John K. Kelly – Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 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 Anita Hinds, Faerie Sledge, and Antony Thomas, along with resort manager David Pickett. Absent were Commissioners Tom Jones who was out of state on business and Becky Craig due to a family matter. Guests present were local lake resident Richard Worsham, local businessman David Beard, and Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) biologists Villis Dowden, Brittainey Thaxton, and Wesley Maddox.

The minutes of the meeting on December 12, 2022, were read. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes as read; Commissioner Hinds seconded. Motion carried.

Continued business was discussed including routine building and grounds maintenance. Mr. Pickett also indicated that the water sale is still on schedule. Commissioner Hinds will continue to work toward planning the replacement of the original road signs in the park.

In new business, Mr. Beard addressed the board regarding a mechanical means of removing some of the excess aquatic vegetation from various shoreline areas of the lake. He is interested in purchasing such a machine as a sideline business and wanted to assess the need for such. LDWF biologists took part in the discussion with Mr. Beard and the board. Overall, the aquatic vegetation situation is good at present due to the very cold winter, but salvinia control is an ongoing issue on Grand Bayou Reservoir and many area lakes.

The board voted to enter into executive session to discuss possible pay raises for employees. After coming out of the executive session, the board discussed new business.

Mr. Pickett presented the board with the December bills. Commissioner Thomas moved to pay the bills; Commissioner Sledge seconded. There was no more business to come before the board. Commissioner Hinds moved to adjourn; Commissioner Thomas seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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 Faerie Sledge, Commission Secretary