

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

**January 26, 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 (KK), Dave Schwarz (KK), 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 October 27, 2020 minutes, seconded by Joe Steil. 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 Justin Pieper. The reports were approved by a unanimous voice vote of the commission.

**CATFISH BEND CASINOS L.C. REPORT:**

Rob Higgins, General Manager, reported:

The Casino operations have seen some changes from the last report.

- The daily hours will be 10AM–2AM including Thanksgiving.
- Masks will remain mandatory.

- Table game revenues are up.
- January to mid-March 2020 compared to 2019 are also up in sales.
- June through December – sales were the same as last year to date.
- Overall sales in 2020 increased by 2 percent.
- The Pzazz hotel is closed for renovations.
- Sports betting; the in-person registering is no longer required.
- Legislative items were discussed and updates on Promo-Play, I-Gaming, and Points Bet.
- The first 25 days in January have been very strong.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

A motion was made by Chuck Kempker to retain the existing officers from the prior 2020 year. The officers nominated are:

President: Dave Schwarz  
 Vice President: Justin Pieper  
 Secretary: Terry Johnson  
 Treasurer: David Walker

After a brief discussion and approval from the officers, a second was made by Jason Hutcheson. There were no other nominations, and the nominees were elected by unanimous voice vote of the commission.

A motion was made by Justin Pieper and a second by Jason Hutcheson to authorize CPA Associates to complete the annual 2020 SIRRC audit. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chuck Kempker 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 5:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 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