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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 1996 MEETING

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Friday, October 11, 1996, 10:00 a.m., in Committee Room No. 6 of the Louisiana State Capitol. In attendance were board members Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; General Sherian Cadoria, Mr. Robert Fleming, Mr. Ecotry Fuller, Mr. Ralph Perlman, ex-officio member John N. Kennedy, Secretary of the Department of Revenue & Taxation, and Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington, Deputy Secretary, Department of Public Safety & Corrections.

Chairman Crain called the meeting to order and began by giving a statistical report on video poker applications. Chairman Crain explained that the files were being worked on and that the Board was getting them out as fast as possible.

Jenifer Schaye, Director of the Gaming Division in the Attorney General's Office, gave a statistical report on the riverboats, including the number of riverboat employees (15,851), and that the Board had licensed 26 key employees. Since the beginning of riverboat gaming in Louisiana, the state has licensed 18,804 riverboat employees.

She also reported on the task force's progress on the 15th license application, and the hearing officer process.

Bruce Mohon, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, spoke briefly about the two rules that were being proposed for adopting by the Board. Rule 109, provides for a fee to defray costs associated with the preparation of an administrative record from any person requesting a hearing or to whom a hearing has been afforded. Rule 110, provides for Quarterly Submissions from licensed operators' no later than 20 days after the end of each quarter.

Board member Robert Fleming moved for the adoption of these rules. General Sherian Cadoria seconded the move. The rules were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Crain proceeded with the next item on the agenda, and that was Hilton's request for a change of berth. He briefly stated that this item had been on the agenda before this Board but that the Board had decided to delay their vote in the matter due to a Grand Jury investigation that was pending in Missouri and involved the Hilton. Our own task force was sent to Missouri to conduct an investigation, and based on the results of that investigation the Chairman saw no reason to delay the matter any longer. He called upon Ms. Schaye to brief the Board on the findings of that investigation. Ms. Schaye called upon Sergeant Darryl Graham and Trooper Scott Reggio to give a more detailed explanation of the State Police's investigation in Missouri and it was concluded that there was no wrongdoing that had taken place on Hilton's part.

Jim Smith, attorney for the Hilton stated that the Hilton had nothing to add to the report present to the Board and would be willing to answer any questions that Board members might have

on this issue.

Board member Ralph Perlman made a motion to approve the Hilton's change of berth which was seconded by General Cadoria. Members voting in favor of Hilton's request were: Chairman Crain, General Cadoria, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Perlman. Voting against the request was Judge Robert Fleming.

The Board then granted two truck stop licenses by unanimous vote, one to Longwood General Store and Truck Stop and the other to Amar Oil Company D/B/A Swifty's Number 12.

Comments were taken from the public concerning the possibility of granting conditional video poker licenses to the applicants already on file. The Board decided to discuss this matter at a later time.

Judge Robert Fleming made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Fuller. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.