

IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

MINUTES

JULY 24, 2026

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) met on Friday, July 24, 2026 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Altoona, Iowa. Commission members present were Amy Burkhart, Chair; Alan Ostergren, Vice Chair; and members Linda Upmeyer, Kirk Nielsen, and Michael Boal.

APPROVE AGENDA: Chair Burkhart called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM and requested a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES: Chair Burkhart requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2026 Commission meeting. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Boal seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Brian Ohorilko, President & Chief Executive Officer of Prairie Meadows, welcomed the Commission, staff, and public on behalf of the staff at Prairie Meadows. He appreciates the commission's continued leadership and the important role everyone plays in ensuring the integrity and success of Iowa's racing and gaming industry. He noted that he understands that operating in Iowa is a privilege, not a right, and committed to continue being a place that Iowans can be proud of. During the first six months of 2026, Prairie Meadows exceeded their goals by over 25% and has been able to award \$17 million in grants covering 473 organizations in the region. He is proud of his team, and they will strive to keep up the momentum. He is grateful for the support of the board, as well as their relationship with the Commission. He was thankful to host the meeting and excited to give the Commissioners a tour of the backside of the racetrack.

Chair Burkhart thanked Mr. Ohorilko for the warm welcome and congratulated him on the recent article in the Des Moines Register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tina Eick, Administrator of IRGC, stated the next Commission meeting would be held at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort on August 27, 2026. Submissions for that meeting are due in the Commission's Des Moines office by August 13th. There will be no September meeting. The October Commission will be held at Q Casino in Dubuque on October 15, 2026.

Ms. Eick took a moment to recognize Tammy Storey, Joe Gau, and Jeff Rethmeier as Gaming Representatives for the Commission. She also thanked Mr. Gau and Mr. Rethmeier for their assistance with racing duties while new stewards are being hired.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES EXECUTIVE ORDER 10 REVIEW: David Ranscht, general counsel for IRGC, provided an update regarding the administrative rules.

First drafts of all remaining chapters have been completed for Executive Order 10, and the necessary reports required by the Order. Red line copies have been distributed for further feedback from the industry. The regulatory analyses have been submitted and are on track to be published on August 5, 2026. Comments are open until August 25, 2026, with Notices of Intended Action to follow after the comment period closes.

Chair Burkhart wanted to comment on some industry feedback received regarding the Request for Transaction Approvals (RTAs). She understands they can be tedious for the facilities, but she is thankful for the hard work that goes into compiling that information for the Commissioners who are not in the industry every day. She stated she is a proponent of the RTAs but feels that there is opportunity to improve the process.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REMODELING PURSUANT TO 491 IAC 5.4(15): Rick Gilson, Vice President of Operations for Wild Rose Entertainment, requested approval of remodeling of Wild Rose Emmetsburg.

Chair Burkhart asked if this will be the biggest update since the casino opened. Mr. Gilson confirmed this is the case.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the remodel as submitted by Wild Rose Emmetsburg, LLC. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CASINO QUEEN MARQUETTE, LLC (dba Bally's Marquette):

Ed Winkofsky and Robin Corbeil, on behalf of Casino Queen Marquette and Bally's Marquette presented a request for online sports wagering access. Their plan is to transition to BallyBet at the end of month.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Upmeyer moved to approve the agreement contingent upon parties satisfying staff requirements for internal controls and reporting. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BALLY'S CORPORATION:

Mr. Winkofsky presented their request for a Fifth Amendment of the Credit Agreement.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Boal moved to approve Bally's Corporation Fifth Amendment of the Credit Agreement contingent upon a copy of the final documents being provided to the Commission within 10 days of execution. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO, INC:

Mr. Ohorilko requested Commission approval of a revised security plan for the new poker room. The amended plan has two primary changes: a posted security officer at the poker room's entrance, and additional training for poker room staff. The Commissioners expressed interest in seeing the progress later on their tour of the casino.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhardt requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the revisions to the facility's security plan. Commissioner Upmeyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CONTRACT APPROVALS (OSV – OUT OF STATE VENDOR; RP – RELATED PARTY):

Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.: Mr. Ohorilko presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- AJR Equities — Promotional Items
- All Makes Office Interiors — Office Furnishings
- Baton Global — Consulting Services of Organizational Development
- Boesens the Florist — Christmas Decoration Installation and Removal
- Gitchi Gaming — Gaming Chairs (OSV)
- Locust Motion — Advertising Services
- Microsoft Licensing — Volume Licensing of Microsoft Software

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

SCE Partners, LLC (dba Hard Rock Hotel and Casino): Doug Fisher, General Manager, presented a contract with TCS John Huxley for custom table game bases and podiums for Commission approval.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhardt requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contract as submitted by SCE Partners, LLC. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Wild Rose Emmetsburg, L.L.C.: Mr. Gilson presented a contract with Firnish Inc. for general contracting for the remodel. Chair Burkhardt commented that the Commissioners appreciated the effort to attempt to procure an in-state vendor.

