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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2021**

The Arkansas Tobacco Control Board met on Thursday, April 1, 2021 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 5 Board members present virtually via Go-To Meeting. Those attending were Chairman Gary Proffitt Jr., Mrs. Carol Dyer, Dr. Shabbir Dharamsey, Mr. Kerry Lott and Dr. Brad Mayfield. Mr. Sam Stathakis, Dr. Patricia Knott and Mr. David Hendrix, Jr. are not in attendance.

Chairman Gary Proffitt welcomed the staff and attendees in the audience. We did not have a hearing officer or court reporter for this meeting.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Gary Proffitt asked for a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from March 4th, 2021. A motion was made by Ms. Carol Dyer to approve the March 4th minutes and seconded by Mr. Kerry Lott. It passed with 5 yes votes and 3 absent.

WHOLESALE APPLICATIONS

Chairman Gary Proffitt presented 2 new Wholesale Tobacco and Vapor product applications to the board for approval.

1. Petrey Novelty Inc. – Luvern, AL
2. CTC Commissary, LLC – Bossier City, LA

A motion was made to accept #1 by Mr. Kerry Lott and seconded by Ms. Dyer.
A motion was made to accept #2 by Ms. Dyer and seconded by Mr. Kerry Lott

Both motions passed with 5 yes votes and 3 absent.

NEW PERMITS ISSUED

Director Doralee Chandler asked the Board members to review the list of new permits issued from February 26 - through March 29, 2021. A motion was made to accept by Dr. Shabbir Dharamsey and seconded by Dr. Brad Mayfield. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 3 absent.

ACCEPTED OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT

Director Chandler then asked the board members to review the list of Accepted Offers of Settlement dated April 1, 2021. A motion was made to accept by Dr. Dharamsey and seconded by Ms. Dyer. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 3 absent.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Director Chandler reported that retail compliance checks should be starting again in April. We also have our new tobacco attorney (Will Olsen) hired that will be starting on April 5th.

FDA ACTIVITY

No updates from FDA

LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Joe West had no updates for today. He announced today would be his last meeting to attend since we have hired a new attorney and extended his gratitude for letting him serve as our attorney during the time we were without.

OPEN FORUM

Chairman Gary Proffitt ask if there were any questions or comments from the board or audience. Ms. Dyer ask when we would be able to meet again in person. Dr. Dharamsey responded that we should wait until it was approved by the CDC.

ADJOURNMENT

In closing, Chairman Gary Proffitt stated that our next meeting is scheduled for May 6th, 2021. A motion was made to approve by Ms. Carol Dyer and seconded to adjourn. It was approved with 5 yes votes and 3 absent. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by

Pat Dykes

April 5, 2021

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