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### IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2023

**Meeting.** The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) met on July 7, 2023, at Prairie Meadows Casino and Hotel, and took the following actions:

- Approved a request for approval from HGI-Lakeside, LLC (doing business as Lakeside Hotel Casino), for a casino remodeling pursuant to 491 IAC [5.4\(15\)](#).
- Approved a request for approval from Ameristar Casino Council Bluffs, LLC, for a casino remodeling pursuant to 491 IAC 5.4(15).
- Approved contracts entered with various vendors by the following entities:
  - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC.
  - Rhythm City Casino, LLC.
  - Isle of Capri Black Hawk County, Inc.
  - SCE Partners, LLC.
  - Ameristar Casino Council Bluffs, LLC.
  - Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.

**Financial Audits.** The IRGC heard reviews of annual financial audits of the Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. (HBPA); the Iowa HBPA Benevolent Trust; the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Enterprises, Inc. (doing business as the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association); and the Iowa Harness Racing Association. A spokesperson for the Iowa HBPA stated that it is operational for simultaneously telecast racing as authorized in [House File 2497](#). The spokesperson for the Iowa HBPA also stated that 2022 was the first year that the federal [Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020](#) (HISA) regulations went into effect. A spokesperson for the Iowa Harness Racing Association stated there has been a 15.0% increase over the past year in the number of horses on the backside and attributed this increase to an increase in promotion and marketing.

**Hearings.** The IRGC also took the following actions for four hearings:

- Approved a fine of \$5,000 to Casino Queen Marquette, Inc., for violations of Iowa Code section [99F.4\(22\)](#) regarding self-exclusion. The fine will be deposited to the General Fund.
- Approved a fine of \$7,500 to Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company (doing business as TwinSpires) for a violation of Iowa Code section [99D.7\(23\)](#) regarding self-exclusion. The fine will be deposited to the [Iowa Race Horse Aftercare Organization Assistance Fund](#).

**Elections.** The IRGC elected Daryl Olsen as chairperson and Mark Campbell as vice chairperson for the IRGC.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the IRGC is scheduled for August 24, 2023, at Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.

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