

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission
November 2, 2016
DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Commissioners:

- Zulema (Sue) Echerivel, District 1
- John K. Goodman, District 2
- John Ochoa, District 4
- Geronimo Ramirez, Jr. District 5

County Liaison:

- Tom Moulton, Pima County Liaison
- Mike Holmes, Pima County Liaison

Not Present:

Bill Matthews, District 3

Meeting began on 5:40 pm by Vice-Chair Ramirez who announced Chair Metz recently passed away and he felt some "cleanup needed to take place due to the chair's passing away. There was a quorum and Vice-Chair Ramirez asked for minutes to be approved: Ms. Echerivel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission Ochoa joined the meeting by conference call and due to bad reception the meeting was delayed until Commissioner Ochoa was physically present.

Meeting continued around 5:45 pm when Commissioner Ochoa arrived and passed his Pima County loyalty information to Mike Holmes. The paperwork was in order and Commissioner Ochoa was allowed to participate in the meeting.

Vice-Chair Ramirez welcomed all the commissioners and introduced new commissioners Zulema Echerivel and John Ochoa who gave brief introductions of themselves;

Zulema Echerivel, (Sue) has been in Tucson for many years; retired from Raytheon and been in the horse business for 40 years.

John Ochoa: Born in Tucson many years with a ranching background and has a cattle ranch and is a general contractor by profession.

Vice-Chair Ramirez asked about Commissioner Matthews. Tom Moulton informed the vice-chair that commissioner Bill Matthews resigned recently to Supervisor Bronson. Vice-Chair Ramirez also mentioned that Commissioner Goodman was going to resign following the meeting. Commissioner Goodman handed his resignation letter to Mr. Holmes effective following the commission meeting.

Vice-Chair Ramirez asked to discuss appointing the Vice-Chair as Acting Chair. As part of this procedure Commissioner Echerivel made a motion, seconded by John Ochoa, to recognize that Forrest Metz, due to his death was no longer the chair or a member of the commission and no longer a member of the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Corporation. Motion passed unanimously. Appointing Vice-Chair Ramirez as Acting-Chair discussion was asked to be moved later under a different agenda item.

The Commission decided to table agenda item 5 choosing new officers until all five commissioners are in place. The Commission also suggested to table item 6 until all commissioners are in place as well. A motion was made by Commissioner Echerivel, and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa to table the discussion of PCFHRC roles and responsibilities until a quorum of commissioners are in place.

Vice-Chair Ramirez led a discussion on Item 7 regarding opening a bank account for PCFHRC. County Liaison indicated he was not aware of a Commission bank account but due to a recent agreement between PCFHRC and Rillito Racing to share alcohol revenue during the 2016 meeting, that potentially a bank account was established. Chair Ramirez called for Jay Wells, President of Rillito Foundation and Rillito Racing to share the revenue sharing agreement Rillito Racing and PCFHRC agreed to. Mr. Wells passed an agreement with PCFHRC and Rillito Racing regarding shared revenue for alcohol sales and reconciliation for the spring 2016 meet to the Commissioners during reviewed the details of the agree with the commission (see attached). Mr. Wells summarized that the previous PCFHRC under chair Metz, agreed to allow Rillito Racing to utilize the PCFHRC alcohol license during the race meet as long as Rillito racing pays for all fees associated with the license from the state of Arizona and share 5% of gross revenues to go toward the racing purses. Jay indicated that more money went into purses than was received and thanked the commissioners for their assistance and mentioned how important this contribution was to attract more and better horses to race. A discussion followed to consider if the current agreement would apply to Race Meeting 2017. Commissioner Echerivel indicated that she didn't want to discuss the current agreement until more commissioners were in place. It was reiterated several times by the commissioners to Mr. Wells, that the current agreement would stay in place until such time the PCFHRC wanted to negotiated during terms.

