

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD****Minutes of June 15, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Monday, June 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m., in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building. Present at the meeting were: Mike Noel, Chairman, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Elton Lagasse, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, James Singleton, and Mark Stipe. Absent were ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics.

Major Chuck McNeal, Louisiana State Police gave an update on the reopening of gaming operations. He reported the current hours of operations of the riverboats and the slots at the racetracks. All truckstops are open except for two due to COVID-19. All bars and restaurants are open throughout the state. Ms. Berry asked Mjr. McNeal about the status of construction at the Isle of Capri – Lake Charles casino. Mjr. McNeal stated that construction had completely stopped at the beginning of the healthcare crisis, but it may be slowly moving forward. Mr. Jackson informed Mjr. McNeal that he had been contacted by former employees of the DiamondJacks property who had retirement concerns. Chairman Noel informed the Board that a meeting would be held with representatives of DiamondJacks Casino to discuss the status of their property.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Bossier Casino Venture, Inc. d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino – No. R011000841. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to issue a temporary Certificate of Compliance which expires on July 31, 2020. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the proposed settlement and appeals in the following:

1. **In Re: MNS of Bucktown, LLC d/b/a Knucklehead's Bar & Grill – No. 2600217681** (settlement) – Motion by Ms. Berry to approve the \$750.00 penalty for failure to timely submit the required annual fee and documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Bud's Broiler Causeway, LLC d/b/a Bud's Broiler – No. 2600217467 (consolidated with) Bud's Broiler Veterans, LLC d/b/a Bud's Broiler – No. 2605217476** (appeal) – Motion by Mr. Stipe to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision which revoked both licenses and found Rebecca Ziegler and Melvin Ziegler, Jr. unsuitable. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Donovan P. Fontenot – No. P040071629** (appeal) – Motion by Mr. Lagasse to remand the matter to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office for the

introduction of new evidence regarding the criminal charge. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

4. **In Re: Vintage Lounge, LLC d/b/a Vintage Lounge** (appeal) – Motion by Mr. Stipe to dismiss the appeal. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse 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 Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.