

## MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room 209. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner David Moe, Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston and Attorney to the Board M. Elizabeth Georg.

Chairperson Moe called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The Board will approve September thru December 2019 minutes at an upcoming meeting. No meeting was held in January.

There was general discussion before the hearings. The 2020 legislation for the Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2020 were assigned as HB 0786 and SB 0643. Statewide alcohol legislation was reviewed by the Board. The Board discussed submitting letters of opposition on HB 1046 that creates a MD alcoholic beverage license and HB 1435 that changes the alcohol awareness training requirements. The Board accepted and reviewed festival license pre-applications for the upcoming license year. McHenry Beverage was approved to apply for the Beer & Wine Festival License to be used on September 12, 2020. Short Story Brewing, LLC was licensed on January 1, 2020. Red Barn Events, LLC was licensed on January 2, 2020. Home Town Pizzeria, LLC's requested administrative items were reviewed and discussed by the Board and Ms. Georg. The American Legion Oakland Post #71 is considering switching the license to a Class D BWL On-Sale open to the public from a Class C BWL Club License. Chairperson Moe moved to approve the Class D should they want to apply. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz. Ms. Owston will follow up with them on the change in license class. If they decide to remain a Class C, they need to cease being open to the public. Sipside Lounge may be requesting license expansion approval to include outside lawn area. Oakland Country Club food and beverage manager is out for bid again. The Board discussed the potential applicants and the hearing deadline. Friendsville Liquor Store is planning on a BBQ caterer on site during river releases. They will not operate patio beverage service as in the past. They plan on selling drinks to go from the store. Ms. Owston informed Dr. Bennett that they must monitor the outside area. They were instructed to check with the Town of Friendsville on zoning conditions. Dr. Bennett said the Town said to check with the Board. The Board and Ms. Georg agreed that the Town of Friendsville must approve prior to the Board.

A Street Festival License hearing was held at 9:20 AM on the application submitted by the Oakland Community Foundation, Inc. Margaret Jamison, Tracy Harvey and Nicole McCullough are the applicants for the license. Ms. McCullough attended the hearing. The Street Festival License will be used for a wine walk during the annual Oakland Winterfest event on February 15, 2020. The event will be held throughout the downtown Oakland Arts & Entertainment District from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. They estimate approximately 300-400 people in attendance. Ms. McCullough discussed the details of the wine walk tasting event with the Board. The wine walk ticket cost will be \$15 for 12 1 oz. tastings. There will be six tasting locations with at least one server at each location with TIPS training. Ms. Owston and the Board mentioned their concerns for the event being conducted while some of the streets are open to vehicle traffic. Ms. McCullough mentioned the precautions that

will take place. She also stated that Alder Street would be closed to vehicles from Second Street to Third Street. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Street Festival License. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Moe and unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Moe made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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David L. Moe  
Chairperson

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March 13, 2020  
Date