



## **NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION**

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**Gunner laCour**  
Director

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#### **NDRC Meeting**

**State Capitol Building, Fort Union Room  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND  
Monday, June 22, 2015 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)**

#### **Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jim Ozbun called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**Present:** Commissioner Mary Ann Durick, Legal Counsel Edward Erickson, Director Gunner laCour, and Administrative Assistant Gail Allensworth

**By Phone:** Chairman Jim Ozbun, Commissioner Steve Hartman, Commissioner Tom Senftner, and Commissioner Ray Trottier

**Others Present:** Marty Davis

#### **AGENDA**

1. **Approval of Minutes – May 28, June 5 and June 16 Meetings**
2. **New Service Provider & Account Deposit Wagering – License Application** - CW Technologies, LLC
3. **Safety Vests for Gate Crew**
4. **Website**
5. **Commission Staff Annual Compensation Review**
6. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
7. **Adjournment**

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Director laCour stated that the representatives from CW Technologies, LLC were unable to make the trip to North Dakota so item #2 was omitted from the agenda and will be addressed at a future Commission meeting.

Item #5: Commission Staff Annual Compensation Review - was moved to the second item on the agenda.

1. **Approval of Minutes – May 28, June 5 and June 16 Meetings**

Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the May 28 and June 5 minutes to review. The minutes from June 16 were not made available to the Commissioners before the meeting so they will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Durick and seconded by Commissioner Hartman to accept the minutes of May 28 and June 5, 2015, as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

2. **Commission Staff Annual Compensation Review**

Director laCour reported that the State has authorized all state employees are eligible to receive a 2 to 4% performance-based compensation increase for each year of the 2015-2017 biennium which has been fully accounted for in the Commission's budget. There is no cost of living increase provided for the next biennium. Director laCour gave Gail the full 4% increase for the next fiscal year. Discussion was held on Director laCour's performance over the last biennium. Chairman Ozbun recommended authorizing a 4% increase for Director laCour as well.

**A motion was made** by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Durick to approve a 4% performance increase for the current fiscal year for Director laCour. Ozbun –Y, Durick –Y, Senftner –Y, Hartman –Y, Trottier -Y. Motion passed.

3. **Safety Vests for Gate Crew**

Director laCour stated that he believes that the gate crew needs safety vests while operating the gates. He researched what the cost would be and estimated that he could procure 12 to 15 vests with certifications as recommended by Racing Commissioner's International at a total cost of no more than \$1,800 to be paid from the Promotion Fund. These vests would be provided as a grant to Chippewa Downs who would maintain the vests and be required to share them with Fargo. If a vest is destroyed beyond normal wear and tear or lost Chippewa would be required to repay the Commission for the vest.

**A motion was made** by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Senftner to approve purchasing the safety vests for the gate crew to be paid for out of the Promotion Fund. Ozbun –Y, Senftner –Y, Durick –Y, Trottier –Y, Hartman –Y. Motion passed.

4. **Website**

Director laCour provided an update on the progress of the new website. As the change to the website is mostly for the purpose of promoting racing in the state through better information dissemination, he requested that the Commission consider paying half the cost from the Promotion Fund as the purpose of the website is to further promote racing in the state through easier access to and dissemination of information. The estimate from ITD is \$8,198. Half the cost would be \$4,099.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Durick and seconded by Commissioner Hartman to approve paying half the cost of the website from the Promotion Fund. Durick –Y, Hartman –Y, Ozbun –Y, Senftner –Y, Trottier –Y. Motion passed.

5. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**

6. **Adjournment**

Chairman Ozbun requested the meeting be adjourned.

**A Motion was made** by Commissioner Senftner and seconded by Commissioner Hartman to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.