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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2001

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Hensley called the meeting of August 8, 2001 to order at 1:10 p.m.

Commissioners present: John E. Hensley, J.K. Sasaki, and Michael C. Palmer. Commissioner Arlo E. Smith was absent.

Staff present: Gary Qualset, Deputy Director, Licensing and Compliance Division
Peter Melnicoe, Chief Counsel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the July 25, 2001 Commission Meeting Minutes with the noted change that the Commission meeting schedule would be published, but subject to change. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Item 1. Cardroom Request for Approval of Sale:

- a. Sals Town by Wizard Gaming, Inc.

Item 2. Cardroom Request for Approval of Gambling License:

- a. Diamond Jim's Casino: Wizard Gaming, Inc.

Deputy Director Qualset stated that both Items 1 and 2 were placed on the agenda in anticipation of information from the Division of Gambling Control. Mr. Qualset asked the item be tabled until the needed information is received.

Commissioner Hensley moved to table the item. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Item 3. Cardroom Approval of Work Permit Application

Deputy Director Qualset stated that for the record, Galdina Marciel's name had been misspelled in the agenda and should be corrected for adoption. He further stated both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommended approval of the following work permit applications:

- a. Jokerz Wild:
 Marciel, Galdina
 Spirlock, Dan
- b. The River Card Room:
 Favela, Jesus

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the above work permit applications. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Commissioner Hensley indicated he was aware of the need to move temporary work permit issues forward. He further indicated this topic will be on the next Commission meeting. The Commission will be meeting with the Division of Gambling Control and is aware of the need to resolve any issues as quickly as possible.
- Deputy Director Qualset indicated the Commission is in the final stage of verifying information for the issuance and distribution of checks from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. He indicated staff is verifying names and addresses for the release of checks that will be sent through registered mail. Once the information is verified, it will be forwarded to the State Controller's Office for payment, which could take up to ten days.
- Cherie Williams, Alturas Rancheria, asked for an update on distribution of the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund, specifically when the checks would be distributed. Deputy Director Qualset indicated the checks should be distributed in two to three weeks, if not less. She also asked how much more the non-gaming tribes would be receiving. Commissioner Hensley indicated he could not estimate the amount, but checks would be issued on a quarterly basis.
- John Sustaita, Gambling Consultant, asked if the Commissioners were still making site visits with Tribes. Commissioner Hensley indicated yes and to work with the Commission office to schedule any meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- None

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Hensley announced that the Commission would be going into closed session and would reconvene at approximately 2:30 p.m. At 1:23 p.m., the Commission adjourned to closed session after Commission Counsel stated that 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).

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RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Hensley reconvened the open session at 2:15 p.m. and indicated there were no announcements. The next meeting would be scheduled for August 22, 2001. Commissioner Smith was present for the Closed Session discussion. Commissioner Sasaki moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.