

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg

Vice-Chair Richard Watts

Member George Anas

Member Richard Shin

Member Barbara Hill

Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator

Chris Beaver, Attorney

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

Kevin Hall, Inspector

Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Hill moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Shin moved to approve the minutes for October 10, 2024, and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Extension of Conditional Approvals**

The Creek – Arthur C. Brinkley and Celeste C. Baird - Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application.

Arthur Brinkley and Celeste Baird appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Baird explained that they are requesting another 90-days extension. Ms. Baird stated that they hope to have an opening date of February 1, 2025. Member Shin moved to approve the 90-day extension and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Applications**

McKay's Grapes, Grains, and Gatherings - Application for Thomas F. McKay to purchase a Class A-1 BWL license and t/a McKay's Grapes, Grains, and Gatherings (815 Market Share, LLC), 30005 Three Notch Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Thomas McKay appeared before the Board and was sworn in. A correction was made to the address from 37005 to 30005 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 by Mrs. Hildebrand. Mr. McKay stated that the grocery store was under construction and that he needs the Board's conditional approval in order to proceed with the store he is planning on building. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve a 180-day conditional approval and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

- **Premise changes**

WJ Dent and Sons/Chief's Bar – David Dent - Requesting permanent extension of premises of approximately 400 sq. ft. to include addition of a new walk-in box and include an existing exterior walk-in box.

David Dent appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Dent explained that he would like to withdraw his request for the addition of the new walk-in box and request approval for the existing exterior walk-in box only. Mr. Dent stated he will ask for approval for the new walk-in box in a separate application. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the permanent extension of the 100 sq. foot existing exterior walk-in box and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade Name changes**

Lundeberg Port-O-Call Bar - Removing John Hetmanski; adding John Clarence Wiegman IV

Member Shin made a motion to approve the deletion of John Hetmanski and add John Clarence Wiegman IV and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

Lex Wine & Spirits - Removing Van Thanh Huynh

Member Shin made a motion to approve the deletion of Van Thanh Huynh and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Legislative Proposals**

Licensed Beverage Association - Amending §28-1601 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article to lower the number of Class A liquor stores in the eighth election district.

Chairman Willenborg made a motion to provide support to the legislation and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Vote was 2:2, Chairman Willenborg and Vice-Chair Watts opposed. Member Shin abstained. A second motion was made by Chairman Willenborg to not send any input to the Board of County Commissioners on the legislation and was seconded by Member Hill. Vote was 3:2, Vice-Chair Watts and Member Anas opposed. Motion carried.

Department of Economic Development - Amending §28-1606 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article to include a multiple licensing plan for holders of Class B restaurant licenses.

Member Anas recused himself from discussion due to his wife working for the Department of Economic Development. Vice-Chair Watts moved to support the legislation and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that she is getting ready for Suzi's exit and they have already conducted interviews. Mrs. Hildebrand wanted to express her condolences for the passing of Mark Bailey who had been active in the alcohol industry and a member of the SMCLBA.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of October, Deputy Myers reported:

- 12 Alcohol Compliance checks –no violations
- 10 DUI's- Sheriff
- 2 Stationary Surveillance – no violations
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- RAST

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of October, Inspector Hall reported:

- 9 inspections, 2 follow-ups
- MALA Conference call

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

- Appreciation award for Suzan Dean retirement

Mrs. Dean was presented with a plaque and flowers as this was her last Board meeting before she is to retire on December 1, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Hill made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chairman