

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

**January 20, 2015 at 4:45 P.M.
The Ivy - Fort Madison
FORT MADISON, IOWA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Chairman Steve Staebell.

Commissioners Present:

Steve Staebell, Steve Link, Dave Walker, Terry Johnson, Dave Schwarz and Jim Platt

Guests:

Rob Higgins, Great River Entertainment
Jerry Baum, Great River Entertainment
Jeff Hunt, Reporter from the Daily Democrat

- II. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:**

NONE

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 21, 2014 MEETING:**

Jim Platt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting, that motion was seconded by Terry Johnson. The Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote

- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dave Walker, Treasurer, discussed the **October Treasurer's Report**. Dave Walker made a motion to approve said Treasurer's Report, and Dave Schwarz seconded said motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Dave Walker, Treasurer, discussed the **November Treasurer's Report**. Dave Walker made a motion to approve said Treasurer's Report, and Steve Link seconded said motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Dave Walker, Treasurer, discussed the **December Treasurer's Report**. Dave Walker made a motion to approve said Treasurer's Report, and Jim Platt seconded said motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

V. CATFISH BEND CASINOS L.C.REPORT:

Rob Higgins addressed the Commission to deliver his report. He indicated that Catfish Bend Casinos, LC ("Catfish") had a nice run at the end of 2014, after getting off to a slow start. Higgins indicated that Catfish was one of the few casinos in the state whose numbers improved from 2013 to 2014.

Higgins indicated that Catfish had some nice promotional events that are designed to increase gaming - specifically, a snow blower promotion in January and a Jewelry promotion in February in conjunction with Becker Jewelers.

Higgins explained to the Commission that they had a very successful Christmas show featuring Lee Greenwood. The show was sold out.

Higgins discussed the on going renovations at the facility; specifically he spoke about the new HVAC/air filtration system that would be completed soon.

Catfish will revise its hours of operation for Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day.

Higgins informed the Commission that Bob Winkler will be retiring and that his last day will be February 12, 2015. There will be a reception at the facility on February 2, 2015 from 3pm to 6pm to thank Bob for his efforts.

VI. KEOKUK COMMISSIONER OPENING

The Commission then discussed the addition of a new Commission from Keokuk to replace the late Mark Meinhardt's seat. Dave Schwarz informed the Commission that Kirk Brandenberger would be filing that role.

VII. LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT FROM ENTITIES

All of the entities that comprise SIRCC have submitted letters of appointment for SIRRC. All current commissioners will be retained, with the exception of Kirk Brandenberger, see above.

2014 AUDIT

Each Commissioner was provided a copy of the Independent Auditor's Report and the Audited Financial Statements that were prepared by CPA Associates. Terry Johnson made a motion to accept the Report and Financials, and Dave Schwarz seconded said motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Not yet a member

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following slate of candidates for SIRRC officers was presented to the board:

President – Steve Staebell

Vice President – David Schwarz

Treasurer – Dave Walker

Secretary – Sharon Scholl-Nabulsi

Steve Link made a motion to approve the slate of officers listed above. Jim Platt seconded said motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IX. LICENSE RENEWAL – Commissioners were given the renewal applications.

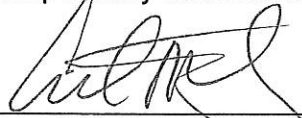
X. OTHER BUSINESS – HOURS OF OPERATION

Jim Platt made a motion to approve the change in the hours of operation that was presented by Rob Higgins. Terry Johnson seconded said Motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

→ what were the changes?

XI. ADJOURNMENT - There being no other business to be considered by the commission, Terry Johnson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Dave Schwarz seconded said motion. The motion carried upon unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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