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## LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

### EMERGENCY MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING AT 3:00PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM BY ENTERING MEETING ID 882 7263 7186 AND ENTERING PASSCODE 503240. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY PHONE USING THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THEIR PROXIMITY: (346) 248-7799 FOR HOUSTON, TX; (669) 900-6833 FOR SAN JOSE, CA; (929) 205-6099 FOR NEW YORK, NY; (253) 215-8782 FOR TACOMA, WA; (301) 715-8592 FOR GERMANTOWN, MD; (312) 626-6799 FOR CHICAGO, IL. ALL PHONE PARTICIPANTS MUST ENTER MEETING ID 882 7263 7186 AND ENTER PASSCODE 503240. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU COMMENT.

#### I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

##### A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

###### 1. REOPENING REPORT

- a. **Update/Discussion** on the steps taken to date and the plan going forward to reopen the backstretch at Delta Downs.
- b. **Discussion/Action** on requests of horsemen to transfer purse monies and dates from Delta to Louisiana Downs.

###### 2020-2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

##### 2. REQUEST BY BOYD RACING, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON JUNE 12, 2020 (R.S. 4:158A) DUE TO HURRICANE LAURA DAMAGE (changes highlighted and in bold):

###### a. Approval for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:

- 1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
- 2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
- 3. To serve as concessionaire

###### b. Approval for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:

- 1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
- 2. 79 thoroughbred race dates (~~10/6/20 through 2/27/21~~ 11/24/20 through 4/8/21)

<b>October</b>	<b>6,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31</b>
November	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,24,25,27,28,30
December	1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17,18,19,21,22,23,28,29,30,31
January	1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,25,26,27,28,29,30
February	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24,25,26,27
<b>March</b>	<b>1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>1,5,6,7,8</b>

3. Hold minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races daily ~~Wednesday through Saturday~~ **Monday through Thursday with the exception of live racing on the following days:**
  - Friday November 27, 2020
  - Saturday November 28, 2020
4. **Dark – no live racing on the following days:**
  - Thursday, November 26, 2020
  - Thursday, December 24, 2020
5. Daily post time ~~5:25 PM~~ **12:55 PM.**
- c. **Approval** for wagering format for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:
  1. \$1 WPS & Exacta on all races
  2. 50¢ Trifecta on all races with 5 or more entries
  3. 10¢ Superfecta on all races with 6 or more entries
  4. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 on all races
  5. 50¢ Pick 4 on first 4 & last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
  6. 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
  7. **50¢ Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 7**
  8. \$1 Rolling Daily Double on all races

### 3. RACES

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet.
- b. **Approval** of designated races for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:

TBA	Magnolia
TBA	Gold Cup
TBA	Louisiana Jewel
TBA	Louisiana Legacy
TBA	Treasure Chest
TBA	Delta Mile
TBA	My Trusty Cat
TBA	Jean Lafitte
TBA	Lookout
TBA	B-Connected
TBA	Orleans
TBA	Sam's Town
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Distaff
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Ladies Starter
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Championship
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Gentlemen Starter
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Prince
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Old Fillies Starlet
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Sprint
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Bon Temps Starter
TBA	LA Bred Premier Night Matron
TBA	Owner Appreciation Distaff
TBA	Take Charge Brandi
TBA	Owner Appreciation Cup
TBA	Big Drama

### 4. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of Tom Davis to serve as state steward for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet.

**2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET****5. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet:**

1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

**6. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 46 quarter horse race dates (4/16/21 through 7/3/21):  
April 16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30  
May 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29  
June 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30  
July 1,2,3
3. Hold minimum of 9 live quarter horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
4. Daily post times:  
Wednesdays & Thursdays 5:15 PM in April and May  
Wednesdays & Thursdays 6:15 PM in June and July  
Fridays & Saturdays 6:15 PM through whole meet

**7. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet wagering:**

1. \$1 minimum WPS & Exacta on all races
2. 50¢ Trifecta on all races with five or more entries
3. 10¢ Superfecta on all races with six or more entries
4. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
5. 50¢ Pick 4 on first 4 races and last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1

**B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC****d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO****2020 QUARTER HORSE MEET****1. RACES**

- a. Approval of first condition book for Fair Grounds 2020 quarter horse meet being conducted at Evangeline Downs.**

