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**Michigan Horse Racing Advisory Commission**

**August 24, 2021 2:00 p.m. - Via Teams**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Chair Nielsen
2. Guests with discussion on the following topics
  - a. Katherine Paisley of **Exacta** on historical horse racing  
There have been benefits to Kentucky and Virginia. Historical horse racing is legal in 8 states.
  - b. Renee Mancino of Ohio HHA to discuss VLT's in Ohio  
Video Lottery Terminals outperform standalone casinos.
  - c. Mike Krombeen on Legislative Overview  
The senate introduced a package of bills this spring to authorize video lottery terminals and historical horse racing. Either would provide an infusion of cash into the industry. The goal is to have something to the governor by Thanksgiving. The commission is allowed to have input into items such as recommendations that would positively impact the horse racing industry.

3. Further discussion on pending legislation  
The commission recognized the passing of Luke Carlo.

William Frank gave an update on the gaming board positions.

Mike Krombeen and Sylvia Renteria gave an update on funding for the commission through the agriculture equine industry development fund. In order to spend the available funding, an appropriation would be needed.

4. Public Input - Chair Nielsen

There was no public input.

5. Scheduling of next meeting - Chair Nielsen

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> in Lansing, if possible.

6. Adjournment

Attendees: Brian Nielsen, Thomas Barrett, Michael Carlo, William Frank, Joseph Rivet, Lucas Cairns, Sylvia Renteria