

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 16, 2010

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in Senate Room A of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Dane Morgan, Chairman; Major Claude Mercer, Velma Rogers, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, Gerald Juneau, James Singleton and Jackie Berthelot. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Mr. Singleton to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February meeting. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino and slots at the track. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, presented the statistics for video poker.

The Board acted on proposed contracts with hearing officers and court reporters. It was moved by Mr. Stipe to authorize the Chairman to enter into the contracts with both hearing officers and the court reporter. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Mesa Brown, Asst. Attorney General in the Gaming Division, reported on fourth quarter compliance reports dealing with slot machine gaming at race tracks.

The next item dealt with consideration of the Casino Support Services Contract with the City of New Orleans. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract subject to appropriation by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Casino Association, addressed the Board with reference to calculation of procurement and employment conditions for riverboat casinos. He stated he had been working with the Attorney General's office in an effort to streamline some of the data collection and standardize the method of calculating the number of employees in an effort to create more consistency between casino properties. Mr. Duty discussed the possibility of including a Louisiana Presence Category which would include services and purchases performed in Louisiana by Louisiana citizens to be counted for employment and procurement conditions, even if the entity that hired them was based outside of Louisiana. Additionally, he would like for the Board to allow the riverboat casinos a trial period of two quarters to monitor the new reporting parameters before adopting any new reporting criteria.

Mr. Larry Orlansky, counsel on behalf of Pinnacle Entertainment, Mr. Jack Godfrey, Executive Vice-President & General Counsel, and Mr. Cliff Kortman, Executive Vice-President of Construction and Development addressed the Board with reference to an update on PNK Baton Rouge Partnership.

Mr. Godfrey announced that Anthony Sanfilippo had been hired as the new Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle. Mr. Cliff Kortman stated shipyard construction plans were submitted to the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) and to nine shipyards on January 22nd, and bids were received from seven of those shipyards. Final construction documents would be submitted to ABS on March 26th. They had also submitted follow-up documents to the Corps of Engineers concerning the proposed pump station.

Chairman Morgan inquired if they had met with Mayor Holden concerning fire protection. Mr. Kortman stated they had met with the mayor once and would be meeting with him again concerning this matter.

The next item dealt with a request by Pinnacle Entertainment for approval of an Incremental Term Loan. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jones to approve the loan request. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on a petition by PNK-Boomtown Bossier for reconfiguration of gaming space. It was moved by Ms. Rogers to approve the petition for reconfiguration. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on a petition by Horseshoe Entertainment for reconfiguration of gaming space. It was moved by Mr. Juneau to approve the petition for reconfiguration. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the five-year renewal of the riverboat license of Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino. It was moved by Mr. Berthelot to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board also considered the five-year renewal of the license of Churchill Downs Louisiana Horse Racing Co., LLC d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course. It was moved by Mr. Singleton to approve the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Berthelot and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. TB Guillory, Inc. d/b/a King's Casino – No. 4900500884 (transfer of ownership)
2. Ventre Guillory Willis, L.L.C. d/b/a The Quarters Casino and Restaurant – No. 4900513265 (transfer of ownership)

The above stated truckstops were handled in globo because they involved the same owner. It was moved by Mr. Juneau to approve the change in ownership for both truckstops. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.