John K. Kelly – Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Dec 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 Becky Craig, Faerie Sledge, Antony Thomas, and Richard Worsham, along with resort manager David Pickett. Anita Hinds was absent due to a family matter and Tom Jones was out of town on business. Local resident Freddie Blanchard was present, although not on the agenda.

The minutes of the meeting of Nov 9, 2023, were reviewed. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve them as written; Commissioner Worsham seconded. Motion carried.

Under old business and the manager’s report, the commission discussed routine park maintenance and the recent sale of water from the lake for fracking. There is continued natural gas drilling in the area and the commission may have the opportunity to sell water again in the future.

Under new business, the commission reviewed the 2024 proposed budget. Mr. Pickett explained that our CPA firm has advised us that we are not required to advertise the budget in the paper and post it for review as other organizations are required to do because we operate as a proprietary organization. Thomas made a motion to approve the budget as written; Sledge seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

Under other new business, Mr. Pickett advised the commission about some new equipment he is interested in purchasing for the tractor.

Mr. Pickett requested that the commission go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Craig made a motion to do so and Worsham seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Blanchard stepped out of the meeting room at this time. The personnel matter was discussed. Thomas made a motion for the commission to return to regular session. Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Continuing with regular business, Mr. Pickett presented the board with the November bills. Commissioner Craig moved to pay the bills; Commissioner Worsham seconded. Motion carried. The November financials were reviewed and verbally approved. There was no other business to come before the board. Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn; Commissioner Worsham seconded. Motion carried; the meeting was adjourned.

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 Faerie Sledge, Secretary