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## Ohio State Racing Commission

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### Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on January 20, 2021

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its monthly meeting January 20, 2021 via teleconference beginning at 10 am.
- 2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Greg Simpson, Beth Hansen, William Patmon Jr., and Thomas Winters were present.
- 3-Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the December 16, 2020 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 4- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Executive Director approvals. Commissioner Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5-The Commission discussed Resolution 2021-01 Casino Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Resolution 2021-01 Casino Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The Resolution states one million, nine hundred and ninety-five thousand, nine hundred eighty-six dollars and eighty-two cents (1,995,986.82) in casino revenue is to be distributed to the Commission's emergency fund established by Resolution 2020-09.
- 6-Commission Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through January 14, 2021 there has been 1 fatality from the thoroughbreds and 0 from the standardbreds. For 2020 there were 36 fatalities with 33 from the thoroughbreds and three from the standardbreds. In 2020, there was a decrease in the horse fatalities as compared to 2019.
- 7- Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. For December 2020, the Commission had net income of \$14,220 which is the second positive income month since the pandemic started in March 2020. For the current fiscal year revenues are down 20% mainly due to pari-mutuel taxes being down 26%. Commission payroll expenses were down 19% mainly due to the 4% pay cut for exempt employees.
- 8A Commissioner Hansen stated the Horse Racing, Integrity and Safety Act (HRISA) was signed into law on December 27, 2021. Ohio has benefitted from the Commission's medication review that has taken place in the last eighteen months.
- 8B-Commissioner Simpson stated with the Horse Racing, Integrity and Safety Act (HRISA) becoming law, there will have some important safety initiatives that the safety committee will be discussing in the upcoming months.

9-The Chairman commented that Commission Winters does a great deal of work with the Commission's litigation and pending litigation matters and the Chairman would like to thank him for his efforts.

10- From the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation, Pat Cummings thanked the Commission for its quick response regarding Mahoning Valley's carryover percentages being transparent.

11-This item has been withdrawn.

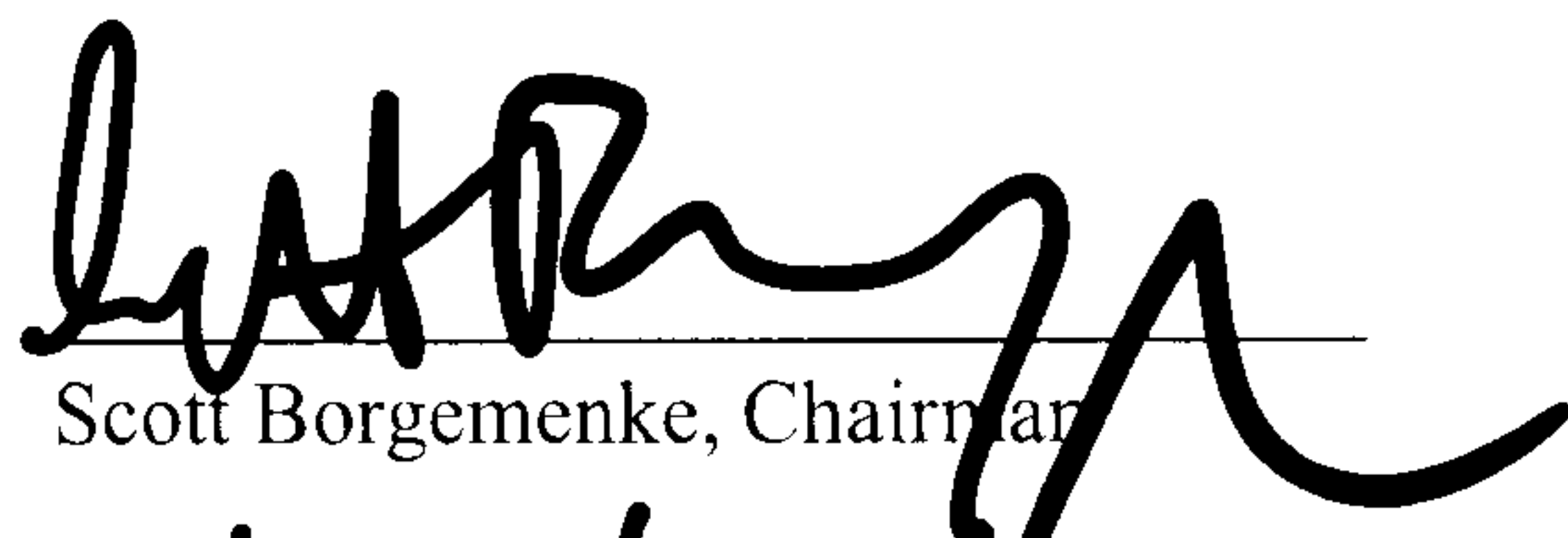
12-The Commission discussed the O.D. Robinson matter. The Commission was provided with the report and recommendation from the hearing officer. The Commission heard from Executive Director Bill Crawford. Mr. Robinson did not appear for the meeting. Commission Winters moved that the Commission adopt the report and recommendation of the hearing officer. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

