

MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members

FROM: General Manager

DATE: March 8, 2004

RE: Minutes of February 18, 2004 Operations Committee Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2004. Members present were Mr. Don Ayres, Mr. McGuire Martin, and Mr. Thom Blas. Also present were board members Mr. Jimmie Perkins and Dr. Thomas Campanella. Board member absent was Mr. Bill Griffith. Mr. Ayres, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order and presented the following item:

Item #1 – Staff Report on Lifeguard Program

Mr. Ayres noted that he had asked that staff present a report on lifesaving and beach safety. The Manager and Mr. Bob West, Public Safety Manager, reviewed the status of the recommendations by the United States Lifesaving Association, the history of the program, and planned future operations.

The Manager said staff recommended approval of the plan of operations for 2004, which includes establishment of standardized lifeguard uniforms, yellow lifeguard vehicles with emergency lighting and sirens, roving lifeguard patrols, and policies to accept donations, as well as continuation of the current three-flag beach safety warning system, and the Junior Lifeguard program. He said staff also recommended approval of the plan of operations for 2005, which includes year around lifeguard coverage (beach patrols in the off-season), establishment of the Lifeguard Training Academy and construction of the Public Safety facility at the site of the existing restrooms at Casino Beach. A discussion followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the committee unanimously recommended approval of the Lifeguard Program plan of operations for 2004 to include establishment of standardized lifeguard uniforms, yellow lifeguard vehicles with emergency lighting and sirens, roving lifeguard patrols, and policies to accept donations, as well as continuation of the current three-flag beach safety warning system, and the Junior Lifeguard program; and the proposed plan of operations for 2005 to include year around lifeguard coverage (beach patrols in the off-season), establishment of the Lifeguard Training Academy, and construction of the Public Safety facility at the site of the existing restrooms at Casino Beach. (3-0)

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Mr. Ayres commended the staff on their efforts with the Lifeguard Program.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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General Manager

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