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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Good morning, everyone.
3 It's 10:00 and we're going to get started.
4 Welcome to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
5 meeting, Thursday, January the 20th of 2022.

6 Ms. Thurman, would you please call the
7 roll.

8 MS. THURMAN: Chairman Johns?

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Here.

10 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Berry?

11 (No Response)

12 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant?

13 MR. AVANT: Here.

14 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson?

15 MR. JACKSON: Here.

16 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole?

17 MR POOLE: Here.

18 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Lewis.

19 MS. LEWIS: Here.

20 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: Present.

22 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Sholes?

23 MR. SHOLES: Here.

24 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Traylor?

25 MS. TRAYLOR: Here.

1 MS. THURMAN: Secretary Lewis?

2 MR. RICHARD: Kevin Richard for Secretary
3 Lewis.

4 MS. THURMAN: Colonel Davis?

5 MAJOR MCNEAL: Major McNeal for Colonel
6 Davis.

7 MS. THURMAN: We have a quorum.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you, Ms. Thurman.
9 We do have a quorum. Members, thank you for
10 driving in under some not perfect weather
11 conditions. I greatly appreciate that and I
12 hope to get you out of here quickly today.

13 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: We're going to move on
15 into Item Number 2, the comments. Is there
16 anyone here today that would like to make any
17 public comments on an agenda item?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: I see no one. Thank you
20 very much. We'll move to Item Number 3,
21 approval of our minutes.

22 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: I would ask for a motion
24 that we waive the reading and approve the
25 minutes of December 16th of 2021.

1 MR POOLE: So heard.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Mr. Poole has moved that
3 we accept those amendments.

4 MS. TRAYLOR: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Ms. Traylor has seconded.
6 Is there any discussion? Is there any
7 opposition to that motion?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, that motion
10 carries. Okay.

11 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Item Number 4, we'll move
13 into revenue reports. Good morning, Ms.
14 Jackson. How are you this morning?

15 MS. JACKSON: How are you?

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Good.

17 MS. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman and Board
18 Members, my name is Donna Jackson with
19 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
20 Division.

21 In December, the 13 operating riverboats
22 generated adjusted gross receipts of
23 \$164,135,483. As information, this December
24 had one additional Friday than last month or
25 last December. The state collected fees

1 totaling \$35,289,129. Adjusted gross receipts
2 for fiscal year 2021-2022 to date are
3 \$873,453,523, an increase of almost \$177
4 million or 25 percent from fiscal year 2021,
5 but a decrease of two percent from fiscal year
6 2020.

7 As of December 31st, 2021, the state
8 collected \$187.8 million in fees for fiscal
9 year 2022. Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
10 broken down by regional market. The overall
11 increase from November was approximately
12 \$16.6 million or 11 percent. Compared to last
13 December, this month's revenues represent an
14 increase of \$42 million or 34.6 percent.

15 Next is a summary of December 2021 gaming
16 activity for Harrah's New Orleans found on Page
17 3. Harrah's generated \$22,109,973 in gross
18 gaming revenue. These revenues represent an
19 increase from last month of \$9.4 million or
20 74 percent, and an increase of \$5.6 million or
21 34 percent from the same month last year.
22 During December, the state received \$5,095,890
23 in minimum daily payments.

24 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year
25 2021-2022 to date are \$98.8 million, an

1 increase of \$15 million or 18 percent from
2 fiscal year 2021, but a decrease of 31 percent
3 from fiscal year 2020. As of December 31st,
4 2021, the state collected approximately
5 \$30 million in fees for fiscal year 2022.

6 Next I will present revenues for slots at
7 the racetracks. During December, the four
8 racetrack facilities combined generated
9 adjusted gross receipts of \$28,647,249, an
10 increase of approximately \$2.8 million or 10.8
11 percent from November 2021 and an increase of
12 \$5 million or 22 percent when compared to the
13 same month last year. During December, the
14 state collected \$4.3 million in fees.

15 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year
16 2022 to date are \$161.4 million, an increase of
17 \$23.6 million or 17 percent from fiscal year
18 2021, but a decrease of four percent fiscal
19 year 2020. As of December 31st, 2021, the
20 state has collected \$24.5 million in fees for
21 fiscal year 2022.

