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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 1997 MEETING .

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Friday, April 18, 1997, 10:00 a.m., Senate Room A, Louisiana State Capitol. In attendance were Chairman Hillary Crain, Board Members James Boyer, Robert Fleming, Ralph Perlman, Sherian Cadoria, and ex-officio members Col. "Rut" Whittington and Sec. John Kennedy. Mr. Ecotry Fuller was absent from this meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and proceeded with the first item on the agenda, approval of minutes of February 20, March 6, and March 13, Board Meetings. It was moved by Ralph Perlman to approve the minutes and seconded by General Cadoria. Next on the agenda was the revenue report presented by Ms. Jenifer Schaye, Head of the Gaming Division of the Attorney General's office. She reported on the total taxes collected by the State for the 14 operating riverboats for the month, which amounted to \$21,232,492.35. Ms. Schaye stated the revenues remain very consistent in this fiscal year as compared to the previous fiscal year and that the Shreveport/Bossier area is the leading producer in revenue.

The next item on the agenda, consideration of Boomtown's request for modification of ownership with regards to the Skermetta interest, was removed to allow state police auditors additional time to prepare their report.

The Chairman then called upon Ms. Schaye to update the Board with regards to the settlement between Casino America and the State concerning Double Jackpots. This settlement involved approximately 6.9 million dollars.

Ms. Schaye then presented a report to the Board concerning the administrative procedures. She reported that the Board had hired an additional hearing officer, Judge Clayton James. She stated that 156 hearings had been conducted from September 23, 1996 through April 15, 1997. Ninety-one of those hearings were for riverboat employee licenses; 60 were for video poker licenses; 4 for riverboat violations, and 1 patron dispute. She also stated that the Board had issued 418 video poker licenses in all categories through April 15, 1997.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of licenses for three truck stops. Steve Ledet, Assistant Attorney General, and Trooper Gary Scioneaux with the State Police presented the Big Easy Truck Stop in New Orleans. After their presentation, Mr. James Boyer moved to approve the license and was seconded by General Sherian Cadoria. The Board unanimously approved the license of the Big Easy Truck Stop.

Mr. Wade Duty, Asst. Attorney General and Sgt. Jules Pinero presented The Derrick Truck Stop in Shreveport. The Board unanimously approved the modification of ownership of the Derrick Truck Stop.

Mr. Leonce Gautreaux and Trooper Gary Scioneaux once again addressed the Board regarding New Orleans Truck and Travel Truck Stop located in New Orleans East. After their presentation, Judge Robert Fleming moved to approve the license and was seconded by Mr. James Boyer. The Board unanimously approved the license of New Orleans Truck and Travel Truck Stop.

The Chairman then briefly spoke about the land-based casino. He stated that the Board would meet on April 29 to vote on the operating agreement. He then proceeded with the next item on the agenda, consideration of amendment of rule 1701 regarding gaming area under riverboat rules. The purpose of this was to clarify how square footage would be calculated on riverboats. Mr Tom Warner, Assistant Attorney General, briefly discussed this rule. James Boyer moved to institute the rule-making procedure and was seconded by General Cadoria. The Board unanimously voted to institute the rule-making procedure.

Mr. Earl Millet, and Carl Reily with the Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation made a presentation relative to withholdings of Louisiana income tax on casino winnings.

The Board went into Executive Session and thereafter returned to the regular session.

It was moved by Mr. Ralph Perlman and seconded by General Cadoria to adjourn. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.