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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of September 15, 1998

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, 10:00 a.m., House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol.

Present at the meeting were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert Fleming, Vice-Chairman; Ralph Perlman, Secretary-Treasurer; Sherian Cadoria, EcoTRY Fuller, Marcia Morgan, Rupert Richardson, and ex-officio members Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington and Sec. John Kennedy.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July meeting were presented to the Board. General Sherian Cadoria moved to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Charlotte McGarr, an auditor with state police, reported on the August revenue of the riverboat casinos. Mr. Mike Legendre, also a state police auditor, presented the video poker revenue to Board members.

The Chairman then addressed the Board concerning updating the computers and net server at the Gaming Control Board Office. State Police data processing supervisor, John Araynosi, advised the Board that the equipment currently being used was outdated, and recommended that we replace the computers and server with better equipment. The recommended equipment would cost about \$28,000.00 and would enable the Board to comply with the central registry system that is mandated by the legislature.

It was moved by General Cadoria to replace the computers and server with the recommendations made by Mr. Araynosi. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Fleming to amend the agenda in order to discuss the conditions that were going to be placed on the transfer of ownership license of QNOV, which had been approved by the Board on September 14, 1998. That motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller and unanimously approved by the Board.

The chairman explained each condition to Board members and called upon Mr. Walt Evans, an attorney representing Hollywood Casino and Mr. John Etter, an attorney for the City of New Orleans, for their comments. Secretary Perlman moved to adopt the conditions as stated and was seconded by Ms. Richardson. The Board unanimously adopted the conditions on the QNOV license.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Claudeidra Minor, Asst. Attorney General in the Gaming Division, who presented the Compliance Reports for the second quarter to Board members.

Following Ms. Minor's presentation, Mr. Wade Duty, also an Asst. Attorney General in the Gaming Division, addressed Board members with the cruising report on the Players Showboat Star Casino in Lake Charles. Mr. Duty reported that the Star Casino has cancelled 58.5% of their cruises from April 1995 through December of 1997.

Continuing with the agenda, the Chairman called upon Mr. William Allerton, III and Mr. William Glasgow of Capitol Communications, who presented a report to board members concerning a software product called ID check. This system scans drivers licenses and is capable of identifying a fake ID. This software could be used at casinos to help with identifying underage patrons.

The Chairman then called members of the video poker industry for a report on owners and employees playing their own machines. Melinda Fayard and Alton Ashy, both video poker lobbyists, spoke to board members concerning this issue.

Following their comments, the Board decided to defer acting on the proposed rule concerning owners, employees, etc., playing their own machines until a later date.

A motion was made by General Cadoria to go into Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Following the Executive Session, the Board acted upon decisions/recommendations of the Hearing Officers in the following cases:

1. **In Re: Latrina's Lounge** - Motion by Vice-Chairman Fleming to dismiss the appeal as moot, seconded by Mr. Fuller and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: LaNormandie Lounge** - Motion by Gen. Cadoria to amend the application, issue the license and then impose a \$500 fine. Seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Four Seasons Truck Stop** - Motion by Sec. Perlman to renew the license. Seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Teddy's (Rehearing)** - Motion to grant the rehearing and allow licensee to amend its renewal application and pay a \$500 fine by Gen. Cadoria. Seconded by Sec. Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: Landry's Truck Stop (Rehearing)** - Motion to grant rehearing by Gen. Cadoria, seconded by Sec. Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.
6. **In Re: E B Amusements** - Motion to approve settlement proposal by Sec. Perlman, seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

7. **In Re: Louisiana -1 Gaming** - Motion to approve settlement proposal by Sec. Perlman, seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.
8. **In Re: L.C.C.I.** - Motion to approve settlement proposal by Gen. Cadoria, seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gen. Cadoria, seconded by Mr. Fuller and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.