

# Gambling Casino and Restricted License Study Committee Presentation

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission  
October 20, 2015

# What will be covered

- IRGC Structure and Responsibilities
- License Application Process
- License Criteria- Current Laws and Administrative Rules
- Questions



# Table of Organization



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**Brian Ohorilko, Administrator**

# Typical Commission Meeting Topics

## Annual Duties

- January – Horse season approval
- March – Excursion gambling boat & gambling structure license renewals, Greyhound season approval
- April – Financial statement review
- June – Regulatory fees
- July – Election of chair and vice-chair
- October - Racetrack enclosure license renewal

## Monthly Duties

- Request for transaction approval (RTA) review
- Alleged code violations by licensees (underage gambling, self-exclusions, gambling while visibly intoxicated)
- Appeals filed by licensees
- Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) proposed rule amendments
- Misc. business

# Commission Staff Located at Facility

## Gaming

- Responsible for monitoring the daily operations of a facility.
- Compliance functions including testing all slot machines and table games.
- Determine license eligibility of applicants.
- Responsible for issuing occupational licenses.
- Other auditing functions.

## Racing Stewards

- Responsible for all racing matters on a daily basis.
- Determine license eligibility of applicants.
- Officiate all pari-mutuel races.

## Racing Veterinarians

- Responsible for the health and welfare of the racing animals.



