



PIMA COUNTY
ATTRACTIONS AND TOURISM

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Meeting

March 8, 2017

Draft Minutes

- Present:**
- Zulema (Sue) Echerivel, District 1
 - Ronnie Reyna, District 2
 - Tim Kelly, District 3
 - John Ochoa, District 4
 - Geronimo Ramirez, Jr., District 5
 - Mike Holmes, Pima County Liaison

Meeting called to order by Chair Ramirez at 5:30pm.

Approval of February 8, 2017 Minutes

First order of business was to approve the February 8th minutes. After a thirteen minute discussion about a statement made after the meeting by Robert Padilla to JoAnne DiFilippo regarding the Martin Family Foundation grant and Pima County's stipulations on its use for certain repairs and improvements, motion was made by Commissioner Echerivel and seconded by Chair Ramirez. Motion passed.

Introduction of new commissioner, Ronnie Reyna, District 2

Election of PCFHRC Officers

- Geronimo Ramirez, Chairman & Treasurer – *by acclamation*
- Zulema Echerivel, Vice-Chair – *by acclamation*
- Tim Kelly, Secretary – *by acclamation*

Establishing Bank Account for PCFHRC

After a long discussion on the need for updating the articles of incorporation, Ronnie Reyna moved to open a bank account; John Ochoa seconded the motion, which was then passed by acclamation, with Commissioners Ramirez and Kelly as the authorized signers.

Update on Liquor License

Due to the retirement of Tom Moulton, who was working with Chair Ramirez on updating the liquor license, the commission is unsure of the current status of that license. Ronnie Reyna will check with the liquor board for the status of the license. Pima County Liaison Mike Holmes will look for the commission's articles of incorporation.

Pima County Fair Dates Pari-Mutuel update

Commissioner Kelly led a discussion about the utility of fair horse race days, and the growth of both the revenue at the track and the betting handle. Frank DeFazio of Rillito Racing discussed the growth of group sales and special events. Audience member JoAnne DiFillipo questioned the way in which trash from the chicken wing contest held in the infield had been handled.

Update on Horse/Jockey Accidents

A lengthy discussion on the time it took to respond to the two horse fatalities due to breakdowns at the track, and whether Rillito is in compliance with established rules regarding the proximity of medical assistance and evacuation. Chair Ramirez said I would be resolved at the ADOR meeting on March 9th.

Next Meeting: April 5th at 5:30PM, NRPR