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

Wild Rose Clinton, L.L.C.: Mr. Gilson presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Active Power, Inc. — UPS Flywheel Power Services (OSV)
- Trane U.S. Inc. — Replacement and Repair of Rooftop Units

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

Great River Casino Resort, LLC: Damon John, General Manager of Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, presented the following contracts for Commission approval on behalf of Great River Casino Resort, LLC:

- Capital Sanitary Supply Company — Environmental Cleaning Equipment and Supplies
- Cintas Uniform Corporation — Casino Complex Uniforms
- Wine & Spirits Wholesale Delivery — Purchase of Wine and Spirits for Complex

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Great River Casino Resort, LLC. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Casino Queen Marquette, LLC (dba Bally's Marquette): Robin Corbeil, Vice President and General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- AJR Equities — Marketing and Promotional Gifts/Prizes
- Bosch Paladin Technologies — Surveillance System (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Boal moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Casino Queen Marquette, LLC. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

IOC Black Hawk County, Inc. (dba Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo): Chad Moine, Senior Vice President and General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Alpha (Alpha Video and Audio, Inc) — Audio/Visual System Upgrade (OSV)
- Atlantic Bottle Company — Coca-Cola/Beverage Vendor
- Brintons US Axminster — Carpet Manufacturer (OSV)
- Criterion Manufacturing (AMA Real Estate, LLC) — Warehouse Lease Agreement
- Fahr Beverage — Budweiser Vendor and Other Beverage Products
- Lithographic Communication — Marketing Direct Mail Service (Printing/Postage) (OSV)
- Myers-Cox — Cigarette Vendor
- Professional Lawn Care — Landscaping
- Vestis Service, LLC — Laundering Service

- Wells Fargo — Corporate Credit Card

Chair Burkhart acknowledged the corporate relationship ties for some of the vendors, but she reminded Mr. Moine that a substantial amount of spending should come from Iowa vendors. She wanted to provide a word of caution.

Mr. Moine noted there weren't any carpet mills in Iowa but assured the Commissioners that they will be seeking an Iowa vendor to lay the carpet. He also noted that Lithographic is used because they have nation-wide service which is used by corporate, but local vendors are primarily used for local mailings. Chair Burkhart thanked him for the additional information.

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

Cedar Rapids Development Group, LLC (dba Cedar Crossing Casino and Entertainment Center): Kim Pang, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Central Credit (Ever Payments) — Check Cashing Services (OSV)
- Dubuque Networking Services — Networking Services
- Ever Payments — Purchase of Kiosks and Compliance Software/Ongoing Maintenance
- Ever Payments — ATM & Cash Advance Services
- USA Entertainment — Talent Procurement and Contracting Services for Entertainment

Mr. Pang also provided an update on the facility. Carpet has been laid, and the parking lot has been completed. They are close to being finished. Security has to be present at all hours to prevent people sneaking into the facility. They will be announcing their entertainers on July 30, 2026. They are now working on hiring staff.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Cedar Rapids Development Group, LLC. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ameristar Casino Council Bluffs: Chris Hamlin, Vice President of Property Operations, presented a contract with W.E. O'Neil-Russell Construction JV LLC as a general contractor for their landside project.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhart requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contract as submitted by Ameristar Casino Council Bluffs. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Isle of Capri Bettendorf, LLC: Mr. Moine, Senior Vice President and General Manager at the Isle Casino Waterloo, presented a contract with Brintons US Axminster Inc for new banquet carpet on behalf of Isle of Capri Bettendorf.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhardt requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contract as submitted by Isle of Capri Bettendorf, LLC. Commissioner Upmeyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd.: Anthony Williams, President & CEO, and Lance Carnahan, Vice President of Operations, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Capital Sanitary Supply — Janitorial and Paper Supplies
- Cottingham & Butler Insurance — Insurance Provider
- Eide Bailly LLP — Accounting Advisory Services
- Qualtrics LLC — Customer Experience Survey (OSV)
- US Foods — Proprietary Food Distributor (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhardt requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC: Mr. John presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Brockway Mechanical and Roofing — Hotel Domestic Water Mains and Valves Replacement (RP)
- Loud is Allowed, Inc. — Booking Fees for Entertainment (OSV)