22 I will now move to the video gaming
23 information. There are 12,072 video gaming
24 devices activated at 1438 locations. Net
25 device revenue for December 2021 was

1 \$74.2 million, an increase of \$4.4 million or
2 6.3 percent when compared to November of 2021
3 and an increase of \$19.7 million or 36 percent
4 when compared to last December. Total
5 franchise fees for December 2021 totaled
6 \$22,000,000, an increase of \$1.4 million when
7 compared to November 2021 and an increase of
8 \$6 million when compared to December of 2020.

9 Net device revenue for fiscal year 2022 to
10 date is \$404 million, an increase of
11 \$71.3 million or 21.4 percent when compared to
12 fiscal year 2021. Total franchise fees
13 collected for fiscal year 2022 to date are
14 \$122 million, an increase of \$21 million or
15 20.5 percent when compared to last fiscal year.

16 Next I will present the December revenue
17 from sports book. Three additional casinos
18 opened their retail sports book operations in
19 December. The 11 operating sports books
20 accepted \$39.5 million in sports bets earning
21 \$4.38 million in net proceeds during December
22 and owe \$438,000 in taxes to the state.

23 Finally, this month we are including Daily
24 Fantasy Sports revenues with your packet. The
25 two operators are DaftKings and FanDuel who

1 have been in operation since July and October,
2 respectively. The operator's net revenue on
3 the spreadsheet represents the net revenue
4 generated by the operators nationwide. The
5 second column represents the amount generated
6 in Louisiana, which is then taxed at
7 eight percent. For the six-month period July
8 to December, DraftKings Louisiana revenues were
9 \$1,336,032, generating taxes to the state of
10 \$107,000.

11 For the three-month period, October
12 through December, FanDuel's Louisiana revenues
13 were \$74,000, with the state receiving
14 approximately \$6000 in taxes.

15 Does anyone have any questions?

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: No, Ms. Jackson. Thank
17 you very much. It appears that we're doing
18 much, much better than a year ago, but it's
19 still lagging a little bit behind 2020.

20 MS. JACKSON: Correct. And we're
21 comparing to the year 19-20, so even that
22 wasn't a full year, you know, the eight months
23 before everything shutdown. Just to kind of
24 give a little bit of comparison.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: But that's very

1 encouraging that the market is back. What's
2 interesting on sports book, we did a lot more
3 in actually wagering, but less in actual taxes
4 paid because of the win ratio.

5 MS. JACKSON: Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: So there must have been a
7 bunch of upsets in December.

8 Any questions from board members? Any
9 questions on the revenue?

10 (NO RESPONSE.)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you, Ms. Jackson.
12 Great work. Thank you so much for this and
13 hopefully you'll bring us good news next month.

14 Moving along to Item Number 5, casino
15 gaming issues.

16 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: We have today
18 consideration of a modification of a resolution
19 from September the 8th of 2021 concerning the
20 relocation of the gaming operations for
21 DiamondJacks Casino. We do have the AG's
22 office here this morning. Good morning.

23 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman Johns
24 and Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
25 Lisha Landry.

1 On January 12th, Louisiana Riverboat
2 Gaming Partnership doing business as
3 DiamondJacks Casino and Resort filed a petition
4 to amend the Board's September 8th resolution
5 which required DiamondJacks to recommence
6 gaming operation upon its vessel within 60
7 days, but the St. Tammany Parish voters did not
8 approve of the gaming and DiamondJacks
9 relocation in that parish.

10 On December 11th, the proposition to
11 relocate the licensee's berth to St. Tammany
12 Parish failed. Based on the September 8th
13 resolution, as amended, the licensee would have
14 until February 9th to commence gaming
15 operations on its vessel. Now in its petition,
16 the licensee is requesting that the Board
17 extend the deadline of the licensee to
18 recommence gaming operations to February 25th
19 to allow the licensee time to submit a petition
20 on the licensee's future plans to be considered
21 during the February 17th Board meeting.

22 We have Peter Connick who is here on
23 behalf of the licensee to answer any questions
24 that the Board may have. If the Board wishes
25 to approve the requested amendment, a new

1 resolution has been prepared for the Board's
2 consideration and adoption.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you very much for
4 your presentation.

