

John K. Kelly – Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Dec 11, 2025

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. Commissioners Becky Craig, Tom Jones, and Richard Worsham were absent due to family matters. A quorum was present. Visitor was Logan Perry, attorney from Baton Rouge with Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, LLC.

The minutes of the meeting of Nov 13, 2025, were reviewed by the commission. Hinds moved to approve them as written; Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Under new business, Mr. Perry, representing Ensign Energy, was present to discuss oil and gas lease business with the commission. Following Mr. Perry's presentation, the commission had quite a few questions. Mr Perry answered what he could, agreed to research the others, and contact the commission's attorney. No formal motions were made by the commission. Mr. Perry then departed the meeting. Under other new business, the commission reviewed the proposed 2026 budget. Hinds moved to adopt the budget as written; Thomas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission reviewed the official results of the Nov. 15, 2025, tax millage renewal election which passed easily. See exhibit A and resolution attached (10 pages).

There was no continued business. In the manager's report, Pickett gave an update on the recently received 2025 GBR dam inspection report. No major issues were noted.

Following the manager's report, Hinds moved to enter in to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried. Following a discussion, the commission entered back into regular session. Pickett presented the board with the November 2025 bills for discussion. Thomas moved to pay the bills and Hinds seconded. Motion carried. The November financials were verbally approved; a formal motion was not required. There was no other business to come before the board. Thomas moved to adjourn; Hinds seconded. Motion carried.


Faerie Sledge, Secretary

Attachment: 10 pgs exhibits

The following resolution was offered by Anita Hinds and seconded by Antony Thomas:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 (the "Election"), to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 1.21 mill on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$312,500 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and supporting the Grand Bayou Resort, including acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating facilities, equipment and programs therefor, and assisting Wildlife and Fisheries in controlling aquatic vegetation in Grand Bayou Reservoir, said millage to represent a .21 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1 mill tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held on November 21, 2015?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **827** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **195** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **632** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Red River, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of December, 2025.

Faerie Sledge

/s/ Faerie Sledge

Secretary

Peggy McCoy

/s/ Peggy McCoy

Chairman

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE JOHN K. KELLY GRAND BAYOU RESERVOIR DISTRICT, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Grand Bayou Resort Events Center Board Room, 5286 Hwy. 784, Coushatta, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, November 15, 2025, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 1.21 mill on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$312,500 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and supporting the Grand Bayou Resort, including acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating facilities, equipment and programs therefor, and assisting Wildlife and Fisheries in controlling aquatic vegetation in Grand Bayou Reservoir, said millage to represent a .21 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1 mill tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held on November 21, 2015?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **827** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **195** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **632** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

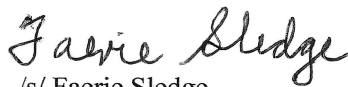
Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

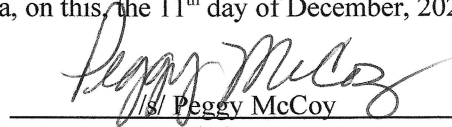
Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Coushatta, Louisiana, on this, the 11th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:



/s/ Faerie Sledge
Secretary



/s/ Peggy McCoy
Chairman

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), on June 12, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 1.21 mill on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$312,500 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and supporting the Grand Bayou Resort, including acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating facilities, equipment and programs therefor, and assisting Wildlife and Fisheries in controlling aquatic vegetation in Grand Bayou Reservoir, said millage to represent a .21 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1 mill tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held on November 21, 2015?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Red River, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$29,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Grand Bayou Resort Events Center Board Room, 5286 Hwy. 784, Coushatta, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Parish of Natchitoches

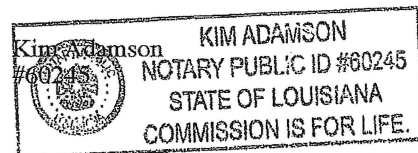
Before me, a Notary Public, personally came and appeared Leigh Adkins who, being duly sworn, did depose and say that she/he is Bookkeeper of *The Coushatta Citizen*, (A newspaper subsidiary of the *Natchitoches Times*) a newspaper of general circulation for the Parish of Red River did publish the notice of Special Millage Election at the request of the Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission, 5286 Hwy. 784, Coushatta, LA 71019

(S) Leigh Adkins
Leigh Adkins

And that as per copy attached the notice appeared in the Coushatta Citizen in the issue dated September 11, 2025

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this 11th day of SEPTEMBER 2025

Kim Adamson
Notary Public



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Parish of Natchitoches

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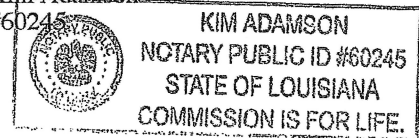
(S) Leigh Adkins
Leigh Adkins

And that as per copy attached the notice appeared in the Coushatta Citizen in the issue dated September 18, 2025

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this 11th day of SEPTEMBER 2025

Kim Adamson
Notary Public

Kim Adamson
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Parish of Natchitoches

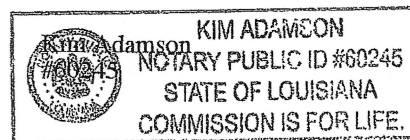
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(S) Leigh Adkins
Leigh Adkins

And that as per copy attached the notice appeared in the *Coushatta Citizen* in the issue dated September 25, 2025

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this 11th day of SEPTEMBER 2025

Kim Adamson
Notary Public



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Parish of Natchitoches

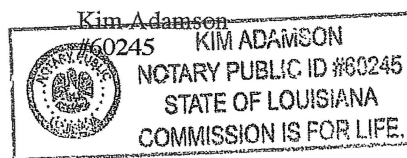
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(S) Leigh Adkins
Leigh Adkins

And that as per copy attached the notice appeared in the Coushatta Citizen in the issue dated October 2, 2025

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this 11th day of OCTOBER 2025

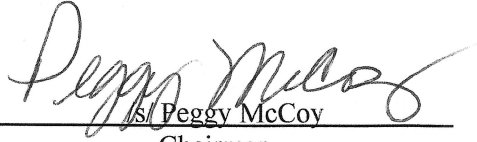
Kim Adamson
Notary Public



PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District, the governing authority of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Coushatta, Louisiana, on this, the 11th day of December, 2025.



s/ Peggy McCoy
Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF RED RIVER

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir District (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on December 11, 2025, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Coushatta, Louisiana, on this, the 11th day of December, 2025.


Secretary