



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 12/06/2022

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***Title:**

County Fair Horse Racing Meet 2023

***Introduction/Background:**

The Arizona Department of Gaming (ADOG) allows local County Fair Horse Racing Commissions throughout the State of Arizona to hold racing meet days at their local horse racetrack to earn revenue from racing to fund their operational and other costs. This revenue does not come from actual racing meet revenues, as it comes from a portion of the funds ADOG collects as racing taxes. If actual racing does not take place in the jurisdiction, the commission may hold County Fair Racing Meets at other operating horse racetracks within the State of Arizona.

***Discussion:**

Rillito Racing, Inc., a non-profit corporation, contracts with Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission (PCFHRC) to provide both Fair and commercial Racing at Rillito Racetrack. Rillito Racing, Inc. will conduct 18 racing days in 2023. PCFHRC met on November 16, 2022 and approved four (4) county fair racing dates for 2023 Race Meet. PCFHRC is asking the Board of Supervisors to allow four (4) County Fair Racing Days in addition to fourteen commercial racing days pending final approval by ADOG. If approved, first by Pima County and then by ADOG, the State will rebate back a portion of the taxes collected by this agency to the PCFHRC.

***Conclusion:**

If the racing dates are approved by Pima County and ADOG, the PCFHRC will conduct four (4) county fair days of racing at the Rillito Racetrack during the "2023 Winter Meet". The 2023 Winter Meet begins Saturday February 4, 2023 and will be held every Saturday and Sunday through Sunday April 2, 2023.

***Recommendation:**

Staff is requesting approval of PCFHRC's request for four (4) County Fair Horse Racing Days: February 4, February 5, April 1 and April 2, 2023.

***Fiscal Impact:**

Revenue generated will benefit the PCFHRC to continue to operate.

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Telephone: 520-724-5000
Contact: Robert Padilla Telephone: 520-724-5235

Department Director Signature:

Date:

16 Nov 22

Deputy County Administrator Signature:

Date:

11/17/2022

County Administrator Signature:

Date:

11/17/2022

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**Agreement between Rillito Racing, Inc. and Pima County Fair Horse Racing
Commission Inc. to conduct a County Fair Race Meet**

Date: October 19, 2022

Parties: Rillito Racing Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Rillito"), an Arizona non-profit, located at 1090 East River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718: and,

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission (hereinafter referred to as "PCFHRC"), an Arizona non-profit, located at 12310 E Camino Del Garanon, Tucson, AZ 85747

Re: Pima County Fair Horse Race Meet to be conducted at Rillito Park Race Track, located at 4502 N. 1st. Ave. Tucson, AZ 85718.

Rillito Racing is the operator of Rillito Park Race Track Winter Spring Meet 2023, as recognized in an Agreement with Pima County Government. PCHRC has contracted Rillito to arrive at an agreement which will provide for and permit PCHRC to conduct a race meeting at the Rillito Park Race Track as prescribed by R.S. 5-111E. The dates for said meet to be held February 4 & 5 and April 1 & 2, 2023, (hereinafter referred to as "Fair Meet").

The parties agree to the following:

- 1) Fair shall submit and this agreement shall become part of an application before the Arizona Racing Commission; hereinafter referred to as "Commission", for a permit to conduct a horse racing meeting at Rillito Park Race Track on the dates previously stated. The application is subject to approval by the Commission under Arizona Revised Statutes, and Pima County Administration.
- 2) At PCFHRC's request, Rillito shall act as agent for and on behalf of PCFHRC and provide financing and personnel for conducting PCHRC's horse racing meet at Rillito Park Race Track on the following conditions to which Rillito and PCHRC mutually agree:
 - A) All of the expenses relating to the horse racing to be conducted during the Fair Meeting on the previously stated dates, and any losses resulting there from every kind of nature whatsoever, shall be borne by Rillito and PCHRC shall in no way be responsible for or obligated therefore.
 - B) Except as hereinafter provided, all of the income and profit derived from the conduct of horse racing at the Fair Meeting, including but not limited to admissions, concessions, etc. shall be retained and belong to Rillito.
 - C) Any funds that are not otherwise committed to ADOR above \$1,000, will be redirected to purses during the Fair Meet.
 - D) Rillito shall provide PCHRC and Pima County with a complete financial report on the Fair Meet within 60 days after said Meet.

- 3) PCHRC shall be named as additional insured on Jockey insurance and all other liability insurance during the Fair Meet.
- 4) Rillito shall provide commission with purse schedule, number of races to be held each day and the claiming price, if any.
- 5) Rillito shall supply any other information to the commission relating to the Fair's application for a racing meeting at Rillito Park Race Track.

Signatures below indicate acceptance of this agreement as written.



Rillito Racing
Russell True, President

Date: October 19, 2022



Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Inc.
Ronnie Reyna, Chair

Date: 10-25-22



PIMA COUNTY FAIR HORSE RACING
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



November 16, 2022
NRPR Main Office, 3500 W. River Road

Quorum having been established, Chair Reyna called the meeting to order at 11:00 am on November 16, 2022.

Commissioners present were Ronnie Reyna, James Collins, Geronimo Ramirez, and Robert Hartman. Russell True was absent.

Staff present were Martina Gonzales, Alyssa Martinez, Robert Padilla, and Victor Pereira.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Robert Hartman and seconded by Geronimo Ramirez to approve the March 23, 2022, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Reyna and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the Rillito County Fair racing dates of February 4th and 5th, and April 1st and 2nd of 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Collins had no update for this meeting on the County Fair and will provide an update at the next meeting December 15th, 2022.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No public was in attendance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: County Fair Racing update by James Collins; Turf Paradise live racing update by Robert Hartman; Horse racing future by Geronimo Ramirez

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the commission, duly motioned and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

RILLITO PARK FOUNDATION



October 20th, 2022

Victor Pereira
NRPF Director
3500 W River Road
Tucson, Arizona 85741

Mr Pereira,

Rillito Park is requesting 18 live racing dates, our plan is to race every Saturday and Sunday starting the weekend of February 4, 5th and ending the weekend of April 1,2, 2023.

We are studying how other schedules around the state will affect us and will determine post times in the near future, which may include an alternate post on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, 2023.

As for Our "Fair dates", I'd like to request Saturday and Sunday - Feb 4,5 and April 1,2. Our opening and closing weekend as we have done in the past.

Dark Dates also as in the past, would remain Triple Crown Dates - Kentucky Derby May 8, Preakness Stakes May 20, and Belmont Stakes June 10th as well as possibly the Breeders Cup Championships November 3,4.

Thank you

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Weiss".

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