5 At this time, I would like the court
6 reporter to swear the witness.

7 (PETER CONNICK, after being first duly sworn, did
8 testify as follows:)

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you, Mr. Connick.
10 So Members, where we are, as it was explained
11 by the Attorneys General's office, February 9th
12 was the drop-dead date from the original
13 resolution for DiamondJacks to reopen, should
14 that referendum fail. The referendum did fail
15 by a vote of 63 to 37 percent back in December.

16 So what DiamondJacks is actually
17 petitioning us today is to allow their
18 management team to come before our Board on
19 February the 17th and make a full presentation
20 on their future plans and extend that date from
21 February 9th to February 25th, if I'm not
22 mistaken, is what the resolution says.

23 Mr. Connick, good morning, and any
24 comments or anything that you would like to
25 add?

1 MR. CONNICK: Thank you, Ms. Landry for
2 that presentation. One thing I'll add is I
3 think, in the resolution, it indicates that
4 that petition to be considered by the Board
5 would be submitted on or before February 4th,
6 which would then be considered at the February
7 17th Gaming Control Board Hearing.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Okay. So we are sure
9 that the full management team will appear here
10 on the Board on February the 17th with a
11 detailed plan of what their future is going to
12 look like?

13 MR. CONNICK: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Any questions from Board
15 members this morning? Any questions?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: I have no questions. So
18 at this time, I would like to ask for a motion
19 to adopt the resolution.

20 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: I adopt.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Ms. Hamilton-Acker has
22 moved that we adopt the resolution.

23 MR. AVANT: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Mr. Avant has seconded
25 that motion.

1 And I would like to ask Ms. Thurman to
2 please read the resolution.

3 MS. THURMAN: On the 20th day of January,
4 2022, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board did,
5 in a duly noticed public meeting, consider the
6 petition of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming
7 Partnership, d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino and
8 Resort, Number R010800195, that requests
9 amended to the Board's September 8th, 2021
10 resolution, as amended on September 16th,
11 2021, and upon motion duly made and seconded,
12 the Board adopted this resolution.

13 Whereas, on September 8th, 2021, the Board
14 adopted a resolution which contained the
15 following provisions: 2C, in the event of the
16 affirmative vote of majority of the voters of
17 St. Tammany Parish in the local option election
18 to be conducted on November 13th, 2020, to
19 complete construction of the approved project
20 and commence gaming operations in the facility
21 within 24 months from this resolution's date or
22 in the event of the negative vote of the
23 majority of the votes in St. Tammany Parish in
24 the local option election to be conducted on
25 November 13th, 2020, to recommence gaming

1 operations upon the vessel, Mary Margaret,
2 within 60 days of the election.

3 Whereas, on September 16th, 2021, the
4 Board amended its September 8th, 2021
5 resolution to quote, reflect a change in the
6 local option election date, amending such date
7 from November 13th, 2021 to December 11th,
8 2021, end quote, with such amendment requiring
9 DiamondJacks to recommence gaming operations
10 upon the vessel, Mary Margaret, within 60 days
11 of the election in the event of a negative
12 vote.

13 And whereas, on December 11th, 2021, the
14 proposition to relocate DiamondJacks gaming
15 operations to St. Tammany Parish failed and
16 whereas on January 12, 2022, DiamondJacks filed
17 a petition that the Board amend 2C of the
18 September 8th, 2021 resolution as amended on
19 September 16th, 2021, to allow DiamondJacks
20 until February 25th, 2022, to recommence
21 gaming operations on the vessel Mary Margaret
22 and to submit a petition regarding future plans
23 for the license for consideration by the Board
24 at the February 17, 2022 board meeting.

25 Now therefore be it resolved that

1 Provision 2C of the September 8th, 2021 board
2 resolution, as amended on September 16th, 2021,
3 is amended to allow DiamondJacks until February
4 25th, 2022 to recommence gaming operations.
5 And be it resolved that DiamondJacks is
6 required to submit a comprehensive and
7 verifiable plan by February 4th, 2022, for
8 its reopening and recommencement of gaming
9 operations and to appear before the Board at
10 its February 2022 board meeting to present the
11 status of the reopening.

