

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

April 28, 2020 via ZOOM CALL

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Commissioners Present:

Jason Hutcheson (Brl), Kirk Brandenberger (KK); Joe Steil (KK); Terry Johnson (Brl); Dave Schwarz (KK); Steve Link (FM); Chuck Kempker (FM); Dave Walker (Brl); Justin Pieper (FM); Matt Rinker (Brl); Tom Broeker (Brl)

Guests:

Rob Higgins – General Manager Catfish Bend Casinos

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

None

Chuck Kempker made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 minutes, seconded by Kirk Brandenberger, the minutes were approved by the commission by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- A. January, February, and March Financial Report
 - a. Dave Walker made a motion to approve the January financial report, said motion was seconded by Joe Steil.
 - b. Report passed on unanimous voice vote.

CATFISH BEND CASINOS L.C. REPORT:

Casino is still closed. Very interesting/trying times.

- March 17 – casino shut down
- Paid employees for 4 weeks after shutdown
 - 1. Then file for unemployment
 - 2. Focus was prevent employees from missing pay
- Kept some staff on during this time. Maintenance staff still working
 - 1. Gaming floor – lighting received maintenance.
- Working on 2 things
 - 1. Protocol moving forward
 - a. Safety of employees and customers
 - b. COVID 19 training before opening.
 - 2. What operations they want to open after

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3. PPP
 - a. Hotel and entertainment side was covered under PPP
 - b. Casino is still in flux due to number of employees.
- Legislative
 1. Promo Play tax – IRGC tax for every casino at 24% of free play. 27.5 + M promo play – no tax
 - a. This year working to get rid of that tax
 - b. Legislation for a 5-year phase out was being worked
 - c. Now, looking to eliminate tax all together.
 - d. State of IL eliminated that tax last year.

Hotels are open

- **75-80% occupancy in Comfort Suites**
- **Other hotels still open because difficult to shut down and open, than to keep open.**

License renewal – Justin reported that things went well.
2019 SIRRC Audit has been sent to IRGC

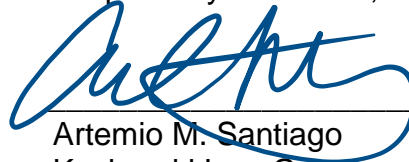
ADJOURNMENT:

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Commission, Justin seconded said motion.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote

Next Meeting: July 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,



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