BOYD GAMING CORP

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BOYD WILLIAM S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOYD GAMING CORP [BYD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director X 10% Owner		
2950 INDUSTRIAL ROAD	04/27/2005	Officer (give titleOther (specify below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
V 10 VFG 10 VV 10100	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		

LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit r(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/27/2005		Code V M	Amount 79,666	(D)	Price \$ 8.375	14,335,445	I	Trust (2)
Common Stock	04/27/2005		S	79,666	D	\$ 54.68	14,255,779	I	Trust (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.375	04/27/2005		M	79,666	<u>(1)</u>	12/20/2006	Common Stock	79,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BOYD WILLIAM S 2950 INDUSTRIAL ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV 89109	X	X	Chief Executive Officer					

Signatures

Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Attorney in Fact for William S.
Boyd
04/29/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Options granted under Boyd Gaming Corporation 1996 Flexible Stock Option Plan. Vesting plan calls for options to become exercisable at the rate of 33.333% per year on the first day of each successive 12 month period commencing one year from grant date.
- (2) By William S. Boyd Gaming Properties Trust, of which reporting person is the trustee, settlor and beneficiary.

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