12 The licensee's plan shall, at a minimum,
13 include the date of recommencement of gaming
14 operations, proposed operational minimums, and
15 the costs associated therewith. Thus done and
16 signed, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 20th day
17 of January, 2022.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you, Ms. Thurman.
19 Any discussion on the resolution?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, we have a
22 motion by Ms. Hamilton-Acker that we adopt this
23 resolution, seconded by Mr. Avant.

24 Is there any opposition to that motion.

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, that motion
2 carries and the resolution is adopted. Thank
3 you, Mr. Connick. Thank you for being here
4 this morning, and we look forward to seeing you
5 in February.

6 MR. CONNICK: Yes, sir.

7 VI. RULEMAKING

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Moving along to Item
9 Number 6 and to rulemaking. We have Ms. Dawn
10 Himel from the Attorney General's Office who is
11 with us this morning. We have a set of
12 emergency rulemakings. Good morning, Mr.
13 Himel.

14 MS. HIMEL: Good morning, Chairman and
15 members of the Board. Dawn Himel, assistant
16 attorney general, to present these emergency
17 rules. During the 2021 regular session the
18 Louisiana legislature adopted Act 440, which
19 directed the Gaming Control Board to adopt
20 emergency rules for promulgation of the initial
21 administrative rules pertaining to sports
22 wagering. That shall be considered a matter of
23 imminent peril to public health, safety, and
24 welfare.

25 The proposed rules here today continue to

1 clarify and codify Acts 80, 435, and 440 of the
2 2021 regular legislative session and Act 215 of
3 the 2020 regular legislative session. Started
4 in August of 2021, that act, the Louisiana
5 Sports Wagering Act and authorized the
6 conducting application, licensing, enforcement,
7 and regulation of sports wagering.

8 If the Board has no questions, a motion to
9 adopt the emergency rules is needed. They will
10 become effective on January 23rd, 2022 and
11 shall remain in effect for the maximum period
12 allowed of an APA unless extended or rescinded.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: The problem gaming
14 program, we're just bringing that into -- we're
15 bringing sports betting into compliance with
16 the present program? Is that what we're doing?

17 MS. HIMEL: Yes, Chairman. So we'll have
18 the self-exclusion list, and then any excluded
19 person's -- currently the casinos are not
20 allowed to accept wagers and not allowed to
21 have these person's anywhere where gaming is
22 operated. And as the sports books are operated
23 on behalf of or by the casinos, they cannot
24 accept wagers from these persons.

25 So it's necessary that the sports wagering

1 platform be included in the rules to exclude
2 them from the platform as well as the premise.
3 The current rules just focus on physical
4 location and the premises of the riverboats, so
5 it's necessary to expand the rules to the
6 platform.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: And that's a voluntary
8 program that problem gamers can sign up for?

9 MS. HIMEL: The self-exclusion list, yes.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Okay. And could you
11 touch briefly on the advertising and the
12 mandatory signage for me?

13 MS. HIMEL: Sure. So the rules that are
14 being changed, as I stated, the sports book
15 operations that are being done by platform
16 providers that you see operating today are all
17 on behalf of the casinos. So we have 20
18 casinos in the state that all apply, and those
19 sports book operations are operating on their
20 behalf.

21 So what we have done from a consumer
22 protection standpoint is to say that all of
23 those platform providers need to identify in
24 their advertisement who they are operating on
25 behalf of. Are you operating on behalf of

1 Horseshoe Bossier or L'Auberge Baton Rouge, so
2 that if somebody is on your platform and knows
3 that I'm placing a bet with -- just for example
4 DraftKings -- they know if their bet is not
5 honored or their money disappears, they can
6 contact that person, but they can also drive to
7 L'Auberge Baton Rouge or whomever they contract
8 with to find out about their sports wager.
9 It's really from a consumer protection
10 standpoint.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: We've actually had some
12 issues, haven't we, with advertising some of
13 the sports betting venues?

14 MS. HIMEL: We have. There have been
15 several billboards by platform provider
16 applicants that did not comply with the
17 responsible gaming requirements. In the
18 current rules under casino gaming, which we
19 made -- you guys made in the sports wagering
20 rules -- they also apply to the platform
21 providers and to sports wagering licensees.

