

**IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) met on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino (PMRC) in Altoona, Iowa. Commission members present were Daryl Olsen, Chair; Mark Campbell, Vice Chair; and members Julie Andres, Amy Burkhart and Alan Ostergren.

APPROVE AGENDA: Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM and requested a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Gary Palmer, President, introduced Michelle Wilkie, Executive Vice President. He welcomed everyone to the property, and noted March 5, 2024 will PMRC's 35th anniversary of holding a gaming license in Iowa. Mr. Palmer stated they are privileged to have the license and feel they have been successful. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation received from the Commission.

Chair Olsen thanked Mr. Palmer for PMRC's hospitality, and stated the recent renovations look great.

APPROVE MINUTES: Chair Olsen requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2023 Commission meeting. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the minutes as printed. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brian Ohorilko, Administrator of IRGC, advised there will be no meeting in December. The next Commission meeting will be held on January 25, 2024 in Dubuque. Q Casino is the host property for the meeting, but due to renovations, the meeting will be held at the Diamond Jo property. Submissions for the January meeting are due in the Des Moines office by January 10, 2024.

Mr. Ohorilko introduced Chantelle Armintrout as the new Administrative Assistant due to Julie Herrick's retirement, which will occur on December 29th.

ADVANCE DEPOSIT SPORTS WAGERING AGREEMENT: Rick Gilson, Chief Operating Officer for Wild Rose Entertainment, L.L.C., presented two amendments between Crown IA Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings and each of the Wild Rose properties located in Clinton, Emmetsburg and Jefferson. He requested approval of the amendments as presented.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the amendments between Crown IA Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings and the Wild Rose properties as presented. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RETAIL SPORTS OPERATING AGREEMENTS: Doug Gross, legal counsel for Caesars Entertainment, presented four amendments to the retail sports book operating agreement between William Hill and IOC Black Hawk County, Inc. d/b/a Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo; Isle of Capri Bettendorf, L.C.; Iowa West Racing Association d/b/a Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs and Harvey's Iowa Management Company LLC d/b/a Harrah's Council Bluffs Hotel and Casino. Previously the staff operating the sports books at the physical locations were managed by William Hill; however, from a compliance and management standpoint, the company feels it would be better if the William Hill employees were managed and overseen by individuals at the local property. The employees will still be paid by William Hill. Mr. Gross stated the amendments before the Commission make these changes.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the retail sports wagering agreements as presented. Chair Olsen stated he felt the Commission could approve all four agreements with one motion. Commissioner Ostergren affirmed his motion was to approve all four of the Retail Sports Operating Agreements as presented. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS:

IOC Black Hawk County, Inc.: Meagan Miller, Director of Finance, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Myers-Cox Company – Cigarette Vendor
- Data Business Equipment – Purchase New G&D Currency Counting Machines
- P.E.C. Communications Inc – Additional Wiring for Surveillance and Casino Operations

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to approve the contracts as submitted by IOC Black Hawk County, Inc. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Wild Rose Clinton, L.L.C.: Steve Nauman, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- ITO Construction – Remodeling Casino Facility
- Q&A Hospitality Services, Inc. – Remodeling Casino Facility
- Table Trac, Inc. – Monthly Maintenance Fees for Casino Management System (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhardt moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Wild Rose Clinton, L.L.C. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Wild Rose Emmetsburg, L.L.C.: Steve Cody, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- ITO Construction – Remodeling of Hotel
- Q&A Hospitality Services, Inc. – Remodeling of the Hotel Facility

- Table Trac, Inc. – Monthly Maintenance Fees for Casino Management System (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the contracts as presented by Wild Rose Emmetsburg, L.L.C. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Wild Rose Jefferson, L.L.C.: Mr. Gilson presented a contract with Tri-City Electric Co. of Iowa Corporation for HVAC Maintenance and Contracted Electrical Work.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to approve the contract as submitted by Wild Rose Jefferson, L.L.C. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Diamond Jo, LLC: Wendy Runde, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Conlon Construction – General Contractor for Casino Bar Refresh
- Conference Technologies, Inc – Casino Wide IP TV Video Distribution System

