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AGENDA

Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:

One Remington Place - Eclipse Room
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Address of the:

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CALL TO ORDER..... Mr. Sanders, Chair

ROLL CALL..... Mr. Sanders, Chair

BUSINESS..... Mr. Sanders, Chair

A. MINUTES

- 1. The drafted Minutes of the *June 20, 2024, Regularly* Scheduled Commission Meeting will be considered for approval.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION.

B. MR. WILEY HARTWELL PRESENTATION ON RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING GUIDELINES

Mr. Wiley D. Hartwell will present his report on Responsible Gambling Guideline inspections from the tracks.

C. REMINGTON PARK IS REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR FOUR BUILDING, REPAIR, AND/OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

PROJECT 1. REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS IN THE DORMS ON THE BACKSIDE.

Remington Park is planning to repair and replace the air conditioning systems in the twenty-one dorms on the backside. The project is currently in the bid and permitting stage. The initial phase of demolition and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August with completion scheduled for September.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; take preliminary action on the matter; grant the request; deny the request; or continue the matter(s).

PROJECT 2. RENOVATION OF THE CASINO LOBBY AND RESTROOMS.

Consideration

Remington Park is planning to remodel the casino lobby and restrooms. The matter is currently in the bid and permitting stage. The initial phase of demolition and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin sixty (60) days after Commission approval with completion expected to take nine (9) months.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; take preliminary action on the matter; grant the request; deny the request; or continue the matter(s).

PROJECT 3. EROSION REPAIR TO THE BANK ON THE DEEP FORK RIVER.

Remington Park is planning to repair bank erosion on the Deep Fork River along the north side of Remington Park. The erosion is encroaching on the parking area on the backside. The Deep Fork Creek Erosion remediation consists of cleaning up the eroded bank area and installing anti-erosion gabions along the bank to protect from further damage. The project is currently in the bid and permitting stage. The initial phase of demolition and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin sixty (60) days after Commission approval with completion expected to take six (6) months.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; take preliminary action on the matter; grant the request; deny the request; or continue the matter(s).

PROJECT 4. DESIGNATION AND FENCING OF AN EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA.

Remington Park is designating a portion of its parking lot for employee parking. The project will consist of erecting a fence to close off part of the current parking lot for employee parking only. The project is currently in the bid and permitting stage. The initial phase of demolition and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin the second week of September with completion expected ten (10) to twelve (12) weeks after construction begins.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; take preliminary action on the matter; grant the request; deny the request; or continue the matter(s).

D. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF CY 2025 RACING AND GAMING APPLICATIONS

The Commission received renewal applications for racing licenses and accompanying gaming licenses from Remington Park and Will Rogers Downs to conduct racing and gaming activities in CY 2025. The Commission also received renewal applications from Fair Meadows at Tulsa for a racing license and a Recipient Racetrack Gaming License.

In the past, the Commission has determined that a full formal Public Hearing would be conducted only on original applications for organization and gaming licenses. On renewal applications, the Public Hearing is limited to a presentation by a racetrack representative followed by a question-and-answer period by Commissioner’s, Commission Counsel and Commission Staff.

The following is a summary of the race day applications received:

1. Remington Park

Remington Park (RP) applied to conduct two (2) race meetings:

1. A Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa race meeting, 50 days in length (422 QH and 78 PT/App races), From March 6, 2025, through May 31, 2025, and
2. A Thoroughbred race meeting, 67 days in length (600 TB races), from August 15, 2025, through December 19, 2025.

Remington Park also submitted a Racetrack Gaming Operator License application. Staff Briefs have been completed on Remington Park’s CY 2025 racing and gaming applications.

2. Will Rogers Downs

Will Rogers Downs (WRD) applied to conduct two (2) race meetings:

1. A Thoroughbred race meeting, 27 days in length (270 TB races), from March 3, 2025, through May 14, 2025.
2. A Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa race meeting 28 days in length (270 QH and 60 PT/App races), from September 8, 2025, through November 11, 2025.

Will Rogers Downs also submitted a Racetrack Gaming Operator Application. Staff Briefs have been completed on Will Rogers Downs CY 2025 racing and gaming applications.

3. Tulsa State Fair (Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority)

The Tulsa State Fair (Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority) applied to conduct one fair race meet:

1. A Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa fair race meet at Fair Meadows at Tulsa, 27 race days in length (170 TB, 170 QH, and 68 PT/App races estimated), from June 4, 2025, through July 19, 2025.

Fair Meadows at Tulsa (FMT) also submitted a Recipient Racetrack Gaming License application. Staff Briefs have been completed on the Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority’s CY 2025 racing and gaming license applications.

