

MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

October 13, 2021

On the 13th of October, 2021, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairman, Steve Smith, Jamie Anderson, Pam DePriest, 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 November 17, 2021.

ABC Rule changes made to Section 1.19(3) authorizes Beer Wholesale permits to purchase beer, malt liquor, or spiritous liquor beverages, classified as ready to drink products containing spiritous liquor with a final finished product of no greater than 15% alcohol by weight, from a licensed manufacturer or importer and the sale thereof to persons holding permits to sell such products for consumption on or off the premises. The Board passed this rule with a 5-0 vote.

First hearing on the agenda was for Brenda Frye-Harris, The Seafood Bar & Grill, located at 616 North Main Street, Stuttgart, applied for a restaurant beer & wine (combo) permit. Application was denied by the Director on September 16, 2021, received opposition from the Prosecuting Attorney and information received from Chief of Police. Testimony was taken by the applicant Ms. Frye-Harris and Mr. Brent Holt testified in support. Chief of Police Mark E. Duke and Lt. Michael Wallace of the Stuttgart Police Department testified in opposition. After hearing all the testimony and reviewing all the evidence, the Board overturned the Director’s Decision and granted the permit with the stipulation that the business closes at 10:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 9:00 p.m. on Sundays.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.

Freddie Black, Chairman

Doralee Chandler, Director