

Montana Board of Horse Racing
Draft Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024
Helena, MT

Roll Call of Board Members:

John Hayes - Present

Ralph Young - Present

Corey Jones – Present

Cindy Johnson - Present

Kerry Pride - Absent

Janis Calton - Present

Jody Smith - Present

Gary Koepplin, Executive Secretary - Present

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Tori Koch, Legal Counsel

Amy Barnes, Legal Counsel

Jada Maynor, Paralegal

Brenda Elias, Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Patrick Nordlund, Run it Twice Racing

Diane Kottke, Assistant Director of Racing Great Falls

Robert Tooke, Director of Racing Miles City

Scot Powell

Dennis Wertz

Sparky Kottke, Director of Racing Great Falls

Kelly Manzer, State Veterinarian

Deb Phillips

Joe Carr

Call Meeting to Order and Notice of Audio/Visual Recording/Roll Call

1:10 John Hayes, Chairman

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:31 No public comment

Discussion Regarding Financial Statement

2:51 Presenter: Gary Koepplin, Executive Secretary

Kelly Manzer Report

9:41 Presenters: Mr. Koepplin and Dr. Manzer

Opportunity for Public Comment

18:52 Presenter: Mr. Koepplin

19:34 Motion: Janis Calton – Pay for Dr. Manzer to attend a veterinarian conference in 2025

Second: Cindy Johnson

21:36 Chairman Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Golden Triangle Race Series

22:23 Presenter: Mr. Koepplin

25:11 Presenter: Mr. Tooke

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31:34 Mr. Kottke, of the public, made a comment.
42:39 Mrs. Kottke, of the public, made a comment.

Opportunity for Public Comment

44:33 Mrs. Kottke, of the public, made a comment.

New License Application

44:48 Presenters: Mr. Koepplin and Ms. Koch
50:06 Motion: Janis Calton – Approve edits to license application
Second: Cindy Johnson
50:42 Chairman Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment

54:10 Mr. Kottke, of the public, made a comment.

Administrative Rule Process Update

54:33 Presenters: Mr. Koepplin and Ms. Koch

Training Facility Proposal Requests

1:04:49 Presenter: Patrick Nordlund
1:07:25 Robert Tooke, of the public, made a comment.
1:21:49 Chairman Hayes tabled this discussion to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Break

1:22:40

Tracks Update

1:22:49 Meeting called back to order at 11:35am.
1:23:51 Presenter: Mr. Kottke – Great Falls Report
1:42:56 Presenter: Mr. Tooke – Miles City Report

Opportunity for Public Comment

1:51:33 No public comment

Race Date Hearing Approvals

1:51:53 Presenter: Mr. Koepplin

Miles City Race Dates

1:54:16 Motion: Janis Calton – approve Miles City proposed 2025 race dates
Second: Cindy Johnson

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1:54:52 Chairman Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

1:55:18 Mr. Tooke, of the public, made a comment.

Great Falls Race Dates

1:56:31 Motion: Janis Calton – approve Great Falls proposed 2025 race dates

Second: Cindy Johnson

1:58:25 Chairman Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment

1:59:35 No public comment

Distribution of 2025 General Funds for and Advanced Deposit Wagering Funds

1:58:52 Presenter: Mr. Koeplin

2:15:30 Mr. Tooke, of the public, made a comment

2:22:35 Motion: Mr. Young –

- award \$35,000 per race day to Miles City racetrack through the advance deposit wagering funds;
- award \$35,000 per race day to Great Falls racetrack through the advance deposit wagering funds;
- award \$10,000 per race day to Miles City racetrack through the 2025 general fund allotment;
- award \$10,000 per race day to Great Falls racetrack from the 2025 general fund allotment;
- award \$25,000 for the Montana Bred Incentive Program from the 2025 general fund allotment;
- award \$47,500 to Miles City racetrack to be used for capital improvements and operations from the 2025 general fund allotment; and
- award \$47,500 to Great Falls racetrack to be used for capital improvements and operations from the 2025 general fund allotment.

Second: Janis Calton

2:23:40 Chairman Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:24:22 Mrs. Kottke, of the public, made a comment.

Adjournment

2:26:37 Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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