

NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION
New Event Center
1210 William Hardesty Street, Belcourt, ND
Thursday, June 3, 2021 – 1:30 p.m., Central Time

Minutes

Present: Chairman John Hanson, Commissioner Shane Martin, Legal Counsel Dave Schaibley, Director Jack Schulz, Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth, Safety Steward/Investigator Brian Burkett, Intern Oliver Garrison and Intern Jeremy Hautau

By Phone: Commissioner Tim Kreidt

Others Present: Leon Glasser, Doug DeMontigny, Joyce DeMontigny, Jamie Herman, John Bubel, Rod Smith, Leland Davis, Jason Smith, Terry Davis, and Marty Davis

Others by Phone: Trish Enger

Call to Order: Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes – March 18 & April 1, 2021 Meetings**
2. **New Racing Opportunities in North Dakota**
 - a. Chairman Hanson
 - b. Open Discussion
3. **Legislative Update**
 - a. Budget was Approved
 - b. General Fund Study and Report
 - c. Internships and One-time Funding
4. **2021 Live Race Meets**
 - a. ORDA (Chippewa Downs)
 - b. HRND (North Dakota Horse Park)
 - c. 2021 Horsemen's Banquet
5. **Administrative Rules**
 - a. Meeting Dates for Advisory Board
6. **Budget Items**
 - a. Promotion Grant Requests
 - 1) ND Horse Park
 - 2) ORDA

- 3) Office Relocation
- b. Executive Director Salary

- 7. **Breed Fund**
 - a. Pete Davis Breed Fund Registration Request
- 8. **Next Meeting Date**
- 9. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
- 10. **Adjournment**

- 1. **Approval of Minutes – March 18 & April 1, 2021 Meetings**
Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the minutes to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to accept the minutes of March 18 and April 1, 2021, as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote, the motion passed.

- 2. **New Racing Opportunities in North Dakota**
 - a. Chairman Hanson
 - b. Open Discussion

Director Schulz provided an update on the possible new racing opportunities in North Dakota. The Commissioners asked questions which Director Schulz answered.

No motions needed.

- 3. **Legislative Update**
 - a. Budget was Approved
 - b. General Fund Study and Report
 - c. Internships and One-time Funding

Director Schulz stated that the agency budget for the 2021-23 Biennium passed with a General Fund Study and Report added to the funding. In addition, one-time funding for Internships was funded for the 2021-23 Biennium and a Report is to be submitted to the Legislature on the how the funding was spent.

No motions needed.

- 4. **2021 Live Race Meets**
 - a. ORDA (Chippewa Downs)

Doug DeMontigny from Outdoor Recreation Development Association provided an update on the upcoming race meet at Chippewa Downs.

- b. HRND (North Dakota Horse Park)

Trish Enger from Horse Race North Dakota provided an update on the upcoming race meet at the North Dakota Horse Park.

- c. 2021 Horsemen's Banquet

The 2021 Horsemen's Banquet is to be held on July 31 at the North Dakota Horse Park about 45 minutes after the last race.

No Motions needed.

- 5. **Administrative Rules**
 - a. Meeting Dates for Advisory Board

Director Schulz recommended meeting with the Advisory Board on July 7 at 7 pm in Fargo at the Expressway Inn & Suites to discuss all the changes that are needed in the Administrative Rules.

No motions needed.

6. Budget Items

- a. Promotion Fund Requests
 - 1) HRND dba ND Horse Park

Director Schulz stated that Horse Race North Dakota requested a Promotion Fund Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to expand their OTB and recommended approving the request. Director Schulz stated that a condition for the grant is to send a report to the Racing Commission within 6 months from issue to report on expenditures and how the funds were used to promote or expand OTB's in North Dakota.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to approve the request for a Promotion Fund Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to Horse Race North Dakota to expand their OTB. Martin – Y, Kreidt – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

- 2) ORDA dba Chippewa Downs

Director Schulz stated that ORDA requested a Promotion Fund Grant as a 50/50 split on cost for new fencing at Chippewa Downs. Doug DeMontigny stated that the total cost was \$35,000 so the 50/50 split would be \$17,500. Director Schulz recommended approving the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to approve the request for a Promotion Fund Grant in the amount of \$17,500 for the new fencing at Chippewa Downs. Martin – Y, Kreidt – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

- 3) Office Relocation

Director Schulz advised the Commissioners that the Racing Commission office will be moving to 4501 Coleman Street in Bismarck in July.

No Motions need.

- b. Executive Director Salary

Director Schulz stated that it is up to the Commissioners on whether he should receive a salary increase for the next fiscal year. The Commissioners discussed and recommended giving the Executive Director an increase of two percent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kreidt and seconded by Commissioner Martin to authorize a two percent increase in the Executive Director's salary for the next fiscal year. Kreidt – Y, Martin – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

7. Breed Fund

- a. Pete Davis Breed Fund Registration Request

Pete Davis asked for an exception to the rule for a 2018 foal that was born before the broodmare was registered in the Breeders Fund. The Commissioners asked questions which Mr. Davis answered.

Upon the advice of Legal Counsel Dave Schaibley, the request to table the request until the next meeting was recommended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to table the matter regarding the Pete Davis request until the next Commission meeting. Martin – Y, Kreidt – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, September 16, with the meeting site to be determined later.

9. Any other business which may properly come before the Commission

- Director Schulz advised that there has not been any new Commissioners appointed to the Racing Commission by the Governor's office. Legal Counsel Dave Schaibley advised that a Commissioner may stay on the Commission until there is a new Commissioner added.
- Director Schulz presented Commissioner Martin with a plaque for his service to the Racing Commission.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Chairman Hanson to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.