

Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on July 21, 2021

- 1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its' monthly meeting July 21, 2021, via teleconference beginning at 10 am.
- 2. Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Chairman Borgemenke and Commissioners Beth Hansen, William Patmon, Greg Simpson and Thomas Winters were present.
- 3. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the June 23, 2021, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 4. Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Executive Director's Report

- a. Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the 2021 meet request for Dayton Raceway. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Dayton Raceway's meet request. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- b. Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the 2021 meet request for Delaware County Agricultural Society. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Delaware County Agricultural Society's meet request. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 6. Commissioner Winters moved to discuss Resolution 2021-06, the Casino Revenue Emergency Fund Distribution. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the reason for the resolution and the events behind it. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote
- 7. Executive Director Crawford discussed Resolution 2021-07. Casino Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Patmon moved to approve Resolution 2021-07. Casino

- Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 8. Chairman Borgemenke discussed the changing status, rules and regulations regarding the use of a riding crop.
- 9. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through July 14, 2021, there have been 25 fatalities from the thoroughbreds and 4 fatalities from the standardbreds.
- 10. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. June showed the Commission had a gain of \$18,000. Fiscal year 2021 shows a loss of \$147,000 due mainly to Casino Revenue going to the emergency fund.

11. Committee Reports:

- a. Medication Committee: Commissioner Hansen discussed intention of having a medication meeting in November around the use of Lasix.
- b. Safety Committee: Commissioner Simpson discussed having a safety meeting in September.
- 12. Chairman Borgemenke discussed a harder look at operations and safety at the racetracks. The Chairman stated that the August 25, 2021, commission meeting will be cancelled and moved to September 8, 2021. The September commission meeting scheduled for September 15, 2021, will be cancelled. The Chairman discussed a 3% pay increase starting July 1, 2021, for Gregory Veit, Mike Rzymek and Bill Crawford. Commission Hansen moved to approve the pay 3% pay increase and commissioner Simpson second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13. There was no public comment

14. No Executive Session

15. Commissioner Patmon moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2021 @ 10 am Room 1948 Riffe Center

Scott Borgemenke, Chairman

William Crawford Executive Director

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2021-06

WHEREAS, Article 15.06 of the Ohio Constitution establishes that three percent of the tax on gross casino revenue shall be distributed to the Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") to support purses, breeding programs, and operations at qualified commercial horse racetracks;

WHEREAS, R.C. 5753.03 states the Commission can use the casino revenue funds to support the efforts and activities of the Commission to promote horse racing in this state at which the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted;

WHEREAS, R.C. 5753.03 further states the Commission has complete discretion to distribute the casino revenue funds;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic had created an unprecedented challenge for horse racing in this state;

WHEREAS, the Commission distributed casino tax revenue to the emergency fund, established by Resolution 2020-09 on April 22, 2020, and which some of said funds were disbursed during the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the emergency fund is no longer essential and desires to make distributions of emergency fund revenue in the amount of five million, one hundred forty thousand, two hundred and fifty-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$5,140,251.24);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission that the emergency fund revenue, reserved by the Commission be distributed as follows, for the purposes specified:

- (A) Four hundred twelve thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-two cents (\$412,933.52) to Miami Valley Gaming & Racing to be used to support commercial operations;
- (B) Four hundred twelve thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-two cents (\$412,933.52) to MGM Northfield Park to be used to support commercial operations;
- (C) Four hundred twelve thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-two cents (\$412,933.52) to Eldorado Scioto Downs to be used to support commercial operations;
- (D) Four hundred sixteen thousand three hundred sixty dollars and thirty-five cents (\$416,360.35) to the operating fund of the Ohio State Racing Commission to be used to provide compensation to the administrative staff that support the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund, Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund, and/or costs and fees associated with the commercial operations of racing located at Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, MGM Northfield Park and Eldorado Scioto Downs;

