascia boards. The topic will be discussed again in the spring. Also discussed was the amount of deposit needed for lodging reservations. Mr. Pickett is working with the resort IT coordinator Daniel Simpson to update amounts on the website. In addition, there was a brief discussion on the expiration dates of each commissioner’s appointment.

In continuing business, Mr. Pickett brought up ongoing seawall repair near some of the camping sites, the removal of several dead trees in the park, repairs on the park’s old truck, recent work on the exit gate, and ongoing interior decorating/repairs in various lodges. He also noted boat bumpers are needed at the dock area, which he and the maintenance crew will work on, and additional electrical outlets are needed in the shop. The outlets will mostly be used for charging the golf carts that employees use for work. A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Hinds authoring Mr. Pickett to work with a local electrician on that issue. Motion carried. In other routine business, the board noted that the state wide burn ban is still in effect due to the drought.

Mr. Pickett requested that the board go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Sledge moved to do so and Hinds seconded. Following the discussion, the board voted to come out of executive session and return to regular business.

Mr. Pickett presented the board with the August bills. Thomas moved to pay the bills; Sledge seconded. Motion carried. The August financials were reviewed. Sledge made a motion to approve; Hinds seconded. The financials were approved. There was no other business to come before the board. Hinds moved to adjourn; Worsham seconded. Motion carried; the meeting was adjourned.

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Faerie Sledge, Secretary