

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 AM in the Garrett County Commissioners Public Meeting Room 209. Present at the meeting was Commissioner Lisa Herman, Commissioner Michael Fratz, Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston, and Attorney to the Board, M. Elizabeth Georg. Chairperson Moe was unable to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Herman called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets. The Board approved the June 8, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Fratz made the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Herman and unanimously approved. The Board approved the July 13, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Fratz made the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Herman and unanimously approved. The Board approved the August 10, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Fratz made the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Herman and unanimously approved.

There was general discussion before the hearings. Midway is still closed due to fire damage. They plan to open soon. MoonShadow zoning regulations and surrounding property owner concerns were discussed. The Grantsville Lions Club used one of their events at the Friendsville Days community celebration on August 19, 2023. The Mt. Maryland Dragon Boat Festival benefiting the Dove Center was held on August 25, 2023 at Broadford Lake Park. The administrative hearing was held on August 8, 2023. Another Dove Center administrative hearing was held on August 8, 2023 for a Per Diem license for the Festival of Trees on November 25, 2023 at the AG Heritage Hall. The Chamber of Commerce BAH event will be held at Beitzel Corporation on September 14, 2023. The Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival was held on September 8, 2023 and September 9, 2023 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The Deep Creek VFC will conduct their annual crab feast on September 16, 2023 at the fire hall in McHenry. Wilhelm Recreation will conduct their annual bull roast on September 9, 2023. Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival inquired about the possibility of a legislative change to allow a BWL Festival. Zip-eez's questioned the delivery of alcohol through Deep Creek Concierge. Ms. Owston said that third party delivery is prohibited in Maryland. Freedom AG & Energy inquired about whether they could apply for an alcoholic beverage license. They were informed that chain stores are prohibited from being licensed under the current statute. The 206 Alder restaurant has delayed their opening date from mid-September to late September. The 2024 LCB meeting dates were discussed. Ms. Owston asked the Board to consider meeting on January 2, 2024 or January 3, 2024 instead of January 11, 2024. The Board and Ms. Georg agreed to conduct the January meeting on January 3, 2024 at noon. Ms. Owston noted that the Maryland Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving prevention grant she applied for was awarded. The approved \$11,230.00 in grant funding will be used for several rounds of compliance checks, four TIPS for Concessions trainings, and a compliance check recognition luncheon that will include an ID training and a group MASTERS alcohol awareness training. The grant year starts on October 1, 2023 and ends on September 30, 2024. It was decided to reschedule the October LCB meeting to Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM to better accommodate the pending transfer application.

A new license hearing was held at 10:20 AM for a Special Class C Per Diem Multiple-Event (5) BWL License in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverages Article 21-1310. Applicants for the license are Mary Mateer Cummings, Amy Bortz and Fred Fox. The qualifying non-profit organization is the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival, Inc. The licensed events will take place throughout the year at the Garrett County Performing Arts Center or possibly at other non-licensed locations. Applicant Amy Bortz was present for the hearing. She provided details of their upcoming events to the Board. Ms. Owston reviewed the rules and regulations. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class C Per Diem Multiple-Event (5) BWL License effective July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman and unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Friday 13, 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Herman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz.

David Moe
Chairperson

October 13, 2023
Date