Ms. Runde noted the first contract is a small construction project on the casino floor involving the main bar. The project entails the construction of a temporary wall for approximately three months. This project will not change the footprint of the bar; but does include the following updates: flooring around the perimeter of the bar, food service equipment inside the bar for efficiency for team members, updated lighting enhancements, and wall coverings.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Diamond Jo, L.L.C. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SCE Partners, LLC: Doug Fisher, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- LNW Gaming, Inc. – Sports Book Platform Fees, Slot & Table Game Leases, Slot Machine Purchases (OSV)
- Thompson Electric Co. – Electrical Projects, Maintenance, Other Property Projects
- United Tote Gaming – Purchase Self Service Sports Betting Kiosks & Equipment (OSV) (RP)
- Sports Information Services Limited – Sports Book Platform Fees (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the contracts as submitted by SCE Partners, LLC. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd.: Alex Dixon, President, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- 7G – Beer Purchases
- Global Payments Gaming Services Inc. – Cash Advance Processing Agreement (491 IAC 5.4 (8)“a”(1)“4”) (OSV)
- Medical Associates – Employee Health Insurance
- Myers-Cox – Food Purchase
- Sysco Foods – Food Purchase
- Tim Wittstock Company – Paper Goods and Logo Cups
- TownSquare Media Dubuque – Radio and Digital/Online Advertising

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the contracts as presented by Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Rhythm City Casino, LLC: Mo Hyder, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Blackhawk Network – BP Gas & Home Depot Gift Cards
- Hy-Vee – Alcoholic Beverages, Gift Cards, & Lottery Tickets
- Kohl’s Department Stores – Gift Cards for Promotional Giveaways
- Video Security Specialists – Surveillance Equipment & Software (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to approve the contracts as presented by Rhythm City Casinos, LLC. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Grand Falls Casino Resort, LLC: Sharon Haselhoff, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Delta Dental of Iowa – Employee Dental Insurance
- Sysco Food Service – Food & Beverage Purchases
- US Foods – Food & Beverage Purchases

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Grand Falls Casino Resort, LLC. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC: Damon John, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Altorfer Power Systems – Pow-R-Guard Maintenance Agreement
- Copy Systems, Inc. – Lease Agreement for Pitney Bowes Postage Machine

- Culvers Lawn & Landscape – Snow Removal and Ice Control
- Mark-it Smart – Continuity & Promotion Agreements (OSV)
- Performance Food Service – Specialty Food Purchases
- Power Promotions – Continuity Gift Promotions (OSV)
- USPS – Postage Expense
- Wells Fargo Commercial Card – Credit Card Purchases
- Zurich North America – Insurance – Workers’ Comp & General Liability (OSV)

Commissioner Burkhart inquired if the contracts for the continuity gifts were an extension of a previously approved contract. Mr. John advised the contract with Mark-It Smart is an extension. For Power Promotion, they had a previous contract for a December promotion of this year; the contract before the Commission today would cover the February 2024 promotion. He stated Riverside is happy with the logistics they’ve been seeing and the shipments have been on time.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Diamond Jo Worth, LLC: Ms. Runde presented the following contracts for Commission approval on behalf of Diamond Jo Worth:

- Mid Iowa Refrigeration Inc – Repair Work
- DirectTV – NFL, NBA, NHL Sports/TV Packages

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Diamond Jo Worth, LLC. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Harveys Iowa Management Company, LLC: Thomas Roberts, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- HGM Associates, Inc – Hotel Renovation – Purchasing of FF&E and Design Fees
- Waldinger Corporation – Mechanical Products and Services

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Harveys Iowa Management Company, LLC. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Iowa West Racing Association d/b/a Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs: Mr. Roberts presented a contact with Carberry Construction as a General Contractor.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the contract as submitted by Iowa West Racing Association d/b/a Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.: Gary Palmer, General Manager, addressed the following agenda items:

Advance Deposit Sports Wagering Operator Agreement: Mr. Palmer presented an agreement between Premier Turf, LLC and the Iowa Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association for Commission approval.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the Advance Deposit Sports Wagering Operator Agreement as submitted by Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Contracts: Mr. Palmer presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- American Express – Corporate Credit Cards for Travel Purposes Only (OSV)
- Asset Management (USA Security) – Surveillance Products and Services
- Bankers Trust Company – ATM Services; Revenue Agreement
- Capital Sanitary Supply – Housekeeping Supplies & Equipment
- Global Spectrum – Advertising Agreement
- Waste Management – Waste Removal Services
- WW Grainger – Maintenance Items

