

## **TOBACCO CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 5, 2008**

The Tobacco Control Board met on Thursday, June 5, 2008 for its monthly meeting in the Main Street Mall building, located at 101 E. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Suite 401. There were 6 - Board members present – Mr. Mark Carter, Mr. Kevin Case, Mr. John Hauge, Mr. Steve Lightle, Mr. Gene McKissic, who arrived after the meeting began, and Mr. Ronald Rivers with 2 – Members absent - Dr. Tommy Wagner and Mr. Kevin Dedner.

Mr. Ronald Rivers, the Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He introduced and welcomed Mr. Steve Lightle to the Board, who is replacing Mr. Vince Macy. He asked for a motion to approve the May 1, 2008 board meeting minutes, which was made and approved with 5 – Yes votes and 3 – Members absent.

Mr. Arnie Jochums of the Attorney General's Office shared information with the Board regarding the filing of amendments to Rule 15, which was reviewed by the Arkansas Legislative Council and Joint Interim Committee on May 1, 2008. The amended Rule 15 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board was filed with proper agencies and became effective on May 22, 2008.

Mr. Rivers asked Mr. J.R. Thomas, the Director, to continue with "New Business". Mr. Thomas asked the Board to review and approve the "New Retail Permit Applications issued from April 29, 2008 through June 4, 2008". A motion was made and approved to that effect with 5 – Yes votes and 3 – Members absent.

The Director followed with a new Wholesale Cigarette and Tobacco Permit Application for Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas. After discussion, the Board was in agreement to table the application until the July 3, 2008 board meeting.

Mr. Thomas continued with the "Accepted Offers of Settlement Report" and asked for approval. After Board review, a motion was made and approved to accept the "Offers of Settlement report dated June 5, 2008" with 6 – Yes votes and 2– Members absent.

The Director reported Mr. Greg Sled, the Sales to Minors Enforcement Agent Supervisor, was out of state with an enforcement agent attending a conference. Therefore, there was not a report on Enforcement Activity for the last month. Ms. Mandy Miller gave an update on merchant education.

Mr. Thomas continued with a description and chart showing the changes for the meeting room regarding seating and tables for board meetings and merchant education training sessions.

Mr. Arnie Jochums, Assistant Attorney General, followed with a Court Update. He reported McLane Company has filed an amended complaint regarding a previously filed lawsuit.

The Director then announced this was the last meeting for Mr. Rivers, who has served on the Board since July 1, 1997 and as Chairman from December 2005 through June 2008. Mr. Thomas made a presentation to Mr. Rivers and expressed his appreciation to him for his years of service to the Board and State of Arkansas.

Mr. Rivers announced the next meeting date of July 3, 2008.

All the business of the Board had been conducted. The meeting was adjourned.

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