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**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
November 12th, 2021**

Vice Chair Jim Ibison called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Curt Clark (via conference call), Jim Ibison, Kevin Molder, Clayton Edwards, and Linda Craig was present. Ricky Joyner was absent.

Assistant Attorney General Joe West was present. Board Staff was present.

Minutes presented for previous meeting were approved. Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes Molder seconded. Motion passed.

Hearings

No Hearings

OLD BUSINESS

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: There was zero (0) transfers. There were zero (0) agent suspensions or terminations. There were zero (0) reinstatement.

Appeal Update:

Assistant Attorney General provided an update on all cases under appeal.

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 Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Forfeitures - Open: Thirteen (13) New Forfeitures'

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, The Vice Chair Ibison called for motions made a motion and to send a notice 10-day letter for an immediate hearing those licensees whose forfeitures were not paid in a timely manner Edwards seconded. The motion passed.

License Approvals:

There were six (6) licenses issued since last meeting.

Continuing Education: Continuing education providers was present, John Kiesling education provider, Ronnie Minnick education provider and new education provider Myrtle Davis to present their education package for 2022 year. After a few questions for Ms. Davis the board took a vote to accept the Continuing Education Providers. Edwards made a motion to accept the providers and Molder seconded. Motion passed.

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new and pending cases.

Executive Director's Report / Review: Talked about update to the bond tracker software and the setting up the clearing house. Director turned the discussion over to Lance McGonigal and Steve Manatt of Bond Tracker to discuss the proposed changes to bond tracker. After a discussion by the board a motion was made by Vice Chair Ibison to go ahead with the update to the Bond Tracker Software at a price of \$5000.00 and to gather more information about the clearing house to present to the board at a later meeting. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed four (4) to one (1) with Ibison, Molder, Edwards, and Craig voting for the motion and Clark voting against.

Director brought up a concern by Chairman Curt Clark, whether a company owner with two or more companies, could allow an agent from one company to sit in the office of one of the other companies and write bonds. Director brought up there was no statute or rule that regulated this and pointed out in a previous meeting from August 8, 2003, that the same type of incident was brought before the board and was dismissed. Ibison said he remembered the complaint and said that as long as the agent did not write bonds on the other companies' bonds sheets, he did not see anything wrong with it. Clark disagreed and a discussion was had. No action was taken at this time by the board.

Public Comments: In public comment Jim Ibison owner of Bob Cole Bail Bonds informed the board and others present, he was retiring from the bonding industry, and this would be his last meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Ibison seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 10th day of December 2021 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman