

**ARKANSAS STATE RACING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2019, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Arkansas Racing Commission**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Chairman Alex Lieblong asked Arkansas Racing Commission Manager, Smokey Campbell to call roll. The following were in attendance.

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Present (x)</b>
Alex Lieblong, Chairman, Conway	X
Mark Lamberth, Batesville	X
Denny East, Marion	X
Michael Post, Altus	
Steve Landers, Little Rock	X
Bo Hunter, Fort Smith	X
Butch Rice, Beebe	X
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	
Smokey Campbell, Manager	
Nikki Langston, ARC	
Skip Ebel, Oaklawn	
Jennifer Rushin, DFA-EGS	
Bill Gossage, Gov. Office	
Jed Doro, Oaklawn	

Chairman Alex Lieblong noted a quorum and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 4, 2019 meeting. There were none noted.

Chairman Alex Lieblong requested the rulings from Southland; there were 3.

Chairman Alex Lieblong requested the rulings from Oaklawn; there were 6.

Commissioner Mark Lamberth made a motion to approve the Ruling of the Judges at Southland. Commissioner Steve Landers seconded the motion; Motion Passed

Commissioner Bo Hunter made a motion to approve the Ruling of the Stewards at Oaklawn. Commissioner Denny East seconded the motion; Motion Passed.

**1) Consideration/ Approval of applications for Casino Gaming License in Pope County**

**Applicants:**

- **River Valley Casino Resort (Gulfside Casino Partnership)**
- **Hard Rock Arkansas (Tri-Peaks Entertainment Group, LLC)**
- **Diamond Ridge Casino & Resort (Cherokee Nation Businesses)**
- **Pope County Casino & Resort Proposal (Choctaw Nation- Tvshka Gaming, LLC)**
- **River Ridge Casino Resort, LLC (Kehl Family)**

Byron Freeland made two recommendations. One is that the five applicants being turned down as being incomplete for not having their required letters of support. The second recommendation is that if a letter of support is filed with the commission from an official in Pope County for an applicant, that all the other applicants be -- run a notice, and they have up to 90 days to file an application and seek a letter of support.

Commissioner Mark Lamberth made a motion to rule all 5 applications as incomplete. Commissioner Steve Landers seconded the motion; Motion Passed

Commissioner Bo Hunter made a motion to re-open the application process if a letter of support is received within 90 days. Commissioner Denny East seconded the motion; Motion Passed

Commissioner Steve Landers made a motion to refund the entire 250,000-dollar deposit check to all 5 applicants. Commissioner Butch Rice seconded the motion; Motion Passed

**2) Consideration/ Approval of application for Casino Gaming License in Jefferson County**

**Applicant:**

- **Saracen Casino Resort (Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma- Downstream Development Authority)**

Commissioner Steve Landers made a motion to approve the Downstream application. Commissioner Butch Rice seconded the motion; Motion Passed

**3) Consideration/ Approval of Oaklawn's Sports Wagering Launch Pad**

Commissioner Bo Hunter made a motion to accept Oaklawn's Sports Wagering Launch Pad. Commissioner Denny East seconded the motion; Motion Passed

*\*\*\*A copy of Oaklawn's Sports Wagering Launch Pad can be found attached to this document.*

**4) Consideration/ Approval of EGS Licenses**

- 1. Novomatic AG**
- 2. AGS LLC**
- 3. SBTech Malta Limited**

