

## Horse Racing Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

Present: Chair Nielsen, Tom Barrett, Michael Carlo, William Frank, Joseph Rivet

Also Present: Mike Krombeen, Sylvia Renteria, Michael Hetherington, Lucas Cairns

Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order and roll was taken Nielsen, Barrett, Carlo, Frank, Rivet - present.

There was no public input.

Mike Krombeen – gave an update on Legislation. Michigan Senate passed Senate Bills 396 – 399. It includes some electronic tools for betting. The package provides revenue for Horsemen and establishments. Bills sent to House Regulatory Reform Committee. Tax parity provisions in the bill. Discussion followed related to passage chances and timing and executive support.

Discussion took place on MSU Large Animal Vet School and its involvement with horse racing industry.

A conversation took place on Horse Racing support of research at MSU.

Sylvia Renteria provided a year end 2021 financials for Agriculture Equine Fund. As well as appropriation for FY 2022. FY '22 appropriation is \$3,669,200. The Committee has a cash balance available.

A discussion took place on rules for operation. Renteria/Rivet discussed Department position.

Chair requested a position on Senate Bills 396 – 399. W. Frank moved to support the bills as passed the Senate, M. Carlo seconded, the motion passed 4 in favor, none opposed, one not voting (Rivet).

Thomas Barrett requested any procedures, protocols and rules now on file with MDARD pertaining to horse racing activity.

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.