

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

July 12, 2021

The special meeting of the Ward County Commission to discuss gaming site authorizations was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl at 10:36 AM with Commissioners, Anderson, Pietsch, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Jason Blowers, Jennifer Weichmann, Marisa Haman, Robert Roed, and Roza Larson. Deb McDaniel, ND State Gaming Association Director, attended by telephone.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Anderson to remove from the table the Gaming Site Applications for NDSF Foundation in regard to Flickertail Bar, Carousel Pub, TJ Murphys, and Spicy Pie. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Jessica Bullinger, Executive Director of the North Dakota State Fair Foundation, appeared regarding four (4) Gaming Site Applications for Flickertail Bar, Carousel Pub, TJ Murphys, and Spicy Pie. NDSF has given the Foundation the authority to move forward with gaming on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Ms. Bullinger spoke about the popularity of electronic E-tab machines and is seeking authorization to put machines on the Fairgrounds year round and the ability to use them during the NDSF and other events with discretion given to the type of event. The TJ Murphys and Spicy Pie locations would not have E-tab machines running during the NDSF given the nature of the event.

Deb McDaniel, ND State Gaming Association Director, spoke via telephone and stated that Electronic pull tabs (E-tabs) are not allowed at special event venues. The state will not allow E-tabs to be conducted on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds and are designed for year-round use.

Mindy Norton, North Dakota State Fair Gaming Manager appeared and questioned if servicing machines every week would make them eligible for year-round use rather than temporary. Ms. McDaniel stated that the activity that takes place on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds is considered a special event and therefore E-tabs are not allowed.

States Attorney Roza Larson appeared and questioned Ms. McDaniel about the types of gaming the NDSF Foundation wishes to do. Ms. McDaniel stated the County can decide which type of gaming can be done by petitioners, but that E-tabs would not be approved by the Attorney General on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds.

A discussion was held on rental agreements, length of gaming site authorizations, and authorizations for other organizations. Ms. Norton stated that if the NDSF Foundation applications were approved, authorizations would be allowed for other organizations to come in for special events as long as those events would not interfere with an event the Foundation or another organization may be holding at the same time. Ms. McDaniel stated that only raffles (50/50 games) would be permitted by outside organizations.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to deny all four applications as presented as they are for a full year and contain E-tabs. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

It was agreed upon that a new application to operate gaming North Dakota State Fair for Carousel Pub and Flickertail Bar to exclude E-tabs be completed and submitted for approval.

Recess at 11:08 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 11:28 AM.

States Attorney Ms. Larson had no objections to the new applications.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Gaming Site Authorizations for the North Dakota State Fair Foundation at the Flickertail Bar and the Carousel Pub as

presented for the dates of July 23-31, 2021, and to waive the 14-day requirement of having the application into the Auditor's office prior to approval. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

At 11:32 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2021

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