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhardt moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HEARINGS:

Elite Hospitality Group, LLC: Mr. Ohorilko advised Commission staff and Elite Hospitality Group have entered into a Stipulated Agreement for a two-count violation of Iowa Code § 99F.4(22) and Iowa Code § 99F.9(7). (Self-Exclusion and Credit). With respect to Count 1, Elite Hospitality failed to timely download the statewide self-exclusion database. Mr. Ohorilko noted the facility did recognize the fact and notified the Commission. He also noted this violation impacts Agenda Items 8B, C and D. The second count on the Elite Hospitality Group Stipulated Agreement relates to the use of credit cards. From May 2, 2022 through July 2, 2022, there were ten credit card transactions with sports wagering accounts totaling \$2,300. Mr. Ohorilko stated Elite detected the anomaly on July 1st and notified the Commission. Elite Hospitality did this after conducting their own periodic testing. At that time, Elite contacted their credit card processor, World Pay, and asked them to disable funding until the matter could be reviewed. This is when the determination was made that credit card transactions had gotten through. Mr. Ohorilko stated as a result of these violations, Elite Hospitality has agreed to an administrative penalty between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for Count 1 consistent with the Statewide Resolution, and up to \$10,000 for Count 2.

Ms. Haselhoff advised her comments with regard to Count 1 would address Agenda Items 8A through 8D, which are related as Elite Casinos Resorts, LLC has a shared database for the statewide self-exclusion program with one property in charge of the download process, which is Grand Falls

Casino Resort, LLC. She stated her team missed the download by one day as there was a new director in this position who failed to designate a team member to do the download when she was out. Ms. Haselhoff acknowledged it was a miss on Grand Falls' part, which affected all three properties. No self-excluded patron gambled or received a Resort Club Card at one of the properties due to the missed download. She stated measures have been added to the process to ensure this doesn't happen again; additional personnel in the security team have been added to the download process as well as additional team members, including herself, receive email notifications so they are aware when the downloads take place so they don't come close to the seven day deadline again. Ms. Haselhoff advised their technology team is working on the automatic download process, and once confirmation is received that the process works to their satisfaction, they will be implementing that process to download the database on a daily basis.

With regard to Count 2, Elite Hospitality notified the Commission, as stated by Mr. Ohorilko, while conducting periodic testing, which is done by their audit team, of the sports wagering funding options. She noted a credit card was successfully used to deposit money into a sports wagering account. She stated they tested three Visa credit cards; two didn't work but one did. Elite Hospitality immediately contacted their credit card payment processor, World Pay, to temporarily disable funding, and also contacted the Commission. A determination was made that the issue was limited to specific credit card issuers and the block was added to prevent the issue from occurring again. They found ten credit card transactions totaling \$2,385.00. Ms. Haselhoff apologized for the error, noting that it was a miss by their third party provider, World Pay, and they have corrected the issue.

Commissioner Burkhart asked Mr. Ohorilko if World Pay was the same vendor involved in stipulations previously before the Commission involving sports wagering and credit card transactions. Mr. Ohorilko answered in the affirmative. She asked if this situation occurred during the same time frame. Mr. Ohorilko advised it did not, and occurred after the other incidents.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Olsen stated he felt the Commission needed to address agenda items 8A through 8D separately. He requested a motion regarding the Stipulated Agreement with Elite Hospitality Group, LLC.

Commissioner Campbell thanked Ms. Haselhoff for the proactive steps taken by the company. He moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with an administrative penalty of \$5,000 for Count 1, and \$1,000 for Count 2. He stated the Elite properties are doing everything the Commissions asks, and noted the Commission does not like issuing fines. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Grand Falls Casino Resort, LLC: Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with an administrative penalty of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Rhythm City Casino, LLC: Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with an administrative penalty of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC: Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with an administrative penalty of \$5,000.00. He stated the Elite properties are doing what is asked of them, doing what they can for economy of scale and working together, which is why he is struggling in this instance. He stated he understands the reasoning behind the fines. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion. Chair Olsen stated the Commission is trying to be consistent in their actions. Commissioner Ostergren stated the fines reflect the importance the Commission puts on the self-exclusion program, and feels this type of violation has been on every agenda since he was appointed to the Commission in May.

