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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of July 21, 1998

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 1998, 10:00 a.m., House Committee Room 6. In attendance were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert Fleming, Vice-Chairman; Ralph Perlman, Secretary-Treasurer; James Boyer, Ecology Fuller, Marcia Morgan, Dudley Lastrapes, and ex-officio members Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington and Sec. John Kennedy.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Minutes of the June 16th meeting were presented to the Board. It was moved by Sec. Perlman and seconded by Mr. Fuller to approve the proposed minutes. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Mr. Charlotte McGarr, state police riverboat auditor, presented the monthly riverboat revenue report to Board members. Mr. Mike Legendre, state police video poker auditor, presented board members with the monthly video poker statistics.

The Chairman discussed the proposed gaming contract with the University of New Orleans to conduct a survey regarding the economic impact gaming has on the state. It was moved by Vice-Chairman Fleming to approve the contract. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next on the agenda was the joint venture between Hollywood, Sodak and New Orleans Paddlewheels. The Board set a July 31, 1998 deadline for all paperwork to be filed regarding this proposal.

Continuing with the agenda was the renewal of Showboat Star Casino. It was moved by Sec. Perlman and seconded by Ms. Morgan to grant conditional approval on the renewal, pending final background suitability. The Board unanimously approved the conditional renewal.

Next on the agenda was the public hearing with reference to proposing a new video poker rule which would prohibit owners and employees from playing their own video poker machines. After the discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to postpone any rule on this matter until a later date. That motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller. The Board voted six to one not to propose a rule at this time. Chairman Crain voted against the motion.

Sec. Perlman moved to adopt the amendments to rule 2721, (Internal Controls - Tips) and was seconded by Mr. Boyer. The Board unanimously adopted this rule.

It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to institute the rule-making procedure for rule 2407, (minimum age for operation of video draw poker devices) seconded by Mr. Boyer, and unanimously

approved by the Board.

The Board then acted on three rules dealing with the land-based casino. It was moved by Mr. Boyer to repeal the definition of Casino Operator Affiliate in the current land-based rules. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The second rule was for the purpose of executing the casino operating contract. It was moved by Sec. Perlman to authorize the Chairman to execute the casino operating contract on behalf of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The third rule dealt with notification of vendor solicitations. It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and unanimously approved by the Board to institute the rule-making procedure.

Following the rules, it was moved by Mr. Fuller to go into Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

After the Executive Session, the Board acted on Decisions/Recommendations from the Hearing Officers in the following cases:

1. **In Re: Mickey's Sports Bar** - Motion to adopt the proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. The decision was adopted by a seven to two vote. Sec. Perlman and Ms. Morgan voted against the proposed decision to revoke the license.
2. **In Re: Lucky's Peanuts** - This appeal was dismissed because licensee paid the fine that had originally been challenged.
3. **In Re: Progressive Specialty Glass** - Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to affirm hearing officer's decision failed. A substitute motion was offered by Ms. Morgan to overrule hearing officer's decision and allow applicant to reapply. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer. The Board voted four to three to allow applicant to withdraw and reapply for a license. Voting against the motion were Chairman Crain, Vice-Chairman Fleming and Mr. Lastrapes.
4. **In Re: Mark Oliver** - Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to adopt proposed decision, seconded by Mr. Boyer. Unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: Plantation Inn** - Motion by Mr. Boyer to adopt proposed decision, seconded by Sec. Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
6. **In Re: Grand Palais** - Motion by Mr. Boyer to accept the recommendation of the settlement, seconded by Sec. Perlman. Unanimously approved by the Board.
7. **In Re: Jeffrey Charles** - this case was continued to the next mtg.

8. **In Re: Keshia Pinesett** - Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to issue a show cause order, seconded by Ms. Morgan. Unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sec. Perlman and seconded by Ms. Morgan. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting was then adjourned.