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

HGI-Lakeside, LLC: David Monroe, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- American State Bank — ATM/Electronic Services
- Haptiq — Data Analysis and Automated Reporting (OSV) (RP)
- Perfect Gifts, LLC — Purchase of Gift Cards for Giveaway Promotions (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Burkhardt requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as submitted by HGI-Lakeside, LLC. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RACING INDUSTRY IN IOWA: John Moss, Executive Director of the Iowa HBPA, introduced Dr. Alison Davis, professor at the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture.

Dr. Davis presented the data from the 2024 economic study, which is an update to the 2019 study. 190 surveys were collected from a mix of owners, breeders, and trainers of thoroughbreds, harness, and quarter horses.

Economic Highlights: The total economic output from the 2024 study is approximately \$264 million, which was an increase of nearly 34% since 2019. There are higher purse levels and a more active racing program across all three breeds. There are fewer farms overall in Iowa, but there was an increase in horse and pony sales, indicating consolidation into commercial operations.

Prairie Meadows: Prairie Meadows is the primary hub for horse racing in Iowa. They had an average of 1,157 on-property horses in 2024, an increase of 18% from 2019. Operational spending was over \$244 million in 2024, with \$37.6 million in pari-mutuel activity. About \$20 million went to purses.

Racing Impacts by Breed: Thoroughbred racing contributes slightly over 2/3 of the total economic output in Iowa. Harness racing is a smaller industry, accounting for approximately 350 jobs and \$35 million of the total economic output, though most of their spending is done in Iowa (89%). quarter horse racing is growing, with a noted increase from 57 in 2023 to 75 quarter horses training at Prairie Meadows in 2024.

Ripple Effects Across Iowa: The racing industry touches several different industries across Iowa, from veterinarians and farriers to wages that are re-spent in local communities. A hypothetical decline of even 10% would create a deficit of approximately \$20 million in the state's economic output, with some of the most affected non-racing industries including: performing arts and sports promotion, real estate, banking and financial services, hospitals, and employment services.

Limitations of the Study: Dr. Davis noted that it likely underestimates the amount of economic impact, as it doesn't include items such as the asset values of horses or the farms, nor does it account for inflation. She noted there was some missing data regarding the number of members for the quarter horses, which may impact the numbers across the study. Dr. Davis also acknowledged that the survey was lengthy and in-depth, which could have impacted the number of responses received.

Commissioner Boal asked about the methodology for providing the survey. Dr. Davis said she reached out to Mr. Moss as her liaison. Commissioner Ostergren stated he hoped the industry would be more engaged in providing data for the study. Dr. Davis acknowledged it was a rigorous study and understands it would have potentially required a significant amount of time and effort from the respondents.

Commissioner Nielsen asked if the percentage of responses was normal for a survey like this, and Dr. Davis noted it was.

Commissioner Boal thanked her for her efforts.

REVIEW OF HORSEMENS ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL AUDITS:

The Iowa HBPA, Inc. and The Iowa HBPA Benevolent Trust: Mr. Moss thanked Dr. Davis for her presentation. He followed up on the last piece regarding the response rate of the study, noting that they had utilized a few types of engagement attempts, including providing a QR code to an online version of the survey, a mailing that also included a QR code, and a physical copy of the survey sent to industry members. He thanked Dr. Davis for presenting her findings and emphasized how important it was to have an independent analysis.

He reiterated how much of an impact that thoroughbred racing had on Iowa's economy. There were even some locally-bred horses who have competed in international circuits. The number of thoroughbred horses born this year has been steady at 140, though the number may increase toward the end of the year.

Mr. Moss presented the HBPA's financial audit. A majority of their total expenses (77%) went directly to program activities in 2025. He is proud of the organization's continued history of being financially sound and reasonable while substantially expanding programs and services provided.

