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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 11, 2001

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Hensley called the meeting of June 11, 2001 to order at 1:10 pm.
Commissioners present: Arlo E. Smith, J.K. Sasaki, Michael C. Palmer and John E. Hensley.
Staff present: Robert Traverso (Interim Executive Secretary),
Peter Kaufman (Legal Counsel loaned by the Attorney General's Office).
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the May 30, 2001 Commission Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Item 1. Cardroom License/Permit Applications

The Commission considered the following applications for action:

- Cardroom Work Permit Applications:
 - California Grand Casino:
Kin-Moon Tang
 - Central Coast Casino:
Damen Hess
Briana Sather
- Cardroom Key Employee Applications:
 - Artichoke Joe's Casino:
Jeff Morena
Michael Sullivan

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- Cardroom License Application:
Al's Cardroom: Alfred Hester, Sole Proprietor
Diamond Jim's Casino (was Sal's Town Casino): Wizard Gaming Inc.
- Cardroom License Renewal Application:
Rogelio's Inc., a California Corporation
- Cardroom Request for Approval of Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation:
Garden City Card Club

Robert Traverso indicated that Diamond Jim's Casino required additional information and should be rescheduled for consideration at the next meeting. Commissioner Smith motioned and Commissioner Sasaki seconded that Diamond Jim's Casino license application be rescheduled for consideration to the next Commission meeting. By unanimous vote, this item will be rescheduled.

Robert Traverso indicated that the Commission has five work permit applications, one license renewal application, and 1 license application for the parties named in the notice of meeting and that all of these applications are recommended by the Division of Gambling Control for approval. Chairman Hensley asked if there were any appearances in connection with any of these 7 applications. There being no appearances, Chairman Hensley indicated that the Commission may wish to take up these 7 applications on a consent basis. Commissioner Smith moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded to adopt the recommendations of the Division to grant the issuance of licenses/permits discussed above. By unanimous vote, the licenses/permits identified above were approved.

Item 2. Cardroom License Approval Process (including Temporary Licenses)

Robert Traverso indicated no staff report was available at this time. Discussions would be rescheduled to the next meeting.

Item 3. Update on Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Distribution Issues

Robert Traverso indicated the Indian Gaming Section within the Department of Justice had been asked to respond with regard to the three tribes with land in California and Arizona and the status of the Capitan Grande Tribe. The Commission has received the requested information from the tribes. Traverso also indicated the second report to initiate distribution to the non-gaming tribes has gone forward to the Department of Finance and anticipates it will be forwarded to the Legislature this week. Funds for the three tribes are included in the report, pending a decision by the Department of Justice. This item is continued to the next meeting.

- Jane Zerby, an attorney, indicated the May 30, 2001 Commission Minutes indicated the Commission accepted staff's recommendations concerning the distribution. Traverso re

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sponded that the report had been forwarded to the Department of Finance who then transmits the report the Legislature.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Diane Vitols, attorney for the Viejas Band submitted written comments regarding the Capitan Grande Reservation that no longer exists.
- Tony Cohen, attorney, referenced Sweeny's article of June 9, 2001 which referred to an internal Commission memo and asked if it had been released or not. He indicated he would like a copy of the memo. Commissioner Hensley indicated the memo had not been released and was considered a internal confidential legal document drafted by our attorneys. Cohen indicated there were serious mis-facts in this article.
- Cherie Williams, Alturas Rancheria, asked if the distribution has gone forward and when would the Legislature take action? Traverso indicated the Legislature had 30 days to act and he thought the report had been forwarded by Finance toward the end of May.
- Jane Zerby attempted to clarify the process. Commissioner Hensley indicated the Governor's Office required the report go through the Department of Finance before it goes to the Legislature.
- Frank Lawrence, attorney, asked upon what basis the report must go through the Department of Finance. Traverso indicated it was based upon direction from the Department of Finance.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Hensley announced that the Commission would be going into closed session to discuss litigation issues. At 1:30 pm, the Commission adjourned to closed session after Legal Counsel, Peter Kaufman indicated discussions concerning litigation would take place under Government Code Section 11126(c) and 11126(e), and personnel issues under Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Hensley reconvened the open session at 1:35pm. He indicated that there was nothing to report. Commissioner Sasaki moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned 3:35pm.