

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of September 13, 2005

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 10:00 a.m., in Senate Room A of the Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La. Present at this meeting were: H. Charles Gaudin, Chairman; Judge Robert Fleming, James Boyer, Gen. Sherian Cadoria, William Lastrapes, Marcia Morgan, Rupert Richardson and Mervin Simoneaux. Absent was board member Dennis Kinchen and ex-officio members, Col. Henry Whitehorn and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Gen. Cadoria to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 16th meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented the revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, and slots at the tracks. Ms. Donna Stevens, also with the Audit Division, reported on the statistics for video poker.

Ms. Lana Tramonte, Principal Assistant of the Gaming Control Board, provided an update on the gaming industry in the New Orleans region as a result of Hurricane Katrina. She stated the financial impact from riverboat gaming would be approximately 5.1 million a month in fees to the state, and 4.6 million a month in fees from video poker. Harrah's landbased casino has agreed to continue their daily payments to the state in the amount of \$164,383.56.

Representatives from the properties in the affected areas addressed the Board with reference to property damage and employees. With the exception of Bally's, most properties sustained minimal damage, and were paying their employees for the time being.

Mr. Norbert Courville, IT Technical Supervisor with State Police, provided the Board with an update in the video poker industry. He stated that one-third of the machines were affected by the hurricane. He also stated once the electricity and phone lines were restored to an area, it would not take long to have state police turn on the machines.

Mr. Alton Ashy and Ms. Melinda Fayard, lobbyists for the video industry, discussed the impact on the video industry and thanked the board, state police and attorney general's office for their cooperation during this time.

Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Casino Association, stated the casinos were using their hotels to house employees and their families in the gaming industry who were displaced. He also stated that the gaming companies were participating in the American Gaming Association's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. That money will be used to assist gaming employees in housing, medical issues, etc.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **In Re: Relay Stations, LLC d/b/a Relay Station Springhill – No. 6003511366**
2. **In Re: Relay Stations, LLC d/b/a Relay Station Vivian Game Room – No. 0900511476**

The above stated items were identical and were handled in globo. It was moved by Gen. Cadoria to approve the change in ownership in both licenses. That motion was seconded by Mr. Simoneaux and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. **In Re: Rice Palace, Inc. d/b/a Exit 80 Travel Plaza – No. 0101506042** – Motion by Gen. Cadoria to approve the renewal of the application and addition of a spouse. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on a request by Boyd Gaming for approval of an amendment to their credit facility. It was moved by Ms. Morgan to approve the amendment. That motion was seconded by Mr. Simoneaux and unanimously approved by the Board.

There was a motion by Mr. Lastrapes to amend the agenda to add consideration of request by Boomtown Bossier for modification of floor plan. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Following the amendment of the agenda, it was moved by Gen. Cadoria to approve the modification of the floor plan. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Leonce Gautreaux, Deputy Director of the Gaming Division, addressed the Board with reference to adoption of emergency rule LAC 42:XI.2405.B(9). This rule would suspend the 30-day surrender requirement to licensees whose businesses are not operational in the affected parishes due to the hurricane.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to approve adoption of emergency rule LAC 42:XI.2405.B(9). That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on Proposed Settlements/Appeals in the following:

1. **In Re: Gibbs Construction, LLC – No. P082602375** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the \$562.50 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and annual affidavit. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Labella Catering, Inc. d/b/a Labella's Deli - No. 2605206364**
3. **In Re: Dwight E. Hinton d/b/a C-Way Marina – No. 2600104579**
4. **In Re: Mr. John's Lounge, Inc. d/b/a Mr. John's Lounge – No. 3601108937**

The above three cases were handled in globo. Each licensee was assessed a \$1,000.00 penalty for submission of improperly notarized documents. It was moved by Mr. Boyer to approve the penalty for each licensee. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

5. **In Re: AKA Advertising, Inc. – No. P086502388**

6. **In Re: Pro Screen – No. P082702174**

These two cases were handled in globo because they dealt with the same issue. It was moved by Mr. Simoneaux to approve the \$562.50 penalty for each licensee for failure to timely submit their annual fee and annual affidavit. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

7. **In Re: Lester C. Ledet, III – No. P040044701** – Motion by Ms. Richardson to approve the \$250 penalty for failure to timely submit a tax clearance. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no public comments, it was moved by Gen. Cadoria to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Judge Fleming and was unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.