**Grand Falls**



**Isle of Capri  
Marquette**



**Wild Rose Emmetsburg**



**Diamond Jo  
Worth**



**Hard Rock  
Hotel &  
Casino  
Sioux City**



**Diamond Jo  
Dubuque**



**Wild Rose  
Jefferson**

**The Isle  
Casino  
Waterloo**



**Mystique/Dubuque  
Greyhound Park**



**Wild Rose  
Clinton**



**Prairie Meadows  
Racetrack & Casino**



**Isle of Capri  
Bettendorf**



**Harrah's  
Council Bluffs**



**Horseshoe  
Council  
Bluffs**



**Rhythm City  
Casino**

**Riverside  
Casino**



**Lakeside Casino  
Resort**



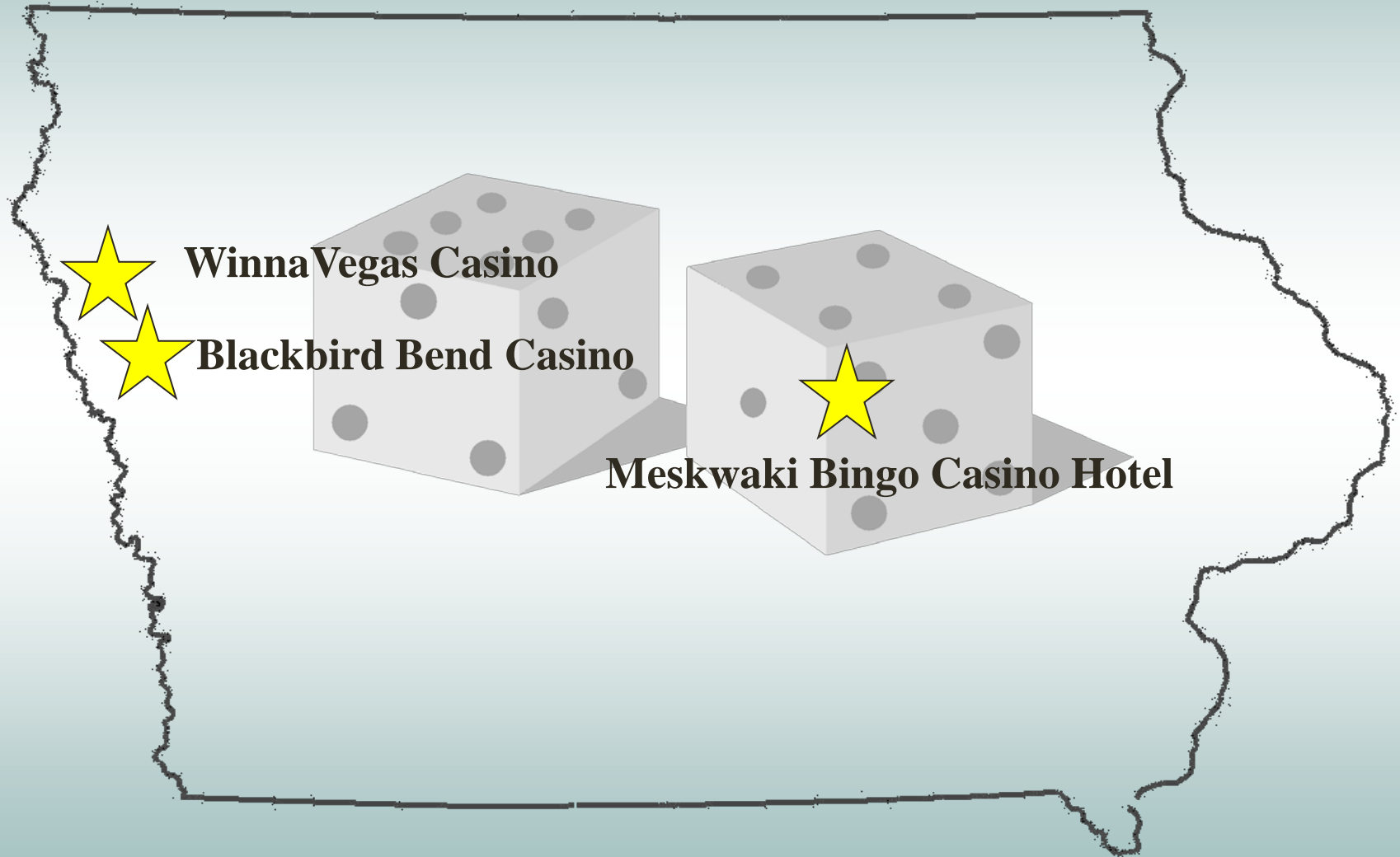
**Catfish Bend  
Casino**



**Ameristar Casino  
& Hotel**



# Tribal Gaming



# License Application Steps

- Examples discussed from instances in last 10 years (2005, 2010, 2013 Sioux City, 2014)
- All steps conducted at public Commission meetings
- Process last approximately 5-10 months after application filed
- Referendum
  - First step pursuant to 99F.7(11)a



# License Application Steps- Cont.

- Market study
- Public announcement of application process
- Applicant presentation on scope of projection
- Applicant presentation regarding financing
- Background report submitted by DCI
- Site visit for Commission members
- Public comment
- Question and answer session for Commission members
- Decision

# License Criteria- Iowa Code

- **99F.4 Powers.** The commission shall have full jurisdiction over and shall supervise all gambling operations governed by this chapter. The commission shall have the following powers and shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this chapter:
  - (1) To investigate applicants and determine the eligibility of applicants for a license and to select among competing applicants for a license the applicant which best serves the interests of the citizens of Iowa.
  - (25) To license the licensee of a gambling structure subject to the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter relating to gambling and as provided in section 99F.4D.
- **99F.7 Licenses — terms and conditions — revocation.**
  - (1) If the commission is satisfied that this chapter and its rules adopted under this chapter applicable to licensees have been or will be complied with, the commission shall issue a license for a period of not more than three years to an applicant to own a gambling game operation, to an applicant to operate a gambling structure, and to an applicant to operate an excursion gambling boat. ....The commission shall decide the number, location, and type of gambling structures and excursion gambling boats licensed under this chapter. ....

# Criteria for Granting Licenses

**Pursuant to rule 1.7(99F), the Commission will consider:**

Compliance with Iowa Code section 99F.4.

Gaming Integrity

Economic Impact and Development

Efficient and Safe Operation

Community Support

Nurture of the Racing Industry

Compliance with applicable state and local laws

Employ appropriate persons

Population of area facility will serve

Character and reputation

Promote gaming industry

Iowa tourism

Employment opportunities

Sale of Iowa products

# THANK YOU

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