



## MONTANA BOARD OF HORSE RACING

Minutes of Board Meeting: CONFERENCE CALL – May 28, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Call

### MEMBERS ON PHONE:

Chairman: John Hayes, Great Falls  
District 3: Shawn Real Bird, Hardin  
District 4: Barry Stang, Helena  
District 5: Gary Koepplin, Florence  
Racing Industry: Ralph Young, Columbus  
Executive Secretary: Tom Tucker, Corvallis

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice Chairman: Dale Mahlum, Missoula  
District 1: Jody Smith, Miles City

### PUBLIC ON PHONE:

Taylor Alonzo, Dan Fuchs, Dianne Kottke, Garrett Norcott, Raleigh Swensrud.

### CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman John Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. He welcomed those on the phone. The Chairman then asked for a roll call. Board members present were John Hayes, Shawn Real Bird, Barry Stang, Gary Koepplin, Ralph Young. Members absent were Vice Chairman Dale Mahlum and Jody Smith.

Chairman Hayes asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous two conference calls: February 12, 2019 and February 18, 2019. Shawn Real Bird moved to accept the minutes and Gary Koepplin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

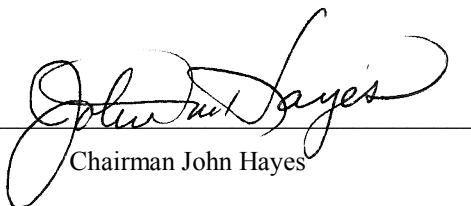
The only agenda item was then discussed. Legal counsel Garrett Norcott talked to the group in regards to the amount of work that needs to be done IF they vote to submit a proposal to conduct historical horseracing to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee. If the board votes yes, then we need to get to work drafting administrative rules, holding open meetings, developing a proposal for the committee and talking with the DOJ.

Member Barry Stang moved that the board submit a proposal to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee and work with DOJ on historical horse racing. Member Gary Koepplin seconded the motion. Chairman Hayes called for discussion. Chairman Hayes received comment from Dan Fuchs that the first meeting of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee is June 6<sup>th</sup> and the board may want to be present and get some guidance from the committee. Discussion turned to the use of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Montana Board of Horse Racing and the Department of Justice to provide oversight. Member Stang stated it makes sense to first sit down with Director Angela Nunn from Gambling Control and discuss this proposal with her. It might avoid a lot of unnecessary work. Members Young and Koepplin both agreed. A question was then called for in regards to the original motion. Motion passed.

Public comment was next on the agenda. No public comment was heard.

Nothing was discussed under Old Business. Nothing was discussed under New Business.

The next board meeting was set for Great Falls on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Holiday Inn on 1100 5<sup>th</sup> Street South in Great Falls. Member Stang asked about room reservations. Executive Secretary Tucker explained that rooms have been reserved at the Comfort Inn & Suites Market, located at 1801 Market Place Drive, Great Falls, MT. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

  
Chairman John Hayes

July 27, 2019

Date

