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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2020**

The Arkansas Tobacco Control Board met on Thursday, June 4, 2020 for its monthly meeting in the Main Street Mall Building, located at 101 E. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Suite 119. There were 8 Board members present via Zoom. Those attending were Chairman Kevin Case, Dr. Brad Mayfield, Mr. Jay Hickey, Mr. Sam Stathakis, Jr., Dr. Patricia Knott and Dr. Shabbir Dharamsey. Mrs. Carol Dyer arrived late due to connection problem with Zoom.

Chairman Kevin Case opened the meeting with greetings to staff and board members. We had no attendees in the audience for this meeting. The Hearing Officer and Court Reporter were not present for today's meeting.

Chairman Case introduced our new Administrator Mike Moore.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Case asked for a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from March 5, 2020. A motion was made to approve the March minutes and it was passed with 7 yes votes with 1 absent.

CONSENT ORDERS

Super Food Services – Omaha, NE
Permit #13749-01
Case #2018-7733 – Selling below minimum

Patterson Food Services – Malvern, AR
Permit #965-04
Case #2019-6509 – Sale to Minor – 2nd offense

Both consent orders were presented to the board requesting approval. A motion was made to accept both cases and a blanket decision was made to approve with 7 yes votes and 1 absent.

WHOLESALE APPLICATIONS

Director Greg Sled presented 4 new Wholesale applications to the board for approval.

Good Time Products – Tempe, AZ

Higgins Wholesale Cigars, LLC – Tupelo, MS

McLane Express, Inc. dba The C.D. Harnett Co. – Weatherford, TX

Ecigrusa LLC dba Worldwide Vape Distributors – Dallas, TX

A motion was made and seconded. All 4 were approved with 7 yes votes and 1 absent.

NEW PERMITS ISSUED

Director Greg Sled asked the Board members to review the list of 88 new permits issued from March 5th through June 3rd, 2020. The new permits issued were approved by the board with 7 yes votes with 1 absent.

ACCEPTED OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT

Director Sled then asked the board members to review the list of Accepted Offers of Settlement dated April 2nd, May 7th and June 4th, 2020 which were approved by the board with 8 yes votes.

STIPEND AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR 2019

Director Sled requested approval from board members for the Stipend and Travel Expense payments for the year of 2019. Payments were approved by the board with 8 yes votes.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Director Greg Sled reported to the board for the enforcement department of the agency that for the months of March, April and May 2020 that our agents have not been able to work minors during this time due to the Covid 19 virus pandemic. Agents are performing alcohol application inspections and other duties that are allowed through social distancing.

We are also not allowed to do any Merchant Training classes during this pandemic, but Mandy Miller is in the process of organizing Zoom meetings to be held soon.

FDA ACTIVITY

Deputy Director Ray Owens reported that they were put on a stop work order for the last couple of months but hopefully will be released to go back to work approximated July 1st. They have completed their legislative audit and passed with no findings.

LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Lindsey Burnette reported the 1 appealed case has been dismissed by the court and it will be brought back before the board at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

In closing, Chairman Case stated that we will not have a meeting in July due to the holiday on the 4th and the next Board Meeting will be August 6, 2020. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. It was approved with 8 yes votes. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by

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