Commissioner Burkhart noted the Commission has an automatic reminder tool coming down the pipeline. Chair Olsen noted in a meeting with the industry the day before, there were some concerns expressed as to whether or not the program could provide the security the Commission is looking for. He asked Mr. Ohorilko to address the matter. Chair Olsen expressed the Commission's hope that the facilities would utilize the new tool, but does not want them to utilize something that breaches their security.

Mr. Ohorilko stated the API technology allows for an integration between the statewide self-exclusion database and the system itself. He stated the information would go back and forth; there is no third party involved. He stated if there are any concerns regarding the security of the systems, it is the same technology that is being utilized by the State of Iowa; therefore, he feels very strongly about the security of that technology. Mr. Ohorilko stated a new upgrade to the self-exclusion database will be pushing a reminder out to all of the self-exclusion users prior to the seven day grace period so between the addition of the API technology and the reminder email, it should make things easier for the operators.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Olsen called for the vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HGI-Lakeside, LLC: Mr. Ohorilko advised Commission staff and HGI-Lakeside Casino, LLC have entered into a Stipulated Agreement for a two-count violation of Iowa Code § 99F.9(5). (Minor). Count 1 occurred in January 2023. A 12-year old entered the gaming floor with his mother at approximately 11:43 PM looking for something to drink. The security officer posted at the entrance failed to request identification even though they did approach the security officer. The minor was allowed to access the fountain drink station on the gaming floor. Shortly thereafter, the security officer did recognize there was a minor on the floor and responded by attempting to locate the minor to remove him from the floor. The mother and minor exited the gaming floor on their own before being located by security. The incident was discovered the next day and was reported to the Commission. The 12-year old was on the gaming floor for nine minutes, but did not gamble.

Count 2 also occurred in January 2023 when a 14-year old entered the gaming floor unchallenged. This individual watched her mother and two adult males gamble. There were instances when she pushed the Play button on the slot machine and did insert cash into the machine on one occasion. The 14-year old was on the gaming floor for 42 minutes, allowed to enter unchallenged and did gamble.

Mr. Ohorilko stated that as a result of these violations there have been extensive conversations with David Monroe, General Manager at Lakeside, about security measures in place that were not followed or the need for additional security measures. He stated Commission staff and Lakeside have agreed to an administrative penalty up to \$40,000.00 for both incidents.

Mr. Monroe started by assuring the Commission that these incidents do not reflect the daily focus that he and staff have regarding responsible gaming. He stated the facility has some of the toughest and most stringent policies, which include a single entrance to the gaming floor that is manned 24/7, everyone appearing 40 years or under is carded every time they come to the facility regardless of whether the individual is known, and require a valid government identification. He stated these incidents were the result of security officers failing to follow the training and guidelines they committed to. In both instances, had the employees done even a marginal job, the minors would not have gained access to the gaming floor. Mr. Monroe stated the policies and procedures are in place so Lakeside could be 100% confident that this situation would not happen, and believes that had the policies and procedures been followed the minors would not have gained entrance to the gaming floor. He stated they reviewed their operations and looked for opportunities to improve. He stated all employees have been retrained with regard to detecting minors and were required to sign off that they understand the procedures, and retrained the security officers on turnstile responsibilities. They also instituted a policy where the Security Manager and Assistant Security Manager have to approve individuals to work the entrance turnstile. Those individuals have to demonstrate they understand the job, and have the ability to execute those duties. Lakeside purchased a new turnstile, which has a physical barrier and requires the security officer to push a button to allow individuals to enter the gaming floor. Mr. Monroe advised they upgraded the identification scanning system to a state-of-the-art VeriDocs system which gives the security officers a better opportunity to identify fraudulent ids. They also changed the door on the back-of-house loading dock to a magnetic locking system to reduce the chance of someone entering through the back door.

