

## MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

May 19, 2021

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for it's regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairman, Steve Smith, Pam DePriest, Jamie Anderson and Alex Blass.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, Violation Resume, Warning Letters and request for extension of inactive status letters. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve, Pam DePriest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Black announced that the next ABC Board meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is the third Wednesday of June and the meeting will be held in the 1515 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Little Rock, Arkansas.

First hearing on the agenda was for Ford Compton, Civil Axe Throwing located at 107 East Markham, Little Rock that applied for an on-premises wine and retail beer on premises permits. The applications were denied by the Director on February 24, 2021, based on the businesses activities would not comply with ABC Rules and it would not be to the public's convenience and advantage. Appeal was held at the April 21, 2021, it was determined that more information would be needed before a decision could be made by the Board, so the hearing was tabled until May 19, 2021. Applicant Ford Compton and Jared Welch appeared to testify. They discussed the safety measures and training of their employees and the proposed floor plan. After hearing the testimony, the Board upheld the Director's Decision to deny the permits for Civil Axe Throwing.

Second hearing on the agenda was for the first of two new retail liquor permits in Van Buren County, the number one applicant was Ann Kidd, Ann Kidd located at 15992 Highway 65, Lot 2, Damascus, Arkansas. Ms. Kidd and Mr. Trey Bailey testified for the business. Testimony was given by ABC Enforcement Agent Jody Dotson regarding the location and any traffic issues. Mr. David Byard was there to oppose the issuance of the permit. After hearing all testimony, the Board granted the new retail liquor permit for Ms. Ann Kidd, conditional upon completion of construction of the proposed premises and installation of a telephone with re-inspection by ABC Enforcement.

Third hearing on the agenda was for the second new retail liquor permit in Van Buren County, the number two applicant was Amie Hamilton located at 133 Beaver Road, Fairfield Bay. Ms. Amie Hamilton appeared for the business and answered any and all questions regarding the location. Agent Jody Dotson appeared to answer questions regarding the location and possible traffic issues. Mr. David Byard was there to oppose the issuance of this permit. After hearing all testimony, the Board granted the new retail liquor permit for Ms. Amie Hamilton, conditional upon completion of remodeling and installation of a telephone with re-inspection by ABC Enforcement.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.

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Freddie Black, Chairman

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Doralee Chandler, Director