Mr. Wells asked the chair if this would be the proper time to discuss the status of the PCFHRC Alcohol License. Vice-Chair Ramirez asked PC liaison Moulton what the next steps would entail and Moulton described the process in detail as outlined by the state liquor department. The process was passed to the commissioners for review. Vice-Chair Ramirez called on a member of the audience who was familiar with the process and she reiterated how the license was used during the race meet and put in inactive status when other group filed for a special event liquor license. Following the discussion Mr. Wells verified the PCFHRC alcohol license was not going to be used by any other entity nor suspended for any other activity beginning January 1. From January 1 to the end of the race meet, PCFHRC, has been historically allowed to utilize the license for the race meet. Mr. Wells believed the understanding with PCFHRC that the commission has given permission to utilize the license for the upcoming 2017 race meet. He asked the commission to verify this permission is still in place. He also asked to keep the 5% revenue sharing in place. The commission indicated that they wanted to discuss different terms with Rillito Racing but preferred to table any discussion until a full racing commission was appointed and met. Until such time, the current agreement is valid.

A motion was made by Commissioner Echerivel and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa to appoint Mr. Ramirez as the acting chair of PCFHRC and to become the new agent for the alcohol license. Motion passed unanimously. Liaison Moulton and Acting Chair Ramirez will execute the new agent change paperwork along with the AZ Corporate Commission changes that are needed.

A discussion took place on when the next meeting should be. The Commission decided to set up a tentative meeting date on November 30 beginning at 5:30 pm. The chair will notify all if the meeting will take place.

An additional discussion took place on the membership with the Arizona Counties Racing Association (ACRA). This commission involves Douglas and Stafford AZ at this time. The group met the previous week and Pima County was not in attendance. The membership of this group works with the County Horse Racing Commissions to coordinate County Fair horse racing events. It was recommended that all the commissioners receive some background information describing what a County Fair Horse Racing Meet is vs. Commercial Racing. It was decided that County Fair Horse racing be discussed at the next commission meeting. Mr. Wells has discussed this topic with Mr. Metz and should be on the next agenda.

The future of horse racing was the last discussion of the meeting. Mr. Wells gave an overview of what is needed to continue horse raising at Rillito Racetrack with the Rillito Park Foundation and Rillito Racing Inc. This included, building new horse stable (minimum of 36 new stables) and raising the funds to do so. 14 racing days are scheduled to begin on February 10. Friday and night time racing is being considered to include quarter horse racing. Advertising will start in early January and advance sales begin in November. A discussion about Nighttime racing took place and Mr. Well indicated it will be sunset racing where lighting will augment sunlight. University of Arizona racing will continue to work with Rillito Racing on all facets of operations.

Call to the Public included comments on asking the Board of Supervisors to help advertise racing meets, and a call for each commissioner to understand their roll in Pima County Fair Horse race meets and to continue being involved in monthly meetings to conduct the business of the commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tom Moulton
Pima County Liaison

**Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission
November 2, 2016
Draft Minutes**

Handouts to Commissioners

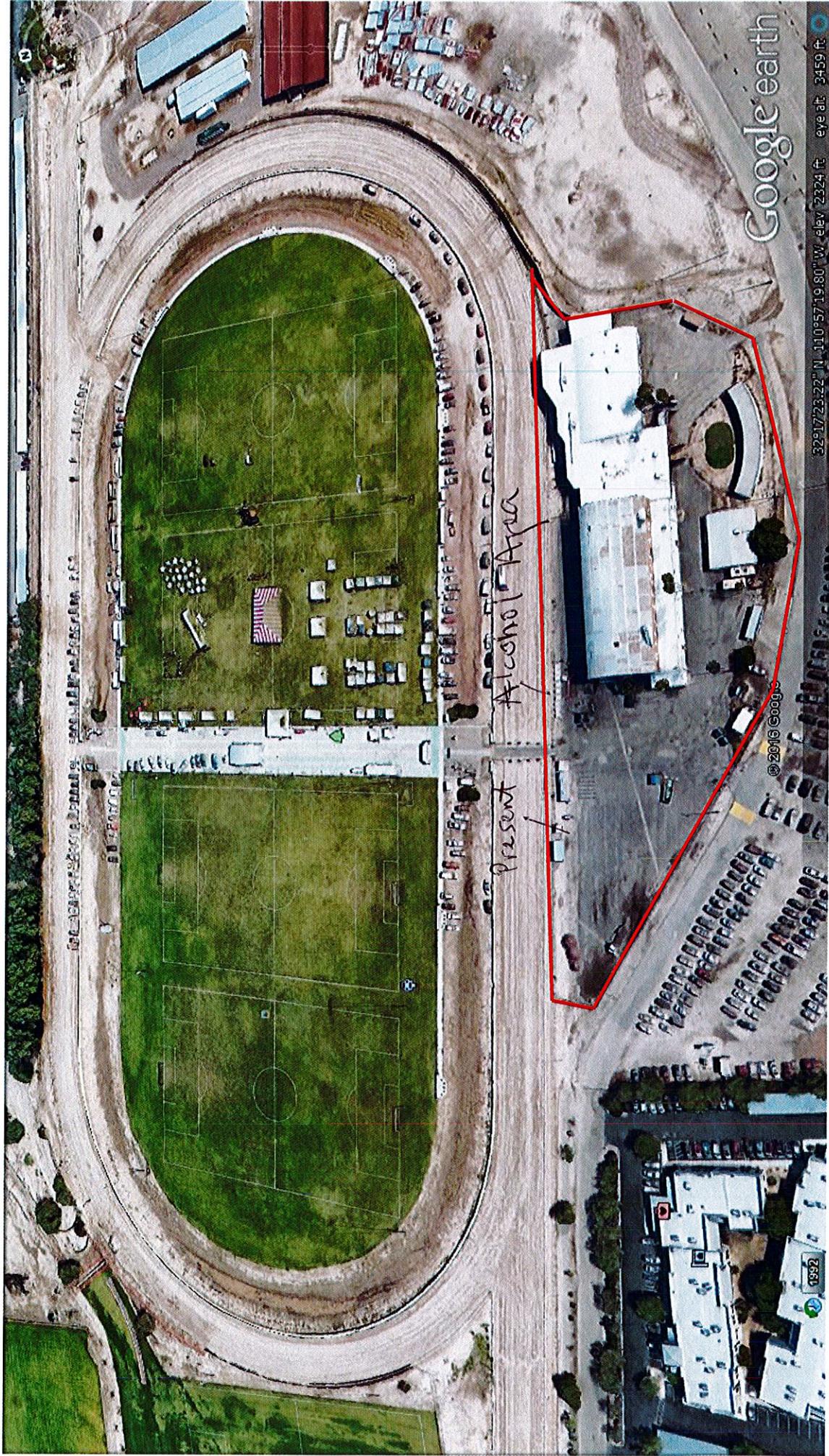
Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

**Business Name: Rillito**

1 record found as of November 02, 2016

License Number:	06100581	Status:	Active
Business Name:	RILLITO PARK RACE TRACK		
Location Address	4502 N 1ST AVE		
	TUCSON	AZ	85718
County	PIMA	Bus. Phone	(520)318-3800
Licensee/Agent/Tel:	METZ, FORREST		
Owner/Exp Date/Issue Date	PIMA COUNTY FAIR HORSE RACING COMMISSION		
Status Date/ IP Exp Date	12/01/2015	09/30/2017	08/25/1994
		Lic. Type:	Bar

Rivito Alcohol Approved Area



Google earth

32°17'23.22" N 110°57'19.80" W elev 2324 ft eye alt 3459 ft

Present
Alcohol Area

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Aurora Hernandez

From: Tom Moulton
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 9:30 PM
To: Aurora Hernandez
Subject: Fwd: Process to change agent on Alcohol License
Attachments: AGENT CHANGE AOC RESTRUCTURE.pdf; QUESTIONNAIRE.pdf; ALIEN STATUS FORM.pdf

Send this version to Geronimo

Tom Moulton
Director
Pima County Attractions & Tourism
(520) 724-7353

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tom Moulton <Tom.Moulton@pima.gov>
Date: November 1, 2016 at 8:19:57 PM MST
To: Aurora Hernandez <Aurora.Hernandez@pima.gov>
Cc: Mike Holmes <Mike.Holmes@pima.gov>, Tom Moulton <Tom.Moulton@pima.gov>
Subject: FW: Process to change agent on Alcohol License

Hi Tom, how are you doing?

- 1) You will need to do an Agent Change in order to change the name of the Agent on the license. Also, Since Forrest Metz is listed as an Agent and Secretary, we will need minutes of the meeting removing him from the corporation, to be dated and signed.

On the New Agent application, section 5 it asks for the previous agent. However since he is deceased, please provide a copy of his death certificate. [Below Vice-Chair](#) may sign off on that section and notarized.

