

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

**July 28, 2020 Quality Inn – Blackhawk Room**

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 pm

Commissioners Present:

Jason Hutcheson (Brl), Kirk Brandenberger (KK); Terry Johnson (Brl); Dave Schwarz (KK); Chuck Kempker (FM); Dave Walker (Brl); Joe Steil (KK) – via phone

Absent: Matt Rinker (Brl); Tom Broeker (Brl); Steve Link (FM); Justin Pieper (FM)

Guests:

Rob Higgins – General Manager, Catfish Bend Casinos

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:**

None

Chuck Kempker made a motion to approve the April 28, 2020 minutes, seconded by Terry Johnson, the minutes were approved by the commission by unanimous voice vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

A. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Jason Hutcheson made a motion to approve the financial reports, said motion was seconded by Terry Johnson.
- b. Report passed on unanimous voice vote.

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

Rob Higgins, General Manager, reported:

- Opened the Casino and giftshop on June 1 and have been open 7 days per week.
- Prior to opening of the facilities, Catfish worked closely with the DCI to approve and implement operational plan after the casino was allowed to open.
- Some of the items discussed included:

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- Dealers and players would wear masks
- No smoking
- Dealers now wear shields + mask to allow for 4 players per table
- Extensive COVID-19 Training for employees
- Plexiglas between progressive and linked slot machines
- ALL Staff wears masks
- Check Temperatures of all employees
- Continue to update safety protocol as needed.
- Extensive cleaning of facilities
- Higher performing machines – plexiglass installed
- Since reopening in June 1, 2020
  - Coin in revenue was \$37M v Last year \$31M
  - Less machines and limited times
- Casino Revenue was \$3.9M in June of 2020 v \$3.2M last year
  - Table Games
    - Limited time and limited play
    - \$245k revenue in June 2020 v. \$273k last year
- First 26 days in July
  - Numbers have tapered
  - \$28M in July v. \$27M in 2019
  - Casino Rev \$2.9 v. \$2.6M in 2019
- Sportsbook opened July 16
- Boogaloo, arcade, bowling and go-carts opened since June.
- No poker or buffet, yet due to social distancing
- Employees have adjusted

### **DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS INSURANCE RENEWAL, SEPTEMBER 2020**

Dave Walker made a motion to authorize the payment of \$1,500 to renew the Commissions' Director and Officers' Insurance for another year with its existing carrier, said motion was seconded by Terry Johnson; The motion passed by unanimous voice vote, except Jason Hutcheson abstained from all discussion and the vote.

### **BY-LAW CHANGES**

The undersigned will work with Chairperson to prepare proposed by-law changes so that they can be presented at the next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Commission, Kirk seconded said motion.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Adjourned at 5:16pm

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**Next Meeting:           October 27, 2020,  
                                  Group Benefit Partners, 914 Avenue G, Fort Madison, IA**

Respectfully submitted,



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