



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

April Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Gambling Commission Headquarters

Virtual Meeting

April 9, 2020

Commissioners Present:

Bud Sizemore, Chair (Via Skype)

Julia Patterson (Via Skype)

Ed Troyer (Via Skype)

Alicia Levy (Via Skype)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Senator Steve Conway (Via Skype)

Representative Brandon Vick (Via Skype)

Representative Shelley Kloba (Via Skype)

Staff Present:

David Trujillo, Executive Director; Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant; Jason Huggett, Information Technology Specialist.

Staff Present-Virtual:

Tina Griffin, Assistant Director; Brian Considine, Legal and Legislative Manager; Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison; Heather Songer, Public Information Officer; and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General.

Public Meeting Call to Order

Chair Sizemore called the public meeting to order via Skype at 10:05 AM. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Director Trujillo to call a roll to ensure we had a quorum. He then asked for a moment of silence to recognize law enforcement officers who were lost in the line of duty since our last meeting.

There were 68 people on Skype.

Tab 1

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented by staff.

Commissioner Troyer seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4:0

Tab 2

Presentation- Skokomish Indian Tribe Compact Amendment Hearing

Honorable Tom Strong, Vice Chari, Skokomish Tribal Council, David Trujillo, Director, WSGC and Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison, WSGC presented the materials for this tab. **Director Trujillo** explained the process regarding the Tribal and Amendment specifics. He gave a short overview of the commission, regarding the Tribal compacts. **Honorable Tom Strong** spoke about the Skokomish Tribe and their casino. **Tribal Liaison Lies** discussed the details of the Tribe's Class III compact amendment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Troyer moved to forward the proposed compact to the governor for review and final execution.

Senator Conway seconded the motion.

Director gave a role call and the following Commissioners and Ex-Officios voted

Commissioner Patterson – yes

Commissioner Levy – yes

Commissioner Troyer – yes

Commissioner Sizemore – yes

Senator Conway – yes

Representative Kloba – yes

Representative Vick - yes

The motion passed 7:0

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

Tab 3

Presentation- Financial Status

Christopher Stanley, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), WSGC presented the materials for this tab. **CFO Stanley** gave an extensive look at the Gambling Commissions current status regarding the pandemic and described in his opinion what the near future could look like with the state closures of small businesses. CFO Stanley will continue to present to the commission on a regular basis. **Senator Conway** asked that Director Trujillo and staff could write a letter to the national delegation for support regarding small businesses in Washington on how to recover from this closure. **Director Trujillo** agreed.

Public Comment

Rebecca Giden, Analyst for Eilers & Krejcik Gaming from California asked the commission to elaborate on the process to which tribal governments go about compact negotiations, and who they contact when they want to start tribal negotiations. Director Trujillo gave a quick background on our state compact amendment process.

In closing, **Chair Sizemore** mentioned that the May Gambling Commission meeting will be held virtually as well and the check the Gambling Commission website for details.

The commission meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Executive Session ended at 12:45 PM and the meeting was adjourned.