



Minutes
Oregon Racing Commission
Aug. 23, 2022

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022. The meeting was held via videoconference.

Call to Order

Chair Diego Conde called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

In Attendance

Commissioners: Chair Diego Conde; Commissioner Charles Williamson; Commissioner Jan Palmer, DVM

Staff

Interim Executive Director Karen Parkman; Catriona McCracken, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Agenda Items

Approvals:

Action: Approval of the meeting agenda, amended to add Executive Director report explaining allocation requests

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

Action: Approval of the minutes from the June 2022 meeting and July 5, 2022, special public meeting

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

Old Business:

Medication and Horse Welfare Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Palmer reported that the subcommittee met yesterday and discussed possible effects of implementing the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). She noted that HISA oversight applies only to meets that offer simulcast wagering, so does not currently affect Oregon's fair meets. The subcommittee also heard a review by State Commission Veterinarian Tom Everman of the fair meets, where things generally went well, Commissioner Palmer stated.

Executive Director's Report

Interim Director Parkman reported the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (OHBPA) requested the ORC redistribute leftover funds from the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show -- \$6900 in unused travel incentives and \$13,500 in unused purse funds, for a total of \$20,400 -- to the Tillamook County Fair for purses. The purse funds have been returned to the Commission; the travel incentives are held by the OHBPA. The reallocation brings Tillamook purses to \$4000, the amount guaranteed by OHBPA.

Action: Approve OHBPA request to redistribute \$20,400 from Eastern Oregon Livestock Show to the Tillamook County Fair

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

Interim Director Parkman stated that in the last-minute scramble for Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association (SOHRA) to put on a summer race meet, allocation of purse funds was missed. She noted the Commission has the funds and the request is in the amounts that would normally be allocated. She recommended approval.

Action: Approve hub fund allocation to Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association for 2022 summer meet

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

New Business:

Review and possible approval of amendment to OAR 462-220-0030(3)(c) Responsible Wagering

Commissioner Williamson explained a hearing was held July 21, 2022, on an amendment to OAR 462-220-0030(3)(c) Responsible Wagering. No one attended the hearing and no testimony in opposition was received. Minor changes in the text/punctuation were made in line with recommendations from the Attorney General's Office.

Action: Adopt amendment to OAR 462-220-0030(3)(c) Responsible Wagering

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

Executive Director search

Chair Conde stated that the Commission had met in executive session and the result of the meeting was a motion. In presenting the motion, Commissioner Williamson reported that the Commission had two finalists for the position of executive director and both were well qualified. They will remain anonymous at this time.

Action: Approve requesting that Kylen Stevens from the Department of Administrative Services complete background checks on the first-choice candidate, Candidate A, then if still appropriate, negotiate salary and other conditions of employment, including start date, with that candidate. If the background checks eliminate the candidate or the candidate’s application is withdrawn, the Commission directs Mr. Stevens to go forward with background checks with Candidate B, and if still appropriate, negotiate conditions of employment with that Candidate.

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

Public Comment:

Randy Boden of OHBPA thanked the Commission for its support of the Tillamook fair meet and thanked Interim Director Parkman for her work during a difficult time. He added that four new off-track betting sites are in the works. Chair Conde echoed Mr. Boden’s praise for Ms. Parkman’s work.

Dave Nelson of the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association thanked quarter horse owners and trainers for turning out and helping make the fair meets successful.

Rod Lowe of SOHRA also expressed thanks to the Commission and Interim Director Parkman for helping his organization get the fair meet at Grants Pass going. He added that he looked forward to both fair and commercial meets in the future at Grants Pass Downs.

Contested Cases:

None

Other Business as May Properly Come Before the Commission:

None

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15, 2022, in Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland, OR. Chair Conde noted that might be changed to a Zoom-only meeting.

Adjournment:

Action: Adjourn meeting

Moved by: Commissioner Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Jan Palmer

Vote: Commissioners Conde, Williamson and Palmer voted AYE, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.