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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of January 20, 1998

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 6 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at this meeting were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Board Members James Boyer, Sherian Cadoria, Ralph Perlman, Ecotry Fuller, Robert Fleming, Marcia Morgan, Dudley Lastrapes, Rupert Richardson, and ex-officio member Sec. John Kennedy. Major Ed Kuhnert represented ex-officio member Col. Whittington, who was unable to be present.

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman introduced the newest Board member, Ms. Rupert Richardson.

The minutes of the December meeting were presented to the Board. Mr. Ralph Perlman moved to adopt the minutes, and was seconded by Ecotry Fuller. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Next on the agenda was the monthly riverboat revenue report. Ms. Charlotte McGarr, state police auditor, made this presentation to the Board.

The Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda, the video poker fine schedule. Lt. Stanley Griffin, Video Gaming Division of the Louisiana State Police, addressed the Board concerning this matter. It was moved by Mr. James Boyer to adopt the fine schedule, seconded by Mr. Ralph Perlman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item was the Application for Trustee in the Roadrunner Autowash d/b/a Wagin Cajun Truckstop. It was moved by Mr. Dudley Lastrapes to postpone acting on this petition until a decision was made by the bankruptcy court. This motion was seconded by General Cadoria. With the exception James Boyer, who abstained from voting, the Board voted unanimously to postpone acting on this matter until a decision is made by the bankruptcy judge.

The Board then discussed the state police policy concerning the doors for video poker machines. After an extended discussion concerning these doors, it was moved by Judge Fleming to table the matter and discuss it at a later date. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller and passed by a five to three margin with the Chairman abstaining from voting. Voting in favor of tabling the motion were Mr. Boyer, General Cadoria, Mr. Perlman, Mr. Fuller, and Judge Fleming; voting against were Mr. Lastrapes, Ms. Morgan and Ms. Richardson.

Next on the agenda was a petition for substitution of a new riverboat by the Boomtown Belle Casino. Mr. Wade Duty, Asst. A.G. in the Gaming Division, Sgt. Scott Reggio and Trooper William Lopez, both with the State Police Riverboat Gaming Division, made a presentation to the Board on

this matter. Jim Smith, attorney for Boomtown Belle, Jay Rabalais, General Manager of Boomtown, Captain Kenneth Dardard and Mr. Arthur Dardin, President of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers, were present to answer any questions that might arise with this proposal. Following the presentation, it was moved by Dudley Lastrapes to approve the substitution of the new riverboat, seconded by James Boyer, and unanimously approved by the Board to allow the substitution of a new riverboat.

The Board was then asked by attorney Richard Easterling to extend the deadline for the 15th riverboat license. It was moved by James Boyer to extend the license until the May 19th, 1998 board meeting.. That motion was seconded by General Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next agenda item concerned rules. A public hearing was held concerning changes in rule 2325 (2329) vendor solicitation. Mr. Dudley Lastrapes moved to approve the rule, including changing the number to 2329, and was seconded by General Cadoria. All members voted in favor of adopting the rule with the exception of Mr. Ecotry Fuller, who opposed this rule.

It was moved by Judge Fleming to adopt the amendments to rules 2133, 2141 and 2169 dealing with designated gaming area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ralph Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Morgan, the Board then instituted the rule-making process on rule 2415 C.3, location of video draw poker devices. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

It was then moved by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Ms. Richardson, and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session.

Following the Executive Session, the Board returned to the Regular Session.

The Board reviewed recommendations/decision from the Hearing Officers in the following cases:

1. **J. Manoco d/b/a Mr. Lucky's** - Motion by Ralph Perlman, seconded by James Boyer, to uphold the revocation of the license; substitute motion by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, to suspend rather than revoke the license. The substitute motion failed. The original motion to revoke was then unanimously approved.
2. **S & R Development** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by General Cadoria, seconded by Dudley Lastrapes. Unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Alvin Travis** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Judge Fleming, seconded by Ralph Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: David Hays** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by General Cadoria, seconded by Judge Fleming. Unanimously approved by the Board.

5. **In Re: Jimmy Johnson** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Dudley Lastrapes, seconded by General Cadoria. Unanimously approved by the Board.
6. **In Re: Lowell Hebert** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by General Cadoria, seconded by Ms. Morgan. Unanimously approved by the Board.
7. **In Re: Glenda Graves** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by James Boyer, seconded by General Cadoria. Unanimously approved by Board.
8. **Lasalle Enterprises, Inc.** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Dudley Lastrapes, seconded by James Boyer. Unanimously approved by the Board.
9. **In Re: Glenn Viggiano** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by General Cadoria, seconded by Ms. Richardson. Unanimously approved by the Board.
10. **The Chandelier** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by General Cadoria, seconded by Ralph Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
11. **In Re: Reginald Brown** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by General Cadoria, seconded by Judge Fleming. Unanimously approved by the Board.
12. **In Re: Tyrone Howard** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Dudley Lastrapes, seconded by Ralph Perlman. Mr. Rupert Richardson abstained from voting. Board approved the proposed decision.
13. **In Re: James Taylor** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Marcia Morgan, seconded by General Cadoria. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Next on the agenda was the election of a Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer. Judge Fleming moved to nominate Mr. Ralph Perlman as Secretary-Treasurer and was seconded by Marcia Morgan. It was then moved by Dudley Lastrapes to adopt the motion by acclamation. Judge Fleming seconded that motion and the Board unanimously agreed. Mr. Perlman was declared Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation.

Mr. Ecotry Fuller moved to nominate Judge Robert Fleming as the Vice-Chairman and was seconded by General Cadoria. Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Perlman moved to close the nominations and was seconded by Mr. Boyer. There being no objections, the Board unanimously elected Judge Fleming as the Vice-Chairman.

There being no further business, it was moved by General Cadoria to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by James Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.