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## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

### Minutes of February 17, 1998

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, 10:00 a.m., House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at this meeting were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman, Vice-Chairman Robert Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Perlman, James Boyer, Sherian Cadoria, Ecotry Fuller, Marcia Morgan, Dudley Lastrapes, Rupert Richardson, and ex-officio members Col. Rut Whittington and Sec. John Kennedy.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The minutes of the January meeting were presented to the Board. Secretary Perlman moved to adopt the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Fuller. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Next on the agenda was the monthly riverboat revenue report. Ms. Charlotte McGarr, state police auditor, discussed the revenue with the Board. Michael Legendre, state police audit supervisor in video gaming, presented the Board with revenue from video gaming.

Sergeant Al Martin, enforcement supervisor, state police video gaming, discussed the upcoming statewide workshops that are scheduled to help with filing of renewal applications.

Ms. Claudeidra Minor, Asst. Attorney General in the Gaming Division, reported on the Fourth Quarter Compliance Reports with the voluntary procurement and employment conditions proposed by Riverboat Casinos in their respective applications. She also discussed with the Board a comprehensive report of the casinos.

The next item was the cruising report on the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino. Mr. Wade Duty, Asst. Attorney General and Sgt. Buzzy Trahan, Riverboat Gaming, presented this report to Board members. The Belle of Baton Rouge canceled 74% of their cruises in 1997.

Next on the agenda was a Petition from the Belle of Baton Rouge to modify their Excursion Schedule. Mr. Gayle Carnahan, Director of Human Resources for the Belle of Baton Rouge, and Lt. Dane Morgan, Supervisor, Riverboat Gaming, discussed this Petition with the Board. It was moved by James Boyer, seconded by Dudley Lastrapes, and unanimously approved by the Board to modify the excursion schedule.

The next agenda item dealt with riverboat employees keeping their own tips on the casino. (Rule 2721) Mr. Scott Allen, an employee with Treasure Chest Casino asked the Board to adopt a rule that would allow the poker dealers to accept their own tips. It was moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by General Cadoria, and approved by the Board (the Chairman abstained from voting) to adopt a rule at the next Board Meeting which would allow poker dealers to accept their tips.

The Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda, an application from Roadrunner Auto Wash Systems, Inc. d/b/a Wagin Cajun Truckstop, to act on the application and lift the emergency suspension of video poker operations to allow the bankruptcy case to move forward.

Mr. Brett Sulzer, attorney for Jackpot Novelty, Mr. Cyrus Pitre, Asst. Attorney General, Captain Don Moreau, Commander, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division, Mr. Paul DeBaillon, attorney and trustee for Roadrunner, discussed the issues involved in the bankruptcy of Roadrunner.

After the discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Fleming to render a decision in this matter at the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and approved by the Board. Mr. James Boyer abstained from voting because of previous business dealings with one of the parties involved in this case.

Continuing with the agenda was a Motion to Supplement the Record in J. Manoco, Inc., d/b/a Mr. Lucky's Truckstop. Ms. Jennifer Gautreaux, attorney for Mr. Lucky's Truckstop, and Mr. Richard Zimmerman, attorney representing the state, discussed this motion with the Board. It was moved by Mr. Boyer to deny the motion, seconded by Secretary Perlman, and approved by the Board by a vote of 7 to 2. Vice-Chairman Fleming and Ms. Morgan voted to allow the record to be supplemented.

It was moved by Mr. Perlman, seconded by General Cadoria, 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/decisions from the Hearing Officers in the following cases:

1. **In Re: Aaron Adams** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Manhattan Avenue** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Perlman, seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. Unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Robert Bennett** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. Unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **Wild Bill's Restaurant** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: Troy Brown** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Gen. Cadoria. Adopted by the Board with a 6 to 3 vote. Sec. Perlman, Gen. Cadoria and Ms. Morgan voted against the proposed decision.
6. **In Re: Frank Catalano** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Mr. Boyer. Unanimously approved by the Board.
7. **In Re: Ernest Day** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Richardson. Unanimously approved by the Board.

8. **Cafe DiBlasi** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Sec. Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
9. **In Re: Michelle Duplechain** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Sec. Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
10. **In Re: Jeremy Galtier** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Sec. Perlman, seconded by Mr. Boyer. Unanimously approved by the Board.
11. **In Re: Charles Herrington** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Ms. Richardson. Approved by the Board 7 to 2. Vice-Chairman Fleming and General Cadoria voted against the proposed decision.
12. **In Re: Frederick Housley** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Sec. Perlman, seconded by Gen. Cadoria. Unanimously approved by the Board.
13. **First Impression** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. Unanimously approved by the Board.
14. **In Re: Christina Johnson** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Gen. Cadoria. Unanimously approved by the Board.
15. **In Re: Anthony Labraccio** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Gen. Cadoria. Unanimously approved by the Board.
16. **Tiffany's Lounge** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Morgan. Approved by the Board 7 to 2. Sec. Perlman and Gen. Cadoria voted against the proposed decision.
17. **Fountain of Youth II** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Mr. Boyer. Unanimously approved by the Board.
18. **James San Salvador** - Brett Sulzer, attorney for Mr. San Salvador, requested that this applicant be allowed to withdraw his application for a gaming license in this state. A motion was made by Mr. Boyer and seconded by General Cadoria to allow Mr. San Salvador to withdraw his application. The Board unanimously approved this request.
19. **In Re: Ralphrick Wayne** - Motion by Sec. Perlman to adopt proposed decision by Sec. Perlman, seconded by Gen. Cadoria. Unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Sec. Perlman to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.