The chart below summarizes the proposed race days as reflected in the applications and amendments thereto:

Applicants for Renewal Racing Licenses	Race Meetings	Number of Live Race Days Requested and Number of Races Per Breed Requested	Number of Required Races by Breed to Conduct Gaming	Race Meeting Time Frame (2024)
Remington Park Global Gaming RP, LLC Oklahoma City, OK	Quarter Horse, Paint, & Appaloosa	<u>50 Race Days</u> 422 Quarter Horse 78 Paint & Appaloosa	No fewer than five hundred (500) races for within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive weeks.	March 6, 2025 to May 31st, 2025
	Thoroughbred	<u>67 Race Days</u> 600 Thoroughbred	No fewer than six hundred (600) races.	August 15, 2025, to December 19, 2025
Will Rogers Downs	Quarter Horse, Paint, & Appaloosa	<u>28 Race Days</u> 270 Quarter Horse 60 Paint & Appaloosa	No fewer than two hundred seventy (270) races for Quarter Horses, and no fewer than sixty (60) races for Paint and Appaloosa horses.	September 8, 2025 to November 11, 2025

Will Rogers Downs	Thoroughbred	<u>27 Race Days</u> 270 Thoroughbred	No less than two hundred seventy (270) races for Thoroughbred horses.	March 3, 2025, to May 14, 2025
Tulsa State Fair (Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority) Fair Meadows at Tulsa Expo Square	Quarter Horse, Paint, & Appaloosa	<u>27 Race Days</u> 170 Quarter Horse Est. 68 Paint & Appaloosa Est.	No less than four hundred (400) total races, which shall include conducting no fewer than an average of four (4) races per day for Thoroughbred horses.	June 4, 2025, to July 19, 2025
	Thoroughbred	170 Thoroughbred Est.		

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES PERTAIN TO THE PRESENTATIONS REGARDING RACING AND GAMING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR ORGANIZATION LICENSES.

Each track will be given up to (10) minutes to make its presentation on its CY 2025 racing and gaming renewal license applications with a concentration on changes proposed or made since the CY 2024 applications. Following the presentation, Commissioners, Commission Counsel and Commission Staff may ask questions. The period taken with questions and answers will not be charged against the time allotted the Applicant.

Possible Executive Session for Deliberations in Individual Proceedings Regarding Racetrack Applications for Racing and Gaming Licenses

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 312, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(8) and 311 (B)(1), an Executive Session is proposed for deliberations in individual proceedings regarding CY 2025 organization license (racing) and gaming applications from Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows at Tulsa (Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority).

1. Motion and Vote to Go Into Executive Session for the Purpose Stated Above
2. Vote to Reconvene in Open Session

Possible Action:

Possible actions may include: taking no action; taking preliminary action to allot CY 2025 live race dates and directing Commission Staff to draft CY 2025 racing and companion gaming license orders subject to staff reports and consideration of the Staff Briefs and draft orders for consideration in further deliberations at the October 17, 2024 meeting; or continuing consideration to the October 17, 2024 meeting.

E. PROPOSED OPENINGS OF THE PERMANENT RULEMAKING PROCESS TO CONSIDER RULE AMENDMENTS FOR THE OHRC RULES OF RACING AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. John Chancey, Commission Executive Director, and Director of Equine Welfare, proposes opening the permanent rulemaking process to consider amendments in the *Rules of Racing*. Dr. Chancey’s request is to open chapters 1, 15, 25, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90 in the Rules of Racing.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action, approving the beginning of the permanent rulemaking process to consider amendments in the cited chapters as proposed, or as modified at the meeting, by authorizing publication in *The Oklahoma Register* and scheduling a Public Hearing; or continuing the matter.

F. CY 2025 COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Commission Staff recommends that the Commission consider scheduling eight (8) monthly meetings in CY 2025 for the months of January, February, March, May, June, August, October, and November.

The proposed CY 2025 meeting dates will include January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, May 15th, June 19th, August 21st, October 16th, and November 20th.

G. NOTICE OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Sanders will share assignments to Ad Hoc committees.

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), TO DISCUSS THE “THE EMPLOYMENT, HIRING, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINING OR RESIGNATION” OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

1. Motion and Vote to Go into Executive Session for the Purpose Stated Above
2. Motion and Vote to Reconvene in Open Session

Possible Action:

Possible action regarding item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

I. ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA 240 O.S. § 311 (A) (10)

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

08/16/2024- 1st day of live racing at Remington Park

08/25/2024- Permanent Rules for 2024 are effective.

09/02/2024- Labor Day Holiday

09/09/2024- 1st day of live racing at Will Rogers Downs

****There is no September 2024 Regularly Scheduled Meeting****

10/03/2024- Agenda Topic deadline for the October Commission Meeting

10/17/2024- Regularly scheduled Commission Meeting

ADJOURNMENT..... Mr. Sanders, Chair