

**Prairie Meadows Board Meeting
Special Meeting
May 22, 2020
2:00 p.m.
Conference Call**

A Special Meeting of the Prairie Meadows Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Neugent at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Dennis Albaugh
Bob Chittenden
Mark Cooper
Michael Gartner
Frank Marasco
Marty Martin
Gerry Neugent
Bob O’Hollearn

Suku Radia
Kurt Rasmussen
Ken Sagar
Mary Simon
Susan Voss
Marta Codina - absent
John Irving

Also in attendance were:

Gary Palmer, President/CEO
Ann Atkin, Senior Vice President/COO
Brad Rhines, Executive Vice President

Tom Flynn, Legal Counsel
Nancy Winget, Its Recording Secretary
Members of the Press, Public, and Staff

Mr. Neugent noted this is a public meeting and there are a lot of people on the phone, so please mute your phone if you’re not speaking.

Mr. Neugent said he’ll defer Agenda Item III. and move “Other” as the first item for Public Comment.

Other – Public Comment. None

Discussion – Giving discretion to the Executive Staff on re-opening PMRC. Mr. Neugent said the Executive Committee has been meeting and discussing issues on more than a weekly basis; our best guess is that casinos will open next month; please mute your phones. Mr. Neugent requested Mr. Palmer explain this item.

Mr. Palmer said we don’t know when the casino will open; we are finalizing the plans to reopen and be ready to open the Hotel, restaurants, and Casino – we’ll notify the Executive Committee and the Board first; staff would like authorization to determine the date(s). Mr. Neugent said we’re not certain when the casino will open; the Board took action to close the property and the Board should take action to open the property; please consider the Resolution authorizing Gary Palmer and the Executive Staff to determine, at their discretion, opening the facilities, or any portion. Mr. Palmer said when we open, the plan is to take the temperature of all employees and visitors. Mr. Neugent asked if the date is dictated by the conditions and the Governor and Mr. Palmer said yes. Mr. Gartner asked if the plan is to take temperatures and Mr. Palmer said yes, take the temperature of all employees and visitors. Mr. Neugent said we need to move fast as things change quickly; it would be prudent to adopt the Resolution to allow Mr. Palmer and staff to set the schedule for reopening the facility. Mr. Marasco said he’s relatively new to the Board and is very impressed by the leadership, Mr. Palmer, and counsel; he understands the need for the Resolution.

Action Item – Resolution giving Executive Staff the discretion to open PMRC. Mr. Marasco moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and passed on a Roll Call Vote (13 yes, 0 no).

Discussion – Opening of the Backside under the conditions from the National HBPA, IAHBPA, and Prairie Meadows. Mr. Palmer said we've been negotiating with the horsemen and working on how to reopen and the conditions; the National HBPA put together procedures, which most tracks are using – take temperatures, issue wrist bands, dorm space for quarantine, limit the number of people in a dorm room, wear masks/bandannas; our Backside employees will also follow the procedures; these are great protocols and staff is in favor of following them when the Backside opens. Mr. Albaugh agreed with opening the Backside under the conditions laid out. Mr. Palmer said staff is recommending opening the Backside June 1, as of right now.

Action Item – Opening of the Backside under the conditions from the National HBPA, IAHBPA, and Prairie Meadows. Mr. Albaugh moved to approve opening the Backside under the conditions of the National HPBA, IAHBPA, and Prairie Meadows, as outlined by Mr. Palmer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Radia.

Mr. Gartner would like to explain why he'll vote no; he agrees to opening the Backside as quickly as possible; his objection is the 650 in the dorm setting with community bathrooms; we should do what Churchill and Keeneland are doing – test everyone; we could test in two or less days; the \$120,000 cost could come out of the \$21.6 million purse money or Prairie Meadows could pay; testing would be a great insurance policy and eliminate some risk; horsemen could come in, sign up for a test, the horses could train, and then horses could run; it's an extra precaution and is worth doing. Ms. Voss agreed with Mr. Gartner – testing will pay dividends down the road. Mr. Sagar also agreed with Mr. Gartner, and he will vote no.

Mr. Radia said given the facts of preponderance of research and testing by taking temperatures, testing is only good at that point and there's no assurance that one hour later, the test would be different – the test has a short shelf life and it takes 24 hours to get the results; he will vote to take temperatures. Mr. Marasco echoed Mr. Radia's comments; the test gives a false sense of security and can't determine if someone is Asymptomatic; the virus could be contacted after the test; he'll vote in favor of taking temperatures.

The motion passed on a Roll Call Vote (7 yes, 4 no, 2 calls were dropped). Mr. Martin and Mr. Rasmussen contacted staff after the meeting noting they were on the phone and could hear the conversation, but they were not able to be heard – both said their vote was yes.

Adjournment. Mr. Cooper moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Neugent. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gartner
Its Secretary