

Cumberland County ABC Board
April 14, 2014
Regular Meeting
Main Office, 1705 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304

PRESENT: Johnson Chestnutt, Chairman
Alice Stephenson, Vice- Chairman
Bob Lewis, Board Member
Wade Hardin, Board Member
Neil Yarborough, Attorney
Gene Webb, General Manager
Bill Belvin, Chief Law Enforcement
Rick Libero, Assistant Chief Law Enforcement
Carolyn Parker, Finance Officer/Secretary

ABSENT: Terri Thomas, Board Member

Mr. Chestnutt called the meeting of the Cumberland County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 6:00 PM to order.

Mr. Chestnutt asked were there any agenda adjustments. There were none.

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Required Reading

Mr. Chestnutt read the required reading statutes GS 18B-201. The Board members did not have any conflicts of interest pertaining to the meeting.

Mr. Chestnutt asked for the approval of February 10, 2014 minutes.

Mr. Lewis said he made the Motion on page 4 but did not make the Second. He asked that the minutes are corrected with Mr. Hardin making the Second to the Motion. Ms. Stephenson requested that her name is spelled correctly on page 4.

MOTION: Mr. Hardin moved to accept the February 2014 minutes as corrected on page 4 to change the Second from Mr. Lewis to Mr. Hardin and to correct the spelling of Ms. Stephenson's name.

SECOND: Mr. Lewis

VOTE: Unanimous

Law Enforcement Report

Mr. Chestnutt asked for the approval of the February 2014 and March 2014 Law Enforcement Reports in the package.

MOTION: Ms. Stephenson moved to approve the February 2014 and March 2014 Law Enforcement reports in the package.

SECOND: Mr. Hardin

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VOTE: Unanimous

General Manager's Report

Mr. Chestnutt asked for the approval of the February 2014 and March 2014 General Manager's reports.

Mr. Webb said the sales have been down. He said the *Business North Carolina* magazine reported that taxable retail sales are down for the state. Cumberland County is down 1.5%, Onslow County is down 1.9% and construction is down 70% which is the reason our sales are less than the State's average.

MOTION: Mr. Hardin moved that the Board accept the February 2014 and March 2014 General Manager's reports.

SECOND: Ms. Stephenson

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Personal Check Policy for POS

Mr. Webb said the Board averages 3 personal checks per month per store. The past year we have taken a total of 328 checks for a total \$13,167. We use TeleCheck to guarantee each check. Our cost from TeleCheck to accept these 328 checks for the year was \$3,603, which averages \$11 to process each check. The expense ratio average is 36.5% of the total dollars for checks received.

Mr. Webb recommended to the Board that we discontinue accepting personal checks for payment due to the low volume and the fixed fees which have made it too expensive to continue.

MOTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion to discontinue accepting personal checks for POS purchases effective May 1, 2014.

SECOND: Mr. Hardin

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Chestnutt asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:21 PM.

MOTION: Mr. Lewis moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Hardin

VOTE: Unanimous



Chairperson