

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

**October 27, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.
Quality Inn & Suites, Blackhawk Room
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), Jason Hutcheson (BRL), Chuck Kempker (FM), Justin Pieper (FM), Kirk Brandenberger (K), Dave Schwarz (K), Joe Steil (KK) – via phone

Commissioners Absent:

Terry Johnson (BRL), Steven Link (FM)

Ex-Officio Member Absent:

Tom Broeker (Des Moines County Supervisor), Matt Rinker (City of Burlington)

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

None

MEETING MINUTES:

Dave Walker made a motion to approve the July 28, 2020 minutes, seconded by Chuck Kempker. 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 July, August, and September. Second by Kirk Brandenberger. The reports were approved by a unanimous voice vote of the commission.

CATFISH BEND CASINOS L.C. REPORT:

Rob Higgins, General Manager, reported:

Much of the Casinos operations have remained the same from the last report.

- Limited hours Sunday to Thursday and Friday and Saturday 10AM–2AM.
- Hours for Thanksgiving will be extended.
- Table game revenues in June through September were almost the same as 2019 same period.
- The current spike in Covid-19 has slowed revenues in August and September.
- Catfish is contemplating a mandatory mask requirement with all guests.
- The current spike in Covid-19 has slowed revenues in August and September.
- Catfish has added 1,982 new card members.
- Coin revenues have been strong and promotions are scheduled for October, November, and December.
- Upcoming legislative items were discussed including possible relief tax changes and approval of the online PointsBet App.
- I-Gaming is close to signing an agreement with an online gaming partner.

DCI BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSE:

Dave Schwarz reported that the annual DCI Business Entity License Class D Update was completed and notarized. Dave met with Jonah Grier on 8/24/20, who reviewed and approved the application.

ADJOURNMENT:

Justin Pieper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with second from Joe Steil. The motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021. Due to the Covid-19 issues, the meeting location will be announced in January. The meeting time remains the same at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Schwarz
President
Southeast Iowa Regional
Riverboat Commission