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**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD**
Regular Meeting via Zoom
January 13th, 2023

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Clark, Muldoon, Edwards, Joyner, Molder, Craig, and Wilburn were present.

Assistant Attorney General Doug House was present. Board Staff was present.

Hearings

No Hearings.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes presented for previous meeting were approved. Joyner made motion to approve previous minutes and Wilburn seconded. Motion passed.

Old business

AG reported no appeal updates pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

The Chairman invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid since last meeting. Clark made a motion to approve expenses and Wilburn seconded. Motion passed.

Transfers- There were three (3) transfers.

License Suspensions and Terminations- There were 3 License Suspensions and Termination.

Previous months Forfeitures - New: Twenty-seven (27) New Forfeitures

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented.

The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, Clark made a motion that all forfeitures not paid in a timely manner, that a 10-day letter be sent to the company Molder seconded. Motion passed.

License Approvals:

There were three (3) license issued since last meeting.

Previous months vouchers paid Clark made a motion to accept previous months vouchers paid, Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agreement: A consent agreement was proposed to the board in the matter of Lynda and Niki Charles with Free at Last Bail Bonds on their federal conspiracy to commit mail fraud charges. The consent agreement was that Lynda and Niki Charles would surrender their bail bond license.

A motion was made by Muldoon to accept the consent agreement and Edward seconded. Roll call vote was taken and all board members voted unanimously to accept the consent agreement being sent to the Lynda and Niki Charles.

Clark brought up the facts about Fee at Last Bail Bonds, not having a licensed agent that is a resident of Arkansas. It was found by the APBBLB and Director that a current listed agent did not hold a driver's license and is not a resident of Arkansas. After a discussion with AG Doug House it was determined the board could suspend the company under emergency conditions pending a formal hearing in March board meeting.

A motion was made by Muldoon to suspend Free at Last Bail Bond under emergency conditions pending hearing at March board meeting and if Lynda and Niki Charles did not except the consent agreement in a timely matter, that along with the emergency hearing in March, the board would entertain revoking Lynda and Niki Charles of Free at Last Bail Bond bail bond license. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. All Board members voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new cases working and working with AG on previous cases. Informed board of upcoming training class that investigator is teaching.

Director's Report / Review:

Director reported Fund balances in Recovery Fund and Operations Fund. Reported that final letter to GM Bail Bond Band (Armstrong Bank) to collect remainder of Letter of Credit funds to pay outstanding forfeitures. Reported that Investigator and Special III (Licensing Specialist) will be attending Leadership Development training giving by the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing in January.

Public Comments:

John Keisling made comment about Free at Last Bail Bonds, sending out a letter letting the appropriate people aware of the suspension.

Meeting was adjourned.

Molder made a motion to adjourn, Joyner seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 10th day of February 2023 _____

Curt Clark, Chairman