



NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION

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NDRC Meeting

State Capitol Building, Fort Union Room

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Thursday, September 28, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

Minutes

Present: Chairman Mary Ann Durick, Commissioner Shane Martin, Commissioner Timothy Kreidt, Director Gunner laCour, and Administrative Assistant Gail Allensworth

By Phone: Commissioner David Piepkorn, Commissioner John Hanson

Others Present: Leon Glasser, Doug DeMontigny, Joyce Morin, Scott Horst, Mike Schmitz, Jay Alsop

Call to Order: Chairman Durick called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

Chairman Durick introduced the new Commissioner, Timothy Kreidt.

Chairman Durick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Director laCour asked to change item number 5 on the agenda to number 2 and number 2 to number 4. Chairman Durick asked for a motion to accept the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

AGENDA - Amended

1. **Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2017 Meeting**
2. **Rules Changes**
 - a. **Post-Race Season Changes**
 - b. **Social Gaming Initiative**
3. **2016 Breed Fund Audit**

4. **Fiscal Year/Race Season End Financial Review**
5. **2017 Meet Reports**
6. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
7. **Adjournment**

1. **Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2017 Meeting**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Piepkorn and seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the minutes of July 26, 2017 as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

Director laCour stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14.

2. **Rules Changes**

- a. **Post-Race Season Changes**
- b. **Social Gaming Initiative**

Director laCour gave a summary of the Administrative Rule changes that are necessary to better support racing operations. The first item dealt with the authority and operation of the starter. The next item dealt with inquiry into the running of races. The last item was for minor changes to the jockey rules to help alleviate some difficulties at the race meets, particularly with high weights. Director laCour asked for a motion to approve him moving forward with the Administrative Rule Changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to approve Director laCour moving forward with the Administrative Rule changes. Martin -Y, Kreidt -Y, Durick -Y, Piepkorn -Y, and Hanson -Y. Motion passed.

Director laCour provide a summary of the discussions that he has had with John Ford regarding Mr. Ford's efforts to launch a new social gaming initiative that would support horse racing. Director laCour asked for a motion to approve him moving forward with the Administrative Rule changes necessary to support this initiative.

A motion was made by Commission Martin and seconded by Chairman Durick to approve Director laCour to move forward with the social gaming initiative. Martin -Y, Durick -Y, Kreidt -Y, Hanson -Y, and Piepkorn -Y. Motion passed.

3. **2016 Breed Fund Audit**

Director laCour stated that the 2016 Breed Fund Audit was completed by Debbie Eisenhauer, CPA and that no changes were necessary.

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

4. **Fiscal Year/Race Season End Financial Review**

Director laCour gave a report on the fiscal year/end of biennium financial review. The Racing Commission currently has 15 licensed Account Deposit Wagering (ADW) companies in various stages of operation.

No motions needed.

5. **2017 Meet Reports**

Director laCour provided a synopsis of the Chippewa Downs race meet and the North Dakota Horse Park meet. There was a list of items that went well and areas that still need improvement including mandatory changes.

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.

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

- Director laCour advised that there will be a meeting with the City of Fargo in October.
- Director laCour asked for a meeting of the Horsemen's Advisory Council on October 20.

7. **Adjournment**

Chairman Durick requested the meeting be adjourned.

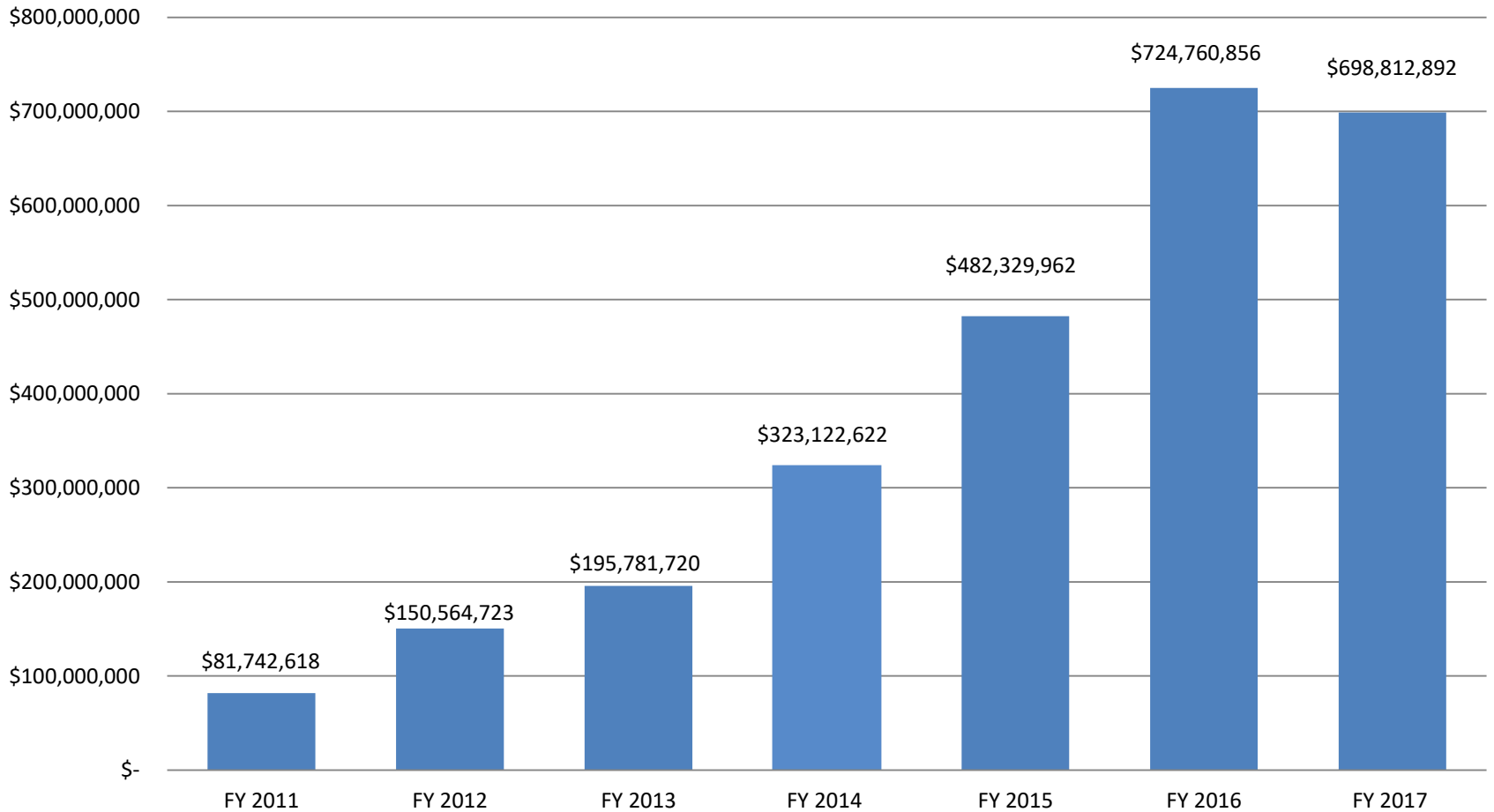
A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Chairman Durick. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

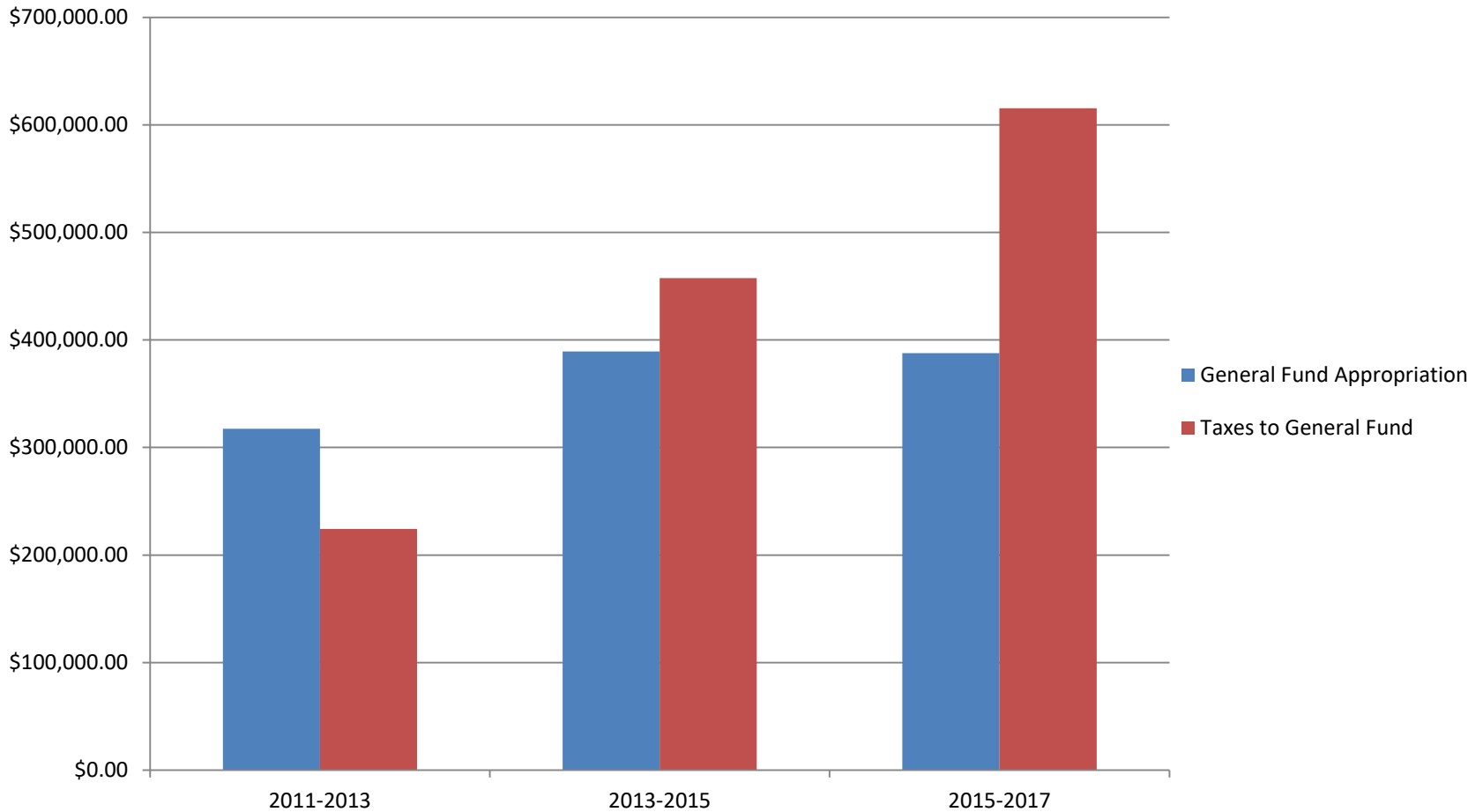
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