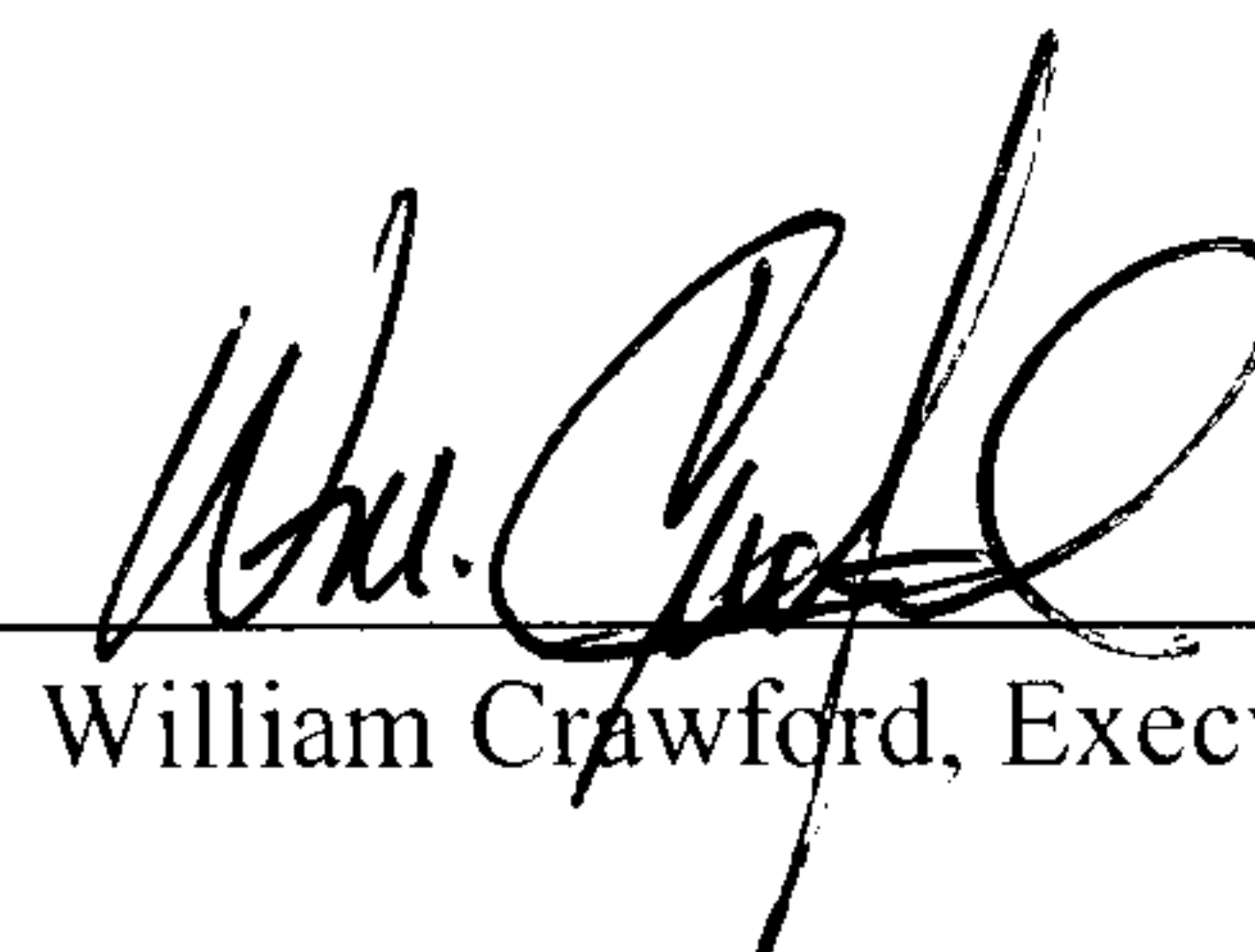
13-Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The public meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting  
Thursday, February 25, 2021 @ noon  
via teleconference

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Scott Borgemenke, Chairman  
2/26/2021

  
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William Crawford, Executive Director