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IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2022

Meeting. The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) met on September 29, 2022, in West Des Moines and took the following actions:

- Approved a request from Diamond Jo, LLC, for approval of an amended and restated online market access agreement with Betfair Interactive US, LLC. One item included in the amendment was a provision that allows Betfair to have priority in operating an online casino or online poker game in the event such future legislation was to pass that allows online gambling.
- Approved a request from Isle of Capri Black Hawk County, Inc., for approval of remodeling pursuant to 491 IAC [5.4\(15\)](#). The remodel will add an outdoor patio to the casino's restaurant.
- Approved a request from Harveys Iowa Management Company, LLC, for approval of remodeling pursuant to 491 IAC 5.4(15). The remodel will renovate the existing banquet room and backstage diner to build a new restaurant.
- Approved a request from the Iowa West Racing Association for approval of an updated settlement agreement with Harveys BR Management Company, Inc.
- Approved 15 contracts with various vendors by the following entities:
 - Harveys Iowa Management Company, LLC.
 - Isle of Capri Bettendorf, LC.
 - Diamond Jo, LLC.
 - SCE Partners, LLC.
 - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC.
 - Grand Falls Casino Resort, LLC.
 - Isle of Capri Black Hawk County, Inc.

After conversation about prioritizing Iowa-made products and Iowa businesses, one contract through Riverside Casino and Gold Resort, LLC, was amended to only approve the lower amount necessary to cover the initial costs.

- Approved the following from the Iowa West Racing Association (doing business as the Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs):
 - A renewal application for a pari-mutuel license, a racetrack enclosure gambling license, and a sports wagering license for January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The Iowa West Racing Association requested year-round simulcasting with no live racing dates.
 - Five contracts with various vendors.
- Approved the following from the Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.:
 - A renewal application for a pari-mutuel license, a racetrack enclosure gambling license, and a sports wagering license for January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc., also included next year's calendar with 80 race days in its application.
 - Three contracts with various vendors.

- The IRGC also heard a race meet recap for the past year from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.

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

- Approved three fines for violations of Iowa Code section [99F.9\(7\)](#) regarding wagers made by credit card for sports wagering. 2020 Iowa Acts, chapter [1066](#), prohibited licensees from accepting a credit card for sports wagering and Internet fantasy sports contests.
 - A fine of \$60,000 to BetMGM, LLC.
 - A fine of \$20,000 to SCE Partners, LLC.
 - A fine of \$60,000 to Elite Hospitality Group, LLC.
- Approved a fine of \$5,000 to Fubo Gaming, Inc., for a violation of Iowa Code section [99F.4\(22\)](#) regarding individuals who are in the statewide self-exclusion program placing wagers and another fine of \$5,000 regarding the placement of an improper sports wagering bet.
- Approved a fine of \$5,000 to Unibet Iowa LLC, for a violation of Iowa Code section [99F.4\(22\)](#) regarding individuals who are in the statewide self-exclusion program placing wagers.

Rules. The IRGC approved a Notice of Intended Action rulemaking that is intended to be a refresh of IRGC's rules. The IRGC did approve the rules with the clarification that the increase of fines in Item 1 from up to \$1,000 to up to \$3,000 is not intended to establish \$3,000 as the minimum for fines moving forward.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the IRGC is scheduled for November 17, 2022, at Rhythm City Casino in Davenport.

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