



PIMA COUNTY

ATTRACTIONS AND TOURISM

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Meeting September 20th, 2017

- Present:**
- Zulema (Sue) Echerivel, District 1
 - Ronnie Reyna, District 2
 - Tim Kelly, District 3
 - John Ochoa, District 4
 - Geronimo Ramirez, Jr., District 5
 - Diane Frisch & Mike Holmes, Pima County Liaison
 - Robert Padilla, PC NRPR

Meeting called to order by Chair Ramirez at 5:00pm.

Approval of August 16th, 2017 Minutes

After some discussion of who should take and record the minutes, and whether they should include all of the discussions or just the major points, questions, and motions made and passed, the commission concluded that Pima County staff should continue to record the minutes and keep recordings of the meetings. Commissioner Reyna moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Report on Bank Account, Liquor License, and Taxes

Chair and Treasurer opened a bank account for the commission at Pima Federal Credit Union with \$25. The commission has not yet deposited the check for funds received from Rillito Racing. The Liquor License has been extended through September 2018.

Update on Prescott Downs

Jaye Wells reported that the escrow date for the Prescott Downs property is due in October. If the sale closes, there will be racing this upcoming year. A discussion regarding OTB share and race purses followed and pending legislative action that might affect it. Commissioner Echerivel asked if there was something the commission could do. Wells responded that it would be appropriate for the commission to engage with the Pima County Board of Supervisors and urge them to support legislative efforts to reform the way the OTB and race earnings are shared across the state to increase the share for Rillito and Pima County.

Clarification on Pima County roles with the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission

Deputy Director of Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation reported on the way that the Martin Family Foundation had donated \$1,000,000 to the Parklands Foundation for County mandated repairs to the racing facilities and amenities at Rillito Racetrack, as well as efforts to re-assemble the barns that had previously been moved from the west side of the track. Jaye Wells reported that of the 60 stalls taken down, 29 are ready to be reassembled with minimal reconstruction. With an outside investment of \$6,000, an additional 23 might be repaired enough to make a total of 52 stalls ready for racing season.

El Moro de Cumpas Trade Name Use, Discussion, and Vote

Gabriel Ramirez offered up the use of the El Moro de Cumpas name and rights for the commission to use for trial and races at Rillito. Commissioner Kelly moved to accept the offer, Commissioner Reyna seconded it. Motion passed.

El Moro de Cumpas Stakes Races for 2018

After an operational discussion, Jaye Wells agreed to discuss running the El Moro de Cumpas trials and races in the 2018 season.

New Business

A discussion of new rules for random testing/examinations and potential necropsies for horses running on turf tracks in Arizona. After discussion, Commissioner Reyna moved to continue allowing Rillito Racing to pay the fees for the License, as in 2017, in return for using it for the racing season. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Call to Public**Meeting Adjournment**

Chair Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Reyna seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm.