



NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION

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Director

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Telephone Meeting

ND Racing Commission Office

500 North 9th Street, Lower Level, Bismarck, ND

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 – 10:30 AM, Central Time

Minutes

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

Present: Chairman Jim Ozbun, Director Gunner laCour, and Administrative Assistant Gail Allensworth

By Phone: Commissioner Mary Ann Durick, Commissioner David Piepkorn, and Commissioner John Hanson

Not Present: Commissioner Ray Trottier

AGENDA - Modified

1. **2016 Salary Review**
2. **Revisions to ADW Application Form**
3. **Review of Chippewa Downs and ND Horse Park meets**
4. **CW Technology – Conditions of Licensure**
5. **No other business to come before the Commission**
6. **Adjournment**

1. **2016 Salary Review**

Director laCour indicated that it is time for annual salary reviews and stated that he completed the review for Gail for the current fiscal year. Director laCour provided an update on the current budget and the upcoming budget for the new biennium. Chairman Ozbun reported that the State has authorized between 2% and 4% increase for performance for employees for the current fiscal year. He recommended a 4% increase for Director laCour.

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

Director laCour presented information to the Commissioners regarding a proposal to have an Economic Impact Study done to show where the money that comes into the Racing Commission goes in the state and local communities and the effects it has on those communities. Director laCour requested authority for funding for an Economic Impact Study up to \$10,000 from the Promotion Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piepkorn and seconded by Commissioner Durick to give authorization to Director laCour for funding of an Economic Impact Study up to \$10,000 from the Promotion Fund. Piepkorn –Y, Durick –Y, Ozbun –Y, and Hanson –Y. Motion passed.

2. Revisions to ADW Application Form

Director laCour reviewed the revisions that he made to the Service Provider/ADW License Application. He detailed the changes from the previous form and asked the Commissioners to approve the revised form.

A motion was made by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Piepkorn to approve the revisions to the Service Provider/ADW License Application. Ozbun –Y, Piepkorn –Y, Durick –Y, and Hanson –Y. Motion passed.

3. Review of Chippewa Downs and ND Horse Park meets

Director laCour provided a review of the race meet at Chippewa Downs indicating that it has been going very well. The rail and race surface are much better this year. As race surface dries very quickly he indicated that one recommendation for next year would be to use the water truck from Fargo at next year's meet and will update the Commissioners with a full review of the meet once it is complete.

Director laCour stated that he has received documentation on several items from Horse Race ND but is still waiting on documentation from them on the cost proposal on grading the racetrack surface in Fargo. Director laCour asked for authority to fund \$10,000 or less from the Promotion Fund to get the grading completed before the race meet in Fargo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durick and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to approve funding of \$10,000 or less from the Promotion Fund to complete the grading of the racetrack surface in Fargo. Durick –Y, Hanson –Y, Ozbun –Y, and Piepkorn –Y. Motion passed.

4. CW Technology – Conditions of Licensure

Director laCour provided an update on the licensure of CW Technologies. Director laCour asked to modify the conditions of their licensure to delay the full TRPB report until the time that they begin offering wagering themselves instead of "white labeling" under Lien Games' license.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Piepkorn to modify the conditions of licensure for CW Technologies that before engaging in wagering under their license that they must complete a full Thoroughbred Racing and Protective Bureau report. Hanson –Y, Piepkorn –Y, Ozbun –Y, and Durick –Y. Motion passed.

Chairman Ozbun asked the other Commissioners to check their calendars to see if Thursday, September 15 would work for the next Commission meeting and to let the Racing Commission office know if that date will work.

5. No other business to come before the Commission

6. Adjournment

Chairman Ozbun requested the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.