- Geronimo Ramirez

- 2) Please also Amend with the Arizona Corporate Commission removing Forrest Metz and adding new officers

3) The New Agent Will Need:

- New Agent Application Form
- Questionnaire
- Alien status form with proof of citizenship (Arizona Driver's License, Birth Certificate, or Signed U.S. Passport)
- Current Basic and Management liquor law training for person operating on a day to day basis
- Fingerprint (If over 2 year or not in our system)

Fees for everything are:

New Agent Change Application= \$100.00

Fingerprint=\$22.00

I have attached the following documents for your convenience.

Shall you have any further questions, please contact me at (602)-542-9056

● Revise
For drafting
purposes at
future meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 1987- 224

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA CREATING A PIMA COUNTY
FAIR HORSE RACING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County desires to create an advisory and supervisory commission to assist it in providing County Fair Race Meetings for the benefit of the citizens of Pima County; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Title 5 Chapter 1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Board of Supervisors may authorize an association to conduct County Fair Race Meetings for the benefit of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

1. There shall be a Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission consisting of five members. Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall appoint one Commissioner. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at the first annual meeting of the Commission.

2. Each Commissioner shall serve for a term of two years, ending on the third Monday of January of the appropriate year, except that the terms of the Commissioners first appointed shall end on the third Monday of January, 1990.

3. Appointments to fill a vacancy resulting other than from expiration of a term shall be for the unexpired term. A Commissioner may be removed at will by the Supervisor of the District of the appointing Supervisor or by a majority of the Board of Supervisors.

4. The Commission shall hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings as designated by the Chairperson.

5. The minutes of all regular and special meetings shall be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors.

6. Commissioners shall not receive compensation for their services, except for reasonable expenses allowed by law which are incurred in performing their duties, including attendance at meetings.

7. The Commission shall:

- a. advise and assist the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to Pima County Fair Horse Racing Meetings;
- b. conduct Pima County Fair Horse Racing Meetings for the benefit of the County; and
- c. perform other duties in furtherance of horse racing as shall be directed by a majority of the Board of

Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima
County, Arizona, this 8th day of December, 1987.

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Sam Lena
Sam Lena, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jane S. Williams
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mr. Kirt
Deputy County Attorney



Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission

February 5, 2016

Jaye Wells
President
Rillito Racing Inc.
1090 E. River Road
Tucson, Arizona 85718

RE: PIMA COUNTY FAIR HORSE RACING COMMISSION LIQUOR LICENSE USE

Dear Jaye,

This letter is to memorialize the agreement between the Pima County Fair Horse Race Commission and Rillito Racing, Inc. concerning the use of the commissions' liquor license at Rillito Park. Rillito Racing, Inc. will be granted the use of the liquor license with the previous requirements (i.e. insurance, etc.) plus the payment of five (5%) percent of gross liquor sales at the park.

The commission will use these funds to pay its fees and filing costs with the remaining funds to be used for horse racing purses at Rillito Park!

Thank you for your continued efforts for horse racing at Rillito Park.

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission



Forrest L. Metz, Chairman

"Accepted"



Rillito Racing, Inc.
Jaye Wells, President

February 10th, 2016

Date

**RILLITO RACING SALES COMMISSION FOR
PIMA COUNTY FAIR HORSE RACING COMMISSION
LIQUOR LICENSE 2016**

LIVE SEASON

TRIPLE CROWN

	DATE	ALCOHOL SALES	POST SEASON DARK DAYS	ALCOHOL SALES
	13-Feb	\$26,729	CASINO NIGHT	\$5,990
	14-Feb	\$21,926	KENTUCKY DERBY	\$4,404
	20-Feb	\$33,166	PREAKNESS	\$1,546
	21-Feb	\$33,289	BELMONT	\$1,105
	27-Feb	\$20,016		
	28-Feb	\$22,737	Total liquor sales	\$13,045
	5-Mar	\$13,308	5% of liquor sales	\$652
	6-Mar	\$19,911	for 2017 purses	
	12-Mar	\$19,191		
	13-Mar	\$21,659		
	19-Mar	\$17,524		
	20-Mar	\$28,921		

Total liquor sales		\$278,377
5% of liquor sales		\$13,919
less fees paid to Forrest/PCFHRC	\$	-
Total to Purses		\$13,919