



NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION

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NDRC Meeting

State Capitol Building, Peace Garden Room

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

Minutes

Present: Chairman Mary Ann Durick, Commissioner Tim Kreidt, Commissioner Dave Piepkorn, Commissioner Shane Martin, Commissioner John Hanson, Legal Counsel Edward Erickson, Director Gunner laCour, and Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth

Others Present: Doug DeMontigny, Joyce DeMontigny, Mike Schmitz, John Bubel, Leon Glasser, Scott Horst, and Leigh Backhaus

Call to Order: Chairman Durick called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Chairman Durick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Director laCour stated that item number 6, I.B.N. Simulcast Site Application, was taken off the agenda.

AGENDA - Amended

1. **Approval of Minutes – May 3 & June 28, 2018 Meetings**
2. **Fiscal Year/Race Season End Financial Review**
3. **2017 Breed Fund Audit**
4. **2018 Meet Reports**
5. **Special Assessment Update**
6. **Human Resources**
7. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
8. **Adjournment**

1. Approval of Minutes – May 3 & June 28, 2018 Meetings

Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the minutes to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Piepkorn to accept the minutes of May 3 and June 28, 2018 as presented. Hanson -Y, Piepkorn -Y, Durick -Y, Martin -Y, and Kreidt -Y. Motion passed.

2. Fiscal Year/Race Season End Financial Review

Director laCour provided information regarding the financial review of the current fiscal year for the Racing Commission. This included a comparison of the handle of the current fiscal year compared to previous years as well as the outlook for the rest of the biennium.

No motions needed.

3. 2017 Breed Fund Audit

Director laCour stated that the 2017 Breed Fund Audit was completed by Debbie Eisenhauer, CPA and that there were no findings of significance.

A motion was made by Chairman Durick and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to accept the 2017 Breed Fund audit as presented. Durick -Y, Kreidt -Y, Hanson -Y, Piepkorn -Y and Martin -Y. Motion passed.

4. 2018 Meet Reports

Director laCour provided a synopsis of the Chippewa Downs race meet and the North Dakota Horse Park meet. There were several items that went well and areas that still need improvement before the 2019 race meets.

Doug DeMontigny of ORDA gave a report on the results of the race meet at Chippewa Downs. Questions were asked by the Commissioners and answered by Mr. DeMontigny.

Mike Schmitz of the Horse Race North Dakota gave a report on the results of the race meet at the North Dakota Horse Park. Questions were asked by the Commissioners and answered by Mr. Schmitz.

No motions needed.

5. Special Assessment Update

Director laCour provided an update regarding his meeting with the City of Fargo Administration regarding the special assessment for the North Dakota Horse Park.

No motions needed.

6. Human Resources

Director laCour announced his resignation and stated that his last day with the Racing Commission would be December 31, 2018. A plan is in place to ensure that the Racing Commission will have a capable Director in position and ready to tackle the Legislative session and next year's race meets on January 1, 2019. Director laCour recommended that Chairman Durick and himself to form a committee to review submitted applications and conduct interviews.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Director laCour and Chairman Durick to form a committee to review submitted applications and interview applicants. Hanson -Y, Martin -Y, Durick -Y, Kreidt -Y, and Piepkorn -Y. Motion passed.

Director laCour stated that a job posting, and grading sheet had been completed by HRMS and asked for approval of these items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to approve the job posting and grading sheet for the Director position. Martin -Y, Kreidt -Y, Durick -Y, Piepkorn -Y, and Hanson -Y. Motion passed.

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

- Director laCour asked the Commissioners if it would be okay to attend the Racing Symposium in Tucson, Arizona in December. The Commissioners supported the idea. No motions needed.

8. **Adjournment**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.