John K. Kelly – Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9, 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, Faerie Sledge, Antony Thomas, and Richard Worsham, along with resort manager David Pickett. Absent were Commissioners Tom Jones who was out of state on business and Anita Hinds due to a family illness. The only guest present was Sammy Sledge.

The minutes of the meeting on February 9, 2022, were reviewed. Commissioner Craig moved to approve them as read; Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Continued business was discussed including routine building and grounds maintenance. Mr. Pickett reported that the purchase of the two 2019 golf carts last month has been a big help to the staff. He has contacted a businessman in the area who can use his mulcher to cut away brush from the park road sides and other woody areas. Commissioner Craig made a motion to hire him at the rate negotiated by Mr. Pickett. Thomas seconded; motion carried. The resort is continuing its Lunker Program. Three fishermen so far have chosen to have replicas of their 10 pound+ bass made. The resort pays for the replicas, which is good publicity for the resort and lake. Derril Blanchard is the taxidermist that the resort is using. In related business, Mr. Pickett said he shut down the fish cleaning station temporarily because someone has been cleaning fish and improperly disposing of the remains around the boat ramp.

In other continued business, Mr. Pickett noted that the beach should be open by next week as he and the staff have been getting it ready and also continuing to make some improvements around camp pads and picnic tables. Commissioner Hinds sent an update by text regarding the progress toward replacement of the original road signs in the park.

New business was discussed. The board then reviewed the payroll and personnel policy. Thomas moved to approve it as read; Sledge seconded. Motion carried. Also reviewed was the Information technology disaster recovery policy. Craig moved to approve it as read; Sledge seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Pickett presented the board with the February bills. Commissioner Thomas moved to pay the bills; Commissioner Sledge seconded. Motion carried. There was no more business to come before the board. Commissioner Sledge moved to adjourn; Commissioner Craig seconded. Motion carried; the meeting was adjourned.

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 Faerie Sledge, Secretary