

## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

### Minutes of January 25, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, January 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Ayres Bradford, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Claude Jackson, Robert Gaston, Julie Berry, Richard Patrick and Elton Lagasse. Absent were ex-officio members, Colonel Kevin Reeves and Secretary Kimberly Robinson.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. He stated that the Louisiana Economic Development & Gaming Task Force concluded their meetings and would present two recommendations to the legislature. The first recommendation would authorize landside operations, and the second recommendation would remove the requirement that vessels be paddlewheel driven, but in cases where a vessel retains its paddlewheel, remove the requirement that it be operable.

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

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino and slots at the track, and employee numbers for the landbased casino. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with Gaming Audit, reported on the video poker statistics.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC - No. R016502995. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Berry to issue the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the petition by Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC, for approval of Transfers of Ownership. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Patrick to adopt the resolution approving the transfers of ownership. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the renewal of the license of Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company, L.L.C. d/b/a Harrah's Louisiana Downs - No. T010802871. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following video poker truckstops:

1. Consideration of transfers of interest in Riverbend Truckstops & Palace Casinos, Inc. :

d/b/a Crowley Truckstop & Casino	No. 0101514033
d/b/a Jennings Truckstop & Casino	No. 2703515033
d/b/a Patterson Truckstop & Casino	No. 5105514132
d/b/a Riverbend Truckstop & Palace Casinos of Reserve	No. 4800511834
d/b/a Riverbend Truckstop & Palace Casinos of St. Rose	No. 4500512203
d/b/a Terrebonne Truckstop & Casino	No. 5500515516
d/b/a Westbank Truckstop & Casino	No. 2600516391

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gaston to approve the transfers of interest in the above listed truckstops. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. The Palms Casino & Truck Stop, Inc. d/b/a The Palms Casino – No. 4400512740 - Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino – No. 4600515433. Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following proposed settlements and appeal in the following:

1. **In Re: Lowe McFarlane Post 14 American Legion, Inc. d/b/a American Legion Post #14 – No. 0904105323** - Motion by Mr. Gaston to approve the \$750.00 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Podruby, LLC d/b/a Pair of Dice – No. 2600115837** – Motion by Mr. Singleton to approve the \$750.00 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Jene G. Bowens – No. P040063992** – Motion by Mr. Patrick to affirm the Hearing Officer’s decision assessing the \$250.00 penalty for failure to notify the Division of an arrest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Berry to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.