

Montana Board of Horse Racing
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025
Via Zoom

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 - Present

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Tori Koch, Legal Counsel

Jada Maynor, Paralegal

Public Present:

Kelly Manzer, State Veterinarian

Call Meeting to Order

1:58 Gary Koepplin, Executive Secretary

Notice of Audio/ Visual Recording/ Roll Call

3:55 John Hayes, Chairman

Opportunity for Public Comment

4:45 No public comment

Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

8:46 Motion: Corey Jones – Approval of November Meeting Minutes

8:52 Second: Janis Calton

9:20 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment

9:27 No public comment

Election of Officers

9:47 Presenter: Gary Koepplin, Election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board – John Hayes, Chair and Corey Jones, VC

10:39 Motion: Janis Calton

10:52 Second: Jody Smith

11:34 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment

12:06 No public comment

Training Facility Proposal Request – Patrick Nordlund

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12:18 Presenter: Mr. Koepplin and Mr. Hayes

Patrick Nordlund was waiting on paperwork from the County he is working. Table the discussion for now.

Opportunity for Public Comment

13:36 No public comment

New License Application

14:04 Presenter: Mr. Koepplin and Jada Maynor

Update on new License Application, where Commerce is at in the process of this new license application.

Cindy Johnson - Board Member - made a suggestion for the new license application.

Administrative Rule Changes

54:33 Presenter: Mr. Koepplin, Mr. Koch and Ms. Maynor

There were a ton of rules needing to be approved.

Rules: 8.22.2402, 8.22.2903 and 8.22.2905

26:40 Suggestions made by board members. No public comment.

Motion: Janis Calton

Second: Corey Jones

35:24 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Rules: 8.22.2909, 8.22.3001 and 8.22.3004

35:29 No public comment.

Motion: Corey Jones

Second: Janis Calton

42:19 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Rules: 8.22.3006 and 8.22.3201

42:41 Suggestions made by board members. No public comment.

Motion: Corey Jones

Second: Cindy Johnson

47:37 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Rule: 8.22.3207

47:42 No vote made. Board members made suggestions, table this rule for now, and get back to it at a later time.

Rule: 8.22.3412

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54:53 Suggestions made by board members. Kelly Manzer made a public comment.

Motion: Cindy Johnson

Second: Janis Calton

57:12 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

After public comment was made, the board came back to discussing this rule, a second vote happened to table this rule as well.

1:03:06 Motion: Janis Calton - to table rule 9.22.3412 and to have further discussion on rule

Second: Corey Jones

1:03:45 Mr. Hayes called for a vote: all yes. Motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment

58:21 Kelly Manzer, go back and discuss rule 8.22.3412. Ms. Koch recommended to have a vote to rescind the motion that was passed for said rule. For voting on this comment, refer to the above section.

1:04:18 No further public comment

Adjournment

1:08:56 Motion to adjourn

Motion: Janis Calton

Second: Jody Smith

Adjourned at 12:11 pm