

KANSAS RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

MINUTES – APRIL 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:
(A.)

Acting Chairman Dennis McKinney called the April 20, 2015, meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Eisenhower State Office Building at 700 SW Harrison, Auditorium A, in Topeka, Kansas. Commissioners R. Eileen King and David H. Moses were also present. Others present included Interim Executive Director/Director of Security Don Brownlee, General Counsel Judith Taylor, Director of Administration, Finance and Audit Brandi White, Director of IT and Electronic Security Dennis Bachman, recording secretary Chris Vega and other staff.

MOTION, APPROVE
AMENDED AGENDA:
(B.)

Commissioner King (Moses) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION, APPROVE
MARCH 13, 2015, MEETING
MINUTES:
(C.)

Commissioner King (Moses) moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION, APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA:
(D.)

Commissioner King (Moses) moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS; BOOT
HILL CASINO AND
RESORT:
(E.1.)

Sharon Stroburg, General Manager, reported:

- March 2015 revenue numbers compared to March 2014:
 - Total gaming revenue up 0.36%
 - Total slot revenue down 2.21%
 - Table games revenue up 15.09%
- Boot Hill Casino and Resort (BHCR) kicked off their new campaign of television ads, radio and print featuring Buck Taylor (from the television show Gunsmoke) as their spokesman to generate more tourism to Dodge City. The ads started airing in Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. The new tagline for Dodge City is “Where legends are made”. Ms. Stroburg brought different versions of the commercial and played them for the commission.

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS
STAR:
(E.2.)

Dan Ihm, General Manager, reported:

- March 2015 admissions were down 5.7% from March 2014.
- March 2015 revenue numbers compared to March 2014:
 - Total gaming revenue up 2.3%
 - Slot coin-in (handle) down 0.3%
 - Slot hold up .26 points
 - Table game drop up 9.2%
 - Table game hold down 1.5 points
 - Poker room revenue flat
- Upcoming events at the Kansas Star Casino Arena:
 - April 10-12 – USTRC
 - May – “Let It Ride” Youth Quarter Horse Assoc.
 - June – Credence Clearwater Revisited
 - June – Bellator MMA
- Upcoming events at the Kansas Star Casino Events Center:
 - April 25 – Man in Black
 - May 9 – Asian Variety show
 - May – Comedian Louie Anderson
 - May – The Temptations
- The Styx concert held on March 21st hosted 3300 patrons.
- The Championship Bull Riding held on March 28th hosted 3200 patrons.

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS;
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT
KANSAS SPEEDWAY:
(E.3.)

Bob Sheldon, General Manager, reported:

- March 2015 revenue numbers compared to March 2014:
 - Total gaming revenue was \$12.7 million, an increase of \$900,000.00 or 7.5%
 - Table games revenue was \$1.9 million, an increase of \$261,000 or 16.1%.
 - Slot revenue was \$10.8 million, an increase of \$632,000.00 or 6.2%
- Hollywood Casino had a Friday evening drawing for a total of \$5,000 in prizes. Additionally a lucky patron hit the Superstar Reels promotion prize of \$23,600 on the last day of March.

COMMISSION ITEMS –
OLD BUSINESS;
(F.)

There were no old business items.

COMMISSION ITEMS –
NEW BUSINESS;
(G.1.)

Interim Executive Director Don Brownlee reported on staff out-of-state travel, licensing and illegal gambling.

PUBLIC COMMENTS;
(H.)

There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS;
(I.)

Interim Executive Director Brownlee, reported:

- The number of participants enrolled in the Voluntary Exclusion Program for the month of March was down compared to prior months.
- KRGC's financial report compares favorably to prior year and prior months.
- The Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board (LGFRB) applicants presented their proposals on April 15th, with the Lottery set to act on said proposals on April 24th.
- The next few KRGC meetings scheduled are as follows:
 - May 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
 - June 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
 - The special KRGC meeting to receive the selected southeast gaming zone applicant's background report and vote on the LGFRB's selection was moved from July 1, 2015 to July 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
 - The July 16, 2015 meeting moved to July 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE
SESSIONS:
(J.)

Acting chairman McKinney moved for the commission to go into executive session for the purpose of (1) attorney/client privilege and (2) reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. Those included in the executive sessions were the commissioners, interim executive director/director of security and general counsel. The total time for the executive sessions was anticipated to be thirty-five minutes preceded by a short break. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. Acting Chairman McKinney (King) made a motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 1:48 p.m.

RECONVENE
The commission meeting returned to open session at 2:34 p.m. with all members present.

MOTION TO DENY AND APPROVE LICENSE APPLICATIONS (K.)
Commissioner King (Moses) moved to *deny* two license applications and *approve* the remaining 201 license applications from the April 20, 2015 list of background reports referred to the commission for action. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:
Acting chairman McKinney moved for the commission to go into executive session for the purpose of (1) attorney/client privilege. Those included in the executive sessions were the commissioners, interim executive director, general counsel and enforcement attorney. The total time for the executive sessions was anticipated to be ten minutes. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. Acting Chairman McKinney (King) made a motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 2:37 p.m.

RECONVENE
The commission meeting returned to open session at 2:54 p.m. with all members present.

MISCELLANEOUS
Commissioner Moses will be the presiding officer over the hearing regarding Eugene Barr.

ADJOURN: (L.)
Acting Chairman McKinney declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

R. Eileen King
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dennis McKinney
Acting Chairman