22 So like if you see a billboard on the
23 interstate, the requirement is that the
24 responsible gaming information has to be at
25 least one-tenth of the height of the billboard

1 and the entire width of the billboard
2 advertisement. So that's one example where we
3 saw a failure to comply. I believe that most
4 of those have been or are being remedied.
5 State police sent out a strong and firm
6 advisory notice last month to those platform
7 providers and operators to make sure that they
8 understand that they have to comply with all
9 the advertising and responsible gaming
10 requirements that are in the law.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you, Ms. Himel. A
12 lot of work went into this, and we greatly
13 appreciate you and your staff for their work.

14 Any questions from Board members on the
15 rules -- on the emergency rules that are before
16 you?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, no
19 questions, I would entertain a motion that we
20 adopt the rulemaking procedures of Section VI A
21 through --

22 MR. JACKSON: Motion.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: I have a motion from Mr.
24 Jackson and a second on Ms. Lewis that we adopt
25 the emergency rules. Any further discussion?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Any opposition to that
3 motion?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, that motion
6 carries the rules are hereby adopted.

7 MS. HIMEL: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Thank you, Ms. Himel. I
9 appreciate your work.

10 VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Last on the agenda today
12 is the consideration of a proposed settlement
13 of Voodoo Two, Inc. doing business as Voodoo
14 Two. Good morning.

15 MS. JAMES: Good morning, Board members, I
16 am Assistant Attorney General Lakeisha James
17 here in the matter of the settlement regarding
18 Voodoo Two, Inc. doing business as Voodoo Two
19 who holds a Type 1 video draw poker gaming
20 license.

21 The settlement addresses the licensee's
22 failure to timely submit its annual forms and
23 fees to the Division. The licensee did not
24 submit its annual forms and fees until November
25 29th, 2021, which is in violation of gaming

1 law. The settlement amount is \$750, which is a
2 civil penalty that is well-settled for
3 violations of this type. The settlement has
4 been signed by the Hearing Officer and is now
5 before the Board for final approval.

6 I am available to answer any questions
7 should you have any.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Are there any questions
9 from the Board?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Do I have a motion that
12 we approve the settlement offer?

13 MR. SHOLES: Move.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Mr. Sholes has moved that
15 we approve the settlement, seconded by Mr.
16 Poole. Is there any discussion on the motion?
17 Is there any opposition to the motion?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, that motion
20 carries and we will approve the settlement.
21 Thank you very much for your presentation.

22 Members, I don't have anything else
23 formally on the agenda. I will tell you that
24 this week, I did personally visit the old Isle
25 of Capri property in Lake Charles, which will

1 now be branded as a Horseshoe property, and I
2 will tell you that I was absolutely impressed
3 with what I saw. I think when the legislature
4 did the land-base legislation, this is exactly
5 what we envisioned it was going to look like.

6 They are well over \$200 million into the
7 project. It's hopefully slated for opening
8 sometime in the fall of 2022 if things go
9 right. Supplies have been hard to get
10 sometimes and hopefully no hurricane this
11 coming fall. So just wanted to report that
12 that project is going extremely well.
13 Hollywood here in Baton Rouge is going very
14 well. I haven't been out there lately to look
15 at their extent of work, but I got some reports
16 and they're moving along very well. And of
17 course, Treasure Chest did a formal
18 announcement. Ms. Hood and I attended that
19 announcement down in Kenner a few days ago and
20 they're moving forward with their project.

21 So we've got three properties under --
22 either under construction or soon under
23 construction for land-based. Hopefully, that's
24 going to be the future of gaming in Louisiana.
25 I have nothing else.

1 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: I'd entertain a motion
3 that we adjourned.

4 MR. JACKSON: Move.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Mr. Jackson has a long
6 way to go so he wants to go. He moved that we
7 adjourn and Mr. Avant has a long way to go too,
8 seconds that motion. Is there any objection to
9 that?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS: Hearing none, we are
12 hereby adjourned.

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14 (Proceedings concluded at 10:27 A.M.)
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Nicole Tagert, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings held at this Louisiana Gaming Control Board meeting on the 20th day of January, 2022, as set forth in the foregoing 28 pages.

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