

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL RIVERBOAT COMMISSION**

**January 28, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.
Group Benefit Partners Offices
FORT MADISON, IOWA**

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by David Schwarz, president (K).

Commissioners Present:

Dave Walker (BRL), Terry Johnson (BRL), Jason Hutcheson (BRL), Chuck Kempker (FM), Justin Pieper (FM), Kirk Brandenberger (K), and Dave Schwarz (K)

Commissioners Absent:

Joe Steil (K), Steven Link (FM)

Ex-Officio Member Present:

Matt Rinker (City of Burlington)

Ex-Officio Member Absent:

Tom Broeker (Des Moines County Supervisor)

Dave Schwarz welcomed Matt Rinker as the Ex-Officio representative of the City of Burlington.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

None

Chuck Kempker made a motion to approve the October 22, 2019 minutes, seconded by Justin Pieper. The minutes were approved by the commission by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER REPORT:

Dave Walker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports for the months of October, November, and December. Second by Kirk Brandenberger. The reports were approved by a unanimous voice vote of the commission.

Dave Walker distributed the annual audit report completed by CPA Associates. After review by the commissioners, Terry Johnson made a motion to accept the audit, seconded by Jason Hutcheson. The audit report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the commission.

Dave Walker stated that the signature card for the checking account at Two Rivers Bank needs to be updated. Steve Staebell resigned from the commission due to the new residence requirements so he needs to be removed. Terry Johnson made a motion that the commission President, Vice President, and Treasurer sign the signature card. Chuck Brandenberger seconded the motion. The commission passed the motion with a unanimous voice vote.

CATFISH BEND CASINOS L.C. REPORT:

There was no representative from Catfish Bend Casinos present. David Schwarz distributed the current promotional brochure from the Casino. Schwarz also read from notes from the Casino that stated that 3 month revenues were up compared to same period last year. Players club promotions are being enhanced. Representatives from the Casino met legislative members to discuss gaming issues, including the possibility of phasing out the promotional play tax.

COMMISSIONER LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT AND LICENSING:

Dave Schwarz stated that letters of appointment have been received from all three communities for the commissioners.

Those commissioners whose licenses are due for renewal were asked to complete the process by January 31, 2020.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Dave Schwarz asked for nominations for commission officers. The following names were placed in nomination:

President: Dave Schwarz, nominated by Terry Johnson, second by Kirk Brandenberger
Vice President: Justin Pieper, nominated by Kirk Brandenberger, second by Jason Hutcheson
Secretary: Terry Johnson, nominated by Dave Walker, second by Jason Hutcheson
Treasurer: Dave Walker, nominated by Kirk Brandenberger, second by Jason Hutcheson

With no further nominations, the nominees were elected by unanimous voice vote of the commission.

BYLAW REVISIONS:

Discussion of bylaw changes was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was reported that the next meeting will be April 28, 2020 at Group Benefit Partners in Fort Madison at 4:45 p.m.

Justin Pieper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with second from Kirk Brandenberger. The motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Johnson
Secretary
Southeast Iowa Regional
Riverboat Commission