Mr. Moss also took a moment to thank Mr. Ohorilko for his leadership and engagement with the horsemen. He stated Mr. Ohorilko came in at a critical time and has forged a true partnership that made a notable positive impact. For instance, re-opening the track kitchen seven days a week has been meaningful to staff. IHBPA also sponsors a groom of the week recognition program, presenting the winner with a monetary award and other prizes. He also thanked Pat Pope, the current thoroughbred racing secretary. Under Mr. Popes leadership, there has been an increase in overall field size for thoroughbreds. The Festival of Racing was also a success as that Saturday was one of their largest wagering days in the history of Prairie Meadows. The success of the festival has given them momentum to build on and will hopefully draw more interest into Iowa from neighboring states.

Mr. Moss stated the HBPA has a long history of benevolence. Last year, about 179 people reached out for assistance and were able to seek aid for a variety of hardships. Caring Hands in Altoona has also established a weekly window of dedicated time for employees, who are able to take shuttles provided by Prairie Meadows. Mr. Moss also wanted to thank Dr. Steven Neville, who has become the full-time dentist for horsemen this year. Mr. Moss also welcomed Dr. Neville to the Iowa HBPA as an owner and congratulated him on winning his first race.

The Iowa HBPA recently held their most recent FFA and 4-H scholarship racing weekend at Prairie Meadows where 24 scholarships were awarded. Mr. Moss hopes to further grow the relationship between the FFA, 4-H, and the HBPA.

Mr. Moss said the HBPA are continuing to push back against HISA. He continues to work through the National HBPA. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled HISA's enforcement provision to

be unconstitutional, though the Sixth Circuit ruled the opposite, which means the US Supreme Court will likely make the ultimate decision. Mr. Moss assured the Commission that the HBPA remains firmly committed to the safety and integrity of horse racing, though he expressed that those goals must not be pursued through a system that denies horsemen meaningful due process.

Mr. Moss said these accomplishments demonstrate the HBPA's commitment to expanding their assistance to its members and backside employees, as well as investing in Iowa's youth, and supporting a stronger racing community as a whole. He is encouraged by the positive changes at Prairie Meadows, and he looks forward to continuing to support horsemen.

Chair Burkhardt thanked Mr. Moss for the update.

Iowa Harness Racing Association: Jeff Carey, President of the Iowa Harness Racing Association, presented their audit. There were no questions from the Commission on the audit.

Mr. Carey reported there were 300 staked horse races in Iowa. There were 38 race dates across nine tracks, though a few were rained out. The Iowa Harness Racing Association has a total of 182 members, and they are proudly family-oriented, with several generations involved.

Mr. Carey reported there were 304 live foals born this year.

Chair Burkhardt thanked Mr. Carey for the update.

Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association: Tom Lepic, President of the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association (IQHRA), presented the audit. There were no questions from the Commission on the audit.

Mr. Lepic reported this is his 16th year as the elected volunteer president of the IQHRA. He thanked Mr. Moss for sending out a notice to the horsemen and all supporters to attend the meeting in order to hear the results of the economic impact study.

Mr. Lepic agreed with the sentiment that racing in Iowa supports a wide breadth of people. Mr. Lepic mentioned that he was surprised the University of Kentucky did not reach out regarding the low response rate. He also noted he didn't continue to reach back out to members once the survey had been disseminated. He mentioned that the IQHRA was negotiating their racing contract during the timeframe of study, which could have impacted the response rate as the organization's focus was on the contract. Mr. Lepic congratulated the thoroughbreds for their portion of the results of the study. He noted that any economic study should favor the thoroughbreds, as they have approximately 20 more racing days and 70% of the stalls at Prairie Meadows.

Mr. Lepic said the quarter horses had a successful season. Their stalls have been 99% to 100% full since opening day at Prairie Meadows, and some weeks they were overly full. They turned down approximately 100 horses due to space limitations, and there have already been requests for next year.

During the first four races of the 2026 season, 135 quarter horses started, and about 40 returned again in two to three weeks, which helps keep money in the local communities and supports Iowa businesses. The purses for those races ended up being \$596,000 collectively, and the majority of the purse money came from entry fees. Despite the early start to their season, Mr. Lepic reported that they are right at 7.3 starters per race and have had 5% more horses start than they did in 2025. He also said the number of Iowa-bred quarter horses has increased 26% since 2022. He noted that despite the numbers from the economic study, the Iowa quarter horse industry is stronger than ever.