- (E) Two hundred ninety-seven thousand two hundred thirty-two dollars and eighty-five cents (\$297,232.85) to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course to be used to support thoroughbred purse pools.
- (F) Two hundred eighty thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars and seventeen cents (\$280,798.17) to Belterra Park to be used to support thoroughbred purse pools;
- (G) Three hundred twenty thousand two hundred forty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$320,241.39) to JACK Thistledown to be used to support thoroughbred purse pools
- (H) Three hundred fifty-four thousand nine hundred eighty-eight dollars and ninety-nine (\$354,988.99) to Miami Valley Gaming & Racing to be used to support standardbred purse pools;
- (I) One million two hundred fifty-seven thousand seventeen dollars and ninety cents (\$1,257,017.90) to MGM Northfield Park to be used to support standardbred purse pools;
- (J) Four hundred nineteen thousand seven hundred eighty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$419,788.57) to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway to be used to support standardbred purse pools;
- (K) Five hundred fifty-five thousand twenty-two dollars and forty-seven cents (\$555,022.47) to Eldorado Scioto Downs to be used to support standardbred purse pools.

Adopted: July 21, 2021

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2021-07

WHEREAS, Article 15.06 of the Ohio Constitution establishes that three percent of the tax on gross casino revenue shall be distributed to the Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") to support purses, breeding programs, and operations at all existing commercial horse racetracks permitted as of January 1, 2009;

WHEREAS, section 3769.03 grants the Commission general authority to act in the best interest of the state and take discretionary action;

WHEREAS, Section 5753.03 grants the Commission appropriation authority to distribute casino tax revenue;

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited and received public comments on the potential distribution of casino tax revenue;

WHEREAS, the Commission has received a distribution of casino tax revenue on July 15, 2021 in the amount of two million six hundred twenty-eight thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and thirty-four cents (\$2,628,821.34);

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to make distributions of casino tax revenue of two million six hundred twenty-eight thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and thirty-four cents (\$2,628,821.34);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission that casino tax revenue received by the Commission be distributed as follows, for the purposes specified:

- (A) Four hundred ninety-nine thousand four hundred seventy-six dollars and five cents (\$499,476.05) to the Ohio Thoroughbred Fund to be used to fund purses and/or support breeding of thoroughbred horses in Ohio;
- (B) Four hundred ninety-nine thousand four hundred seventy-six dollars and five cents (\$499,476.05) to the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund to be used to fund purses and/or support breeding of standardbred racehorses in Ohio;
- (C) One hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred forty-one dollars and seven cents (\$131,441.07) to Miami Valley Gaming & Racing to be used to support commercial operations;
- (D) One hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred forty-one dollars and seven cents (\$131,441.07)) to MGM Northfield Park to be used to support commercial operations;
- (E) One hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred forty-one dollars and seven cents (\$131,441.07) to Eldorado Scioto Downs to be used to support commercial operations;

- (F) One hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred forty-one dollars and seven cents (\$131,441.07) to the operating fund of the Ohio State Racing Commission to be used to provide compensation to the administrative staff that support the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund, Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund, and/or costs and fees associated with the commercial operations of racing located at Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, MGM Northfield Park and Eldorado Scioto Downs;
- (G) Ninety-four thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$94,165.78) to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course to be used to support thoroughbred purse pools.
- (H) Eighty-eighty thousand nine hundred fifty-nine dollars and fourteen cents (\$88,959.14) to Belterra Park to be used to support thoroughbred purse pools;
- (I) One hundred one thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars and eight cents (\$101,455.08) to JACK Thistledown to be used to support thoroughbred purse pools
- (J) One hundred twelve thousand four hundred sixty-three dollars and forty cents (\$112,463.40) to Miami Valley Gaming & Racing to be used to support standardbred purse pools;
- (K) Three hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred thirty-three dollars and forty-nine cents (\$398,233.49) to MGM Northfield Park to be used to support standardbred purse pools;
- (L) One hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred ninety-two dollars and forty-three cents (\$132,992.43) to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway to be used to support standardbred purse pools;
- (M)One hundred seventy-five thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$175,835.63) to Eldorado Scioto Downs to be used to support standardbred purse pools.

Adopted: July 21, 2021