Commissioner Ostergren expressed his appreciation for Mr. Monroe's comments, but noted when he first saw the Stipulated Agreement he contacted Mr. Ohorilko regarding his concerns. He stated Mr. Ohorilko was able to provide additional information and help him understand the measures just summarized. He stated his first thoughts were extremely punitive, such as how long should the license be suspended. He stated he feels the information provided by Mr. Monroe is genuine. Mr. Ostergren stated the Commission's sole job is to protect the integrity of the gaming industry so that the Governor and Legislature can tell their constituents the gaming industry is run in an appropriate manner and one they can be proud of. He noted there is more going on if a mother is bringing her 12-year old to the casino close to midnight. He stated he is going to vote in favor of the proposed Stipulated Agreement, but emphasized that if there had not been this level of remedial measures taken, he would have had a hard time agreeing to just a financial penalty. He stated he hates levying fines, but this shows why there is a fine system in place.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement as presented with an administrative penalty of \$40,000. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wes Ehrecke, President of the Iowa Gaming Association, distributed two collateral pieces showcasing the gaming industry's value to the state's tourism industry. The Gaming Revenue piece, which shows how gaming revenue is appropriated, is widely distributed to legislators, the Executive Branch, caucus staff, and media. The other piece showcases the casino locations and their amenities. The back page highlights wages, employment, charitable donations and economic impact, as well as the "Buy Iowa First" program to support Iowa businesses.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: Chair Olsen called on Tina Eick, Director of Operations, to address the following items:

2024 Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Financial Assessment: Ms. Eick stated the Commission has received the assessment from HISA; which increased by \$100,000 and is just under \$1.2 million. With credit for services the Commission provides, the assessment would drop to just over \$800,000. The decision before the Commission is whether to opt in or out of the voluntary assessment. From staff's perspective, it is an easy decision as the Commission does not have the budget or the appropriation to pay the assessment out of the budget. Ms. Eick stated it would be staff's recommendation to opt out of the assessment. The option if you don't pay the assessment is to enter into a voluntary agreement to get a credit for the benefits or services the state does provide. A large portion of those costs are associated with the drug testing and veterinarian services. Ms. Eick advised it was Commission staff's recommendation to enter into the Voluntary Agreement and task staff with negotiating said agreement. Ms. Eick stated that due to HISA regulations, she advised staff does expect the state veterinarian costs to increase, leading to increased budget needs.

Chair Olsen asked if the anticipated reduction of \$400,000 for services would cover the Commission's costs or if there would be an additional deficit. The credit does not cover the Commission's costs. Additionally, Ms. Eick stated someone is still going to have to pay the \$800,000, which is in addition to the fees already assessed to Prairie Meadows.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Andres moved to opt out of the financial assessment for HISA for 2024. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Extension of Voluntary Implementation Agreement among the Horseracing Integrity & Safety Authority, Inc., Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit and the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission: Commissioner Burkhart moved to direct staff to attempt to enter into an agreement with HISA to utilize Commission resources in an effort to obtain the maximum credit available for Iowa stakeholders to cover the 2024 assessment. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chair Olsen stated one of the concerns he has with HISA is the assessment. While he is cognizant of attempts to override HISA, he is not sure those attempts will succeed. He feels there is some potential the legislature might help cover some of the deficit, but encouraged Prairie Meadows and the horsemen to approach the legislature together. He indicated the legislature might be more receptive if the request was made jointly. Chair Olsen stated the Commission would support their

request for funding from the legislature. He stated the funding gap is not going to go away, so there needs to be a mechanism to cover the costs.

Mr. Ohorilko advised this would be Julie Herrick's last meeting and thanked everyone for taking time the previous evening to show their appreciation for her service. He expressed her appreciation for the industry's support. He advised Julie's last day will be December 29th. Mr. Ohorilko presented her with a plaque which stated "Julie Herrick- In recognition of 41 Years of Service to the State of Iowa". Ms. Herrick thanked everyone for their support through the years.

Mr. Ohorilko informed those in attendance that the Commission office would be moving to 6200 Park Avenue by January 1st. He stated additional information would be provided as it becomes available. He requested that everyone be patient with staff during the license renewal period.

Mr. Ohorilko reminded representatives from the facilities with hearings today to be sure and sign their Stipulated Agreement before leaving the meeting.

HORSERACING STUDY: Chair Olsen requested a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ostergren moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)a for the purpose of reviewing or discussing records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be confidential. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Chair Olsen advised that RGE received the highest technical score and had the lowest cost. He requested a motion.

Commissioner Ostergren moved to instruct Racing & Gaming staff and the Department of Administrative Services to proceed with a Notice of Intent to Award to RGE for the terms included in the proposal. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Chair Olsen requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ostergren so moved. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:


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