Mr. Lepic thanked Ryan Noffsinger, the track superintendent, for keeping the track well-maintained for the health and safety of the horses. He also thanked Chad Keller, the quarter horse racing Secretary, for coming in on his day off to help clear stalls in the receiving barns to house some of the quarter horses.

Mr. Lepic also thanked the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission for their support of the racing industry as a whole and especially their support of the quarter horse industry.

HEARINGS:

Betfair Interactive US LLC (dba FanDuel): Ms. Eick presented the Stipulated Agreement with for two violations of Iowa Administrative Code 491—13.3(1) and 491—13.2(3). Both violations are related to retail wagers. The first violation involved impermissible wagers on the Maharlika Pilipanas Basketball League (MPBL). This was reported to the Commission by FanDuel. From June 4, 2024 through April 2, 2025, FanDuel accepted 21,638 impermissible wagers, totaling nearly \$60,700. FanDuel returned all net losses and allowed patrons to keep proceeds from winning wagers.

The second violation involved impermissible retail wagers regarding cards on international men's and women's soccer matches. The issue was discovered by IRGC staff through a routine compliance audit. From approximately June 4, 2025 through July 8, 2025, one impermissible wager was accepted for \$134.58. The patron was not able to be identified as this was a retail wager. After the incident, FanDuel removed the markets from the retail platforms in Iowa and removed all card markets from its retail catalog while they developed a new filtering solution. As of April 15, 2026, FanDuel no longer operates retail sportsbooks in Iowa. The retail sportsbooks are now being operated by the properties themselves. IGT, the platform provider for the retail sportsbooks, remains the same.

FanDuel has had two other administrative actions regarding impermissible wagers violations at the Gaming Board level, and one other administrative action regarding impermissible wagers violations at the commission level in July 2025. FanDuel agreed to an administrative penalty in the range of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the first count, and \$20,000 to \$45,000 for the second count.

Suzanna Price, an attorney on the regulatory team for FanDuel, addressed the Commission regarding the incidents and assured them that FanDuel takes responsibility for the errors. They

take market compliance very seriously, and they understand they did not meet the high standards they hold for themselves.

In response to these two matters and more broadly as part of their ongoing commitment to market compliance, FanDuel continues to invest in and strengthen its market compliance program. They have used this opportunity to strengthen their processes regarding the review of market offerings, jurisdiction-specific controls, and ensuring that only approved markets are made available to customers. Ms. Price also noted that FanDuel no longer operates retail sports books in Iowa, eliminating the operating environment and specific risks associated with it.

Chair Burkhardt expressed that the Commission was deeply concerned by the number of similar incidents, and she noted there was some discussion around suspending or revoking FanDuel's Iowa license. She understands that they no longer do business as a retail sportsbook in Iowa, but she is also aware that their technology partner, IGT, still does and issued a word of caution to the industry regarding these kinds of continued errors. Ms. Price assured the Commission that FanDuel takes these errors very seriously. Commissioner Ostergren asked Ms. Price to relay the message that if there are more violations, there will be serious consideration given to suspending or revoking the license. Ms. Price thanked them and assured they are committed to earning back the Commission's confidence.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Burkhardt requested a motion. Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with Betfair Interactive US LLC for Count 1 with an administrative penalty of \$50,000.00 and for Count 2 with an administrative penalty of \$45,000.00. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Maggie Moss, a lifetime Des Moines resident and former prosecutor, spoke regarding the direction of racing in Iowa. She has been on racing boards across the country and has been racing since 1997, including at Prairie Meadows. Ms. Moss said she cares deeply about racing at Prairie Meadows, and that she is encouraged by Mr. Ohorilko's appointment and the positive changes that have been made. She feels there should be divided meets for thoroughbreds and quarter horses. She also stated that an increase in stalls would benefit Prairie Meadows.

Chair Burkhardt thanked Ms. Moss for her comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: There was no administrative business.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Commissioner Upmeyer nominated Amy Burkhardt to serve as Chair for the upcoming year. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Upmeyer nominated Alan Ostergren to serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming year. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair Burkhart requested a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ostergren made a motion to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss a litigation update. The motion carried unanimously on a verbal roll call vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Chair Burkhart returned the meeting back to open session, and asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Ostergren moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Chair Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 4:43 PM.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:


EMILY NORDSTROM