## STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC,	)	
Petitioner,	)	
v.	)	No. 19-UP-006
Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC d/b/a ME Gaming,	)	
Respondent.	,	

RE: Lucky Dog's Pub & Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Dogs Pub and Eatery (Lic. No. 140702484)

## FINAL BOARD ORDER

This cause is before the Illinois Gaming Board (the "Board") pursuant to the Video Gaming Act (the "VGA"), 230 ILCS 40, and Section 1800.320(b) of the Board's Adopted Rules (the "Rules"). 11 III. Adm. Code 1800.320.

The Board has before it the entire record of Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner ("Accel") v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC dibia ME Gaming, Respondent ("Midwest") In Re Lucky Dog's Pub & Eatery. Inc. dibia Lucky Dogs Pub and Eatery ("Lucky Dogs"), Docket No. 19-UP-006. The record includes the Petition, all Responses, other documents properly submitted, the Administrator's Recommended Decision, and all filed Exceptions. After careful review and consideration of the entire record the Board hereby:

- (1) Declines to address arguments and allegations in Accel and Midwest's Exceptions that go beyond the scope of Rule 320;
- (2) Adopts the Administrator's Recommended Decision as a Final Board Order; and
- (3) Dismisses Accel's Petition.

This Final Order is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Review Law pursuant to 230 ILCS 10/17.1. The Board's Rules do not permit motions to reconsider this Order.

**VOTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE 2024** 

Charles Schmade e, Chairman	Dionne R. Hayden
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## **ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED DECISION**

This dispute comes before the Illinois Gaming Board (the "Board" or "IGB") under Section 1800.320(b) of the Board's Adopted Rules (the "Rules"). 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.320(b). This Recommendation issues pursuant to Rule 320(b)(6). 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.320(b)(6).

Petitioner Accel Entertainment, Inc. ("Accel") asks the Board to find that: (1) the August 25, 2014 agreement between Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC d/b/a ME Gaming ("Midwest") and Lucky Dog's Pub & Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Dogs Pub and Eatery ("Lucky Dogs") terminated on November 14, 2018; (2) the April 18, 2017 agreement between Accel and Lucky Dogs is valid and enforceable for the placement and operation of video gaming terminals ("VGTs") in Lucky Dog; and 3) Midwest must remove its VGTs from Lucky Dogs.

On February 21, 2024, Midwest on behalf of Lucky Dogs submitted to the IGB a request under Rule 555(b), 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.355(b), to surrender Lucky Dogs' Video Gaming Location License. As Administrator, I did not object to Lucky Dogs' request. Accordingly,

Lucky Dogs' license has been surrendered by operation of Rule 555(b). Thus, and because Lucky Dogs is no longer a Board licensee, I recommend the Board in its discretion decline to address Accel's Petition and enter an Order:

- 1. Dismissing Accel's Petition in the above-captioned matter; and
- 2. Directing that all further proceedings be cancelled, and this matter concluded.

Pursuant to Rule 320(b)(7), any party to this Petition wishing to file exceptions must do so by 5:00 p.m. central standard time on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after receipt of this Recommend Decision.

DATED: April 16, 2024 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARCUS D. FRUCHTER, ADMINISTRATOR ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

#### **SERVICE LIST**

Pursuant to Board Rules 1800.320(b)(12), and 1800.140, this Final Order is being served *via* email upon all parties of record to *Accel Entertainment, Inc.*, *v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC d/b/a ME Gaming, (Lucky Dog's Pub & Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Dogs Pub and Eatery)*, Docket No. 19-UP-006 at the following email addresses:

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Agostino Lorenzini, certify that on June 17, 2024, I served a copy of the attached Final Order to all parties of record in *Accel Entertainment, Inc.*, v. *Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC d/b/a ME Gaming, (Lucky Dog's Pub & Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Dogs Pub and Eatery)* Docket No. 19-UP-006 at the following e-mail addresses:

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