

## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

### Minutes of February 17, 2011

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m. in House Committee Room 5 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Dane Morgan, Chairman; Velma Rogers, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, Gerald Juneau, James Singleton, Denise Noonan, and George Blount. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. Chairman Morgan announced that the Board's website had been enhanced and transcripts of board meetings were now included on the site. He also stated that if anyone had suggestions concerning our website to submit them for consideration.

There were public comments from Mr. Michael Wright with reference to the available riverboat license. Mr. Wright asked that the license be awarded to Lake Charles, but was concerned about litigation against Creative Casinos and urged the Board to reject Creative's application.

Mr. Richard White, attorney for Tomorrow's Investors, LLC, also addressed the Board concerning the available license. Mr. White requested a delay on the decision granting the available riverboat license due to Tomorrow's Investors pending litigation against the Gaming Control Board.

It was moved by Mr. Singleton to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, slots at the track, and employment numbers for the landbased casino (Harrah's). Mr. Singleton asked if the number of full-time employees could be increased at the landbased casino. John Campbell, Special Assistant Attorney General, stated that the numbers were established in the casino contract and was a statutory matter. He also stated we could not force Harrah's to change those numbers, but Harrah's and the State could discuss this and possibly work out an agreement without violating the contract.

Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics for the month of January.

The Board acted on a Proposed Settlement from a Hearing Officer's decision in the following:

1. **In Re: Rhett Guidry d/b/a Paradise II – No. 2704111657** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the \$1,000.00 penalty for failure to timely submit their \$200.00 renewal fee, tax clearance forms, record update form, and copy of their current ATC permit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Jonathon Wagner, Assistant Attorney General, and Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Casino Association, addressed the Board with reference to comments by Mr. Duty on proposed rule LAC 42:III.2737 (Casino Gaming Payment Interception). Following discussion, it was moved by Chairman Morgan to amend the public Notice of Intent to include proposed LAC 42:III.2737 (G)(2). That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

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. Bradford to authorize the Chairman to forward the contract to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, make any changes as may be required by the Committee or Legislature, and execute the contract after approval and appropriation by the Legislature. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Robert Jones thanked all the applicants who applied for the available riverboat license and stated he wished the Board had more licenses to award. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jones to approve Creative Casinos of Louisiana, LLC (Mojito Pointe) to be the recipient of the available riverboat gaming license upon its execution of the "Statement of Conditions" by a duly authorized representative of the applicant; and with the understanding that the license will not be issued until approval of the berth site by a majority of those voting on the referendum election required by Article XII, Section 6(C)(2) of the Louisiana Constitution. That motion was seconded by Mr. Juneau and approved by eight votes. Mr. Blount abstained from voting.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Mr. Juneau to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.