

North Dakota Racing Commission Special Meeting
Phone Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025 – 1:00 p.m., Central Time
1-701-328-7850 Meeting ID: 16127075#

Minutes

Call to Order: Chairman Tracy Hanson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Chairman Hanson introduced the two new Commissioners: Commissioner Shadd Piehl and Commissioner Jack Schulz.

Present: Executive Director Bruce Johnson, and Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth

On the Phone: Chairman Tracy Hanson, Commissioner Jack Schulz, Commissioner Shadd Piehl, and Commissioner Mike Schmitz

Not Present: Commissioner Jessica Benson

Others Present: Robbie Wilson, and Scott Horst

Others on the Phone: Zac Hoffner, Hugh Drexler, Jay Alsop, and Carey Thiel

AGENDA

1. **ORDA Promotion Fund Grant Request**
2. **WDAY -TV Marketing/Advertising Proposal**
3. **No other business to come before the Commission**
4. **Adjournment**

1. ORDA Promotion Fund Grant Request

Executive Director Johnson gave a summary of what was being asked for by ORDA and introduced Robbie Wilson, Chairman of ORDA.

Robbie Wilson stated that there has been an issue with the barns at Chippewa Downs for several years that when it rains the horses are standing in water in the stalls. Mr. Wilson provided a written quote for the gutter work that needs to be done to fix this issue in the amount of \$12,850.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schmitz to pay for half of the request for the repairs needed. There was no second. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schulz and seconded by Chairman Hanson to pay the full amount of \$12,850 out of the Promotion Fund for the gutter work to the barns at Chippewa Downs. Schulz – Y, Hanson – Y, Piehl – Y, and Schmitz – Y. Motion passed.

2. WDAY-TV Marketing/Advertising Proposal

Executive Director Johnson introduced Zac Hoffner of WDAY-TV, who presented the marketing/advertising proposal to the Commissioners. The Commissioners asked questions which Mr. Hoffner answered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schmitz to spend half (\$10,500) of what was being suggested by WDAY-TV representative, Mr. Hoffner. There was no second. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Chairman Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to spend \$21,000 out of the Promotion Fund on the marketing/advertising proposal offered by WDAY-TV representative Zac Hoffner. Hanson – Y, Schulz – Y, Piehl – Y, Schmitz - N. Motion passed.

3. No other business to come before the Commission

4. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.