

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of May 19, 2011

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m. in the Natchez Room of the Galvez Building. Present at the meeting were: Dane Morgan, Chairman; Velma Rogers, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, James Singleton and George Blount. Absent was board member Denise Noonan and ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Mr. Bradford to approve the minutes of the April meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, slots at the track, and employment numbers for the landbased casino. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics.

Louisiana State Police and representatives from Amelia Belle, Belle of Baton Rouge, Hollywood and L'Auberge Casino - Baton Rouge, addressed the Board with reference to water levels and casino operations. As of this meeting, all Amelia Belle, Belle of Baton Rouge and Hollywood Casino remained open and were being monitored daily concerning rising water levels. Extra security guards were on duty at the casinos and patrons were not allowed on the decks of the vessels as a precautionary measure. L'Auberge Casino – Baton Rouge had to halt construction on their project due to the water levels and will proceed with construction as soon as possible.

The Board acted on a request by Eldorado Resorts, LLC for approval of financial transactions. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Stipe to approve the transactions. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of L'Auberge du Lac Casino, License No. R011001707. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to except the inspection report and approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of DiamondJacks Casino, License No. R010800195. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to accept DiamondJacks Casino into the program and approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Kelly Duncan, counsel for Creative Casinos, L.L.C., License No. R016502995 and Mr. Billy Rimes, Consultant, provided an update on the status of Creative Casinos. They stated the local option election was held and approved by 77% of the voters in Calcasieu Parish.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **Pilot Corporation Tennessee d/b/a Pilot Travel Center #082-Casino - No. 4800516385** – Motion by Mr. Blount to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Pilot Corporation Tennessee d/b/a Pilot Travel Center #365-Casino – No. 0906516327** – Motion by Mr. Blount to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following Proposed Settlements/Appeals from Hearing Officers Decisions.

1. **In Re: Bayou Beer Garden d/b/a Bayou Beer Garden – No. 3601116006** – Motion by Ms. Rogers to approve the \$500 penalty for failure to attend the mandatory compulsive gambling training class. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Paul Stone Properties, LLC d/b/a Beer 30 – No. 2700115825** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the \$500 penalty for failure to attend the mandatory compulsive gambling training class. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Michael Theriot – No. P040001046** – Motion by Chairman Morgan to approve the \$250 penalty for failure to timely submit a tax clearance. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Catfish Queen Partnership In Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino – No. SAR 10-1-03-035-0610** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the \$30,000 penalty for employees who did not possess the proper non-key gaming permits. That motion was seconded by Mr. Blount and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: AJ's Bar and Grill, LLC d/b/a AJ's Bar and Grill – No. 1001115956** – Motion by Mr. Singleton to approve the \$500.00 penalty for failure to attend the mandatory compulsive gambling training class. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

6. **In Re: R.T. & C.T., L.L.C. d/b/a Starfish Daiquiri – No. 2603110417** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the \$25,000 penalty for numerous violations of the Louisiana Gaming Control Law. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.
7. **In Re: R.T. & C.T., L.L.C. d/b/a Starfish Restaurant – No. 2603210220** – Motion by Mr. Stipe to approve the \$25,000 penalty for numerous violations of the Louisiana Gaming Control Law was objected to by the Chairman. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford but failed by a vote of two to five. Voting for the motion was Mr. Bradford and Mr. Stipe. Voting against the motion was: Ms. Rogers, Mr. Jones, Mr. Singleton, Mr. Blount and Chairman Morgan. There was a motion by Chairman Morgan to remand the matter to the Hearing Office for a hearing on the merits. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers, objected to by Mr. Bradford, and approved by a vote of five to two. Voting for the motion was: Ms. Rogers, Mr. Jones, Mr. Singleton, Mr. Blount and Chairman Morgan. Voting against the motion was Mr. Bradford and Mr. Stipe.
8. **In Re: Who Dat Grill & Sports Club, LLC d/b/a Who Dat Grill & Sports Club – No. 2600215922** - Motion by Mr. Stipe to affirm the Hearing Officer's revocation of the license for failure to submit the Annual Licensee Form, Annual Fee, and required documents including local and state sales tax clearances and a copy of the current ATC permit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
9. **In Re: Plantation Bar & Grill L.L.C. d/b/a Plantation Bar & Grill – 4400215664** – Motion by Mr. Stipe to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision imposing a \$3,000 penalty for operating the licensed establishment without a valid ATC permit for 111 days. Failure to pay the penalty within 15 days will result in the revocation of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.