**2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT****a. Approval of officials for 2020 quarter horse meet:**

Chris Warren – Director of Racing Operations  
Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary  
Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary/Placing Judge  
Frank Rudis – Association Steward  
Mark Guidry – Association Steward  
Julie Gipson – Identifier  
Traci Vickers – Paddock Judge  
Vincent Cline – Clerk of Scales  
Damon Menard – Jockey Room Custodian  
Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk/Alternate Placing Judge  
Angela Hebert – Placing Judge  
\*Krista Romero – Placing Judge  
Brett Poole – Clocker  
Ray Sibille – Clocker

Russell Comeaux – Starter  
 Jacob Deville – Outrider  
 Kenneth Gipson – Outrider  
 Ronald Lavergne – Outrider  
 TBA – Stall Superintendent  
 Randall Leger – Track Superintendent  
 \*new official

### 3. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of \*Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2020 quarter horse meet.  
 \*new official

### 2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

#### 4. LICENSE APPROVALS

- a. **Approval** for 2021 thoroughbred meet:
1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
  2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
  3. Serve as concessionaire.
  4. Operate as official training facility for 2021 during off-season.

#### 5. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES

- a. **Approval** for 2021 thoroughbred meet:
1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
  2. 84 thoroughbred race dates (4/7/21 through 8/28/21):
 

April	7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30
May	1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
June	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
July	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
August	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
  3. Hold minimum of 8 live thoroughbred races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
  4. Daily post time 5:50 PM

#### 6. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. **Approval** for 2021 thoroughbred meet wagering:
1. WPS & Exacta on all races
  2. Daily Double on all races
  3. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
  4. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
  5. Pick 4 on first 4 races and on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
  6. Pick 5 on the last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
  7. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*

### C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

#### 1. UNDISTRIBUTED THOROUGHBRED PURSE FUNDS

- a. **Approval** of Undistributed Purse Funds from the Cancelled Races of the Final 6 Race Days of Fair Grounds' 2019-2020 Thoroughbred Meet to be Distributed at Fair Grounds' Proposed 2020-2021 Thoroughbred Meet.

**2020-2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET****2. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. To serve as concessionaire

**3. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 76 thoroughbred race dates (11/26/20 through 3/28/21)
 

November	26,27,28,29
December	3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20,26,27,28,31
January	1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,18,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
February	3,4,5,6,7,11,12,13,15,16,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
March	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
3. Hold a minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races daily
4. Daily post time 1:00 PM with the following exceptions:
 

11:00AM	post time on March 21, 2021
12:00PM	post time on November 26, 2020, December 12, 2020, December 19, 2020, and January 16, 2021.

**4. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for wagering format for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. WPS and Exactas on all races
2. Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
4. Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
5. Four Pick 4's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. Up to 3 Pick 5's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1 with Carryover

**5. RACES****a. Approval of first condition book for 2020-2021 thoroughbred horse meet.****6. STEWARD****a. Approval of Roy Wood to serve as state steward for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet.****7. LASIX RULES EXCEPTION****a. Approval of Churchill Downs' request for an exception of Louisiana's medication rules in order to ban the use of Furosemide (Lasix) in the following 2021 stakes races:**

LeComte Stakes	Silverbulletday Stakes
Risen Star Stakes	Rachel Alexandra Stakes
Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds Oaks

**D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC****d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS****2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET****1. RACES****a. Ratification of designated races for the 2020 thoroughbred meet:**

09/19/20	Louisiana Cup Juvenile
09/19/20	Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies
09/19/20	Louisiana Cup Filly and Mare Sprint
09/19/20	Louisiana Cup Sprint
09/19/20	Louisiana Cup Turf Classic
09/19/20	Louisiana Cup Distaff

**2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET****2. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet:**

1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

**3. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 46 quarter horse race dates (1/9/21 through 3/24/21):

January	9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31
February	1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,28
March	1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,24
3. Hold minimum of 7 live quarter horse races daily
4. Weekend post time 1:00 PM

**4. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet wagering:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1

**5. STEWARD****a. Approval of Noble Hay to serve as state steward for 2021 quarter horse meet.****2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET****6. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

**7. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 84 thoroughbred race dates (5/1/21 through 9/22/21):

May	1,3,4,5,8,10,11,12,15,17,18,19,22,24,25,26,29,31
June	1,2,5,7,8,9,12,14,15,16,19,21,22,23,26,28,29,30
July	3,4,5,6,10,12,13,14,17,19,20,21,24,26,27,28,31
August	2,3,4,7,9,10,11,14,16,17,18,21,23,24,25,28,30,31
September	1,4,6,7,8,11,13,14,15,18,20,21,22
3. Hold minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily
4. Weekend post time 3:05 PM

**8. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet wagering:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*

6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Numbers 9
8. Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Numbers 9
9. Super Hi-5 on last race

**II. ADJOURNMENT**



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Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 3:00PM.

# Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association 1993, Inc.

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September 28, 2020

Charles Gardiner

Executive Director

Louisiana State Racing Commission  
320 North Carrollton Avenue Suite 2B  
New Orleans, LA 70119

Dear Commissioners and Executive Director:

Pursuant to your request, I provide the following. It has come to my attention that some horsemen situated at Louisiana Downs since April 2020 are attempting to move the 2020-21 Delta Downs thoroughbred meet to Louisiana Downs. In support, a petition signed by 116 people has been sent to the Executive Director's attention. These petitions include horsemen that did not receive stalls for the Delta Downs TB Meet, horsemen that are not currently located in Louisiana, and horsemen that have not been displaced by Hurricane Laura. A large percentage of horsemen that annually race at Delta Downs' thoroughbred meets and are located throughout southern Louisiana and were directly impacted by Hurricane Laura are not part of any of the petitions which the Executive Director has received. This is evident by the attached petitions executed and gathered which represent over 370 horsemen who want the Delta Downs 2020-21 TB meet to be held at Delta Downs in its entirety with horses moving in on October 27, 2020 and the Meet beginning on November 24, 2020 and continuing to April 6, 2021 (as per Delta's request for dates). These horsemen are the ones that have been displaced and have successfully been relocated through the efforts of the LAHBPA and its benevolence.

In addition, attached are letters from Mr. Russell Nevils of the Vinton Feed Company, Dr. Larry Findley of the Delta Equine Center, Dr. James Corley of Acadiana Equine Hospital, and Dr. Joseph Squillace of Equine Track Associates, expressing support to run the Delta Downs 2020-21 TB meet in its entirety at Delta Downs in Vinton. These professionals and their businesses, like many others in the Vinton/Lake Charles area, depend greatly on revenue generated during the race meets at Delta Downs to survive. Delta Downs resumption of racing to Vinton after Hurricane Laura is identical to the Saints and Superdome returning to New Orleans and its rebirth in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Finally, discussions with management of Louisiana Downs last week, confirm that they do not have the authority to accept a race meet without the approval of their new owners which they had not done as of the date of our discussion last week. This information is provided to add clarity and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Benard K. Chatters  
President  
LAHBPA

Cc: LSRC Commissioners



Delta Downs is not in favor of the movement of any of Delta Downs's races to Louisiana Downs. Delta Downs is in the process of repairing its facilities as quickly as possible and the races should be held at Delta Downs upon the previously announced reopening on November 24, 2020.

Delta Downs wishes to run these 79 thoroughbred race dates for the following reasons:

- Delta Downs is obligated to help their community recover after the devastation of Hurricane Laura. These races are a boost to the economic recovery, but specifically the vast racing community of suppliers and trainers.
- Transferring these race dates to northwest Louisiana would have an adverse impact on these local communities' ability to recover financially.
- Delta Downs wants to run these races for their team members who are compensated based on the live races that are conducted on premise at Delta Downs.
- Delta Downs feels that having the meet start later should not affect the Fair Grounds meet in March 2021 since we will be running Monday through Thursday thus giving the horsemen options to race seven days per week in Louisiana. Additionally, Delta is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile track vs Fair Grounds having a mile track with a turf course. The purse structure is also different, with Fairgrounds having a higher purse structure than Delta.
- Delta Downs ending the meet later would give horses leaving Delta, going to either EVD or LAD less down time between meets making for a smoother transition.

We continue to work expeditiously with our contractor to get the horses back on our premises and are working towards getting racing started as soon as the repairs are completed to safely begin our meet.

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**From:** Joseph Morris [mailto:JPMorris@caesars.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Charles A. Gardiner III <cgardiner@LRC.state.la.us>  
**Cc:** Robert Urland <RUrland@caesars.com>; Whitney Willingham <wwillingham@caesars.com>  
**Subject:** FW: 12 day meet

Mr Gardiner, as we discussed earlier, LAD is willing to try and help the horsemen, but we cannot do it at any sort of financial loss to our company. Below, please see our list we would need to work through to accommodate racing.

Thanks

Joe Morris

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**From:** Joseph Morris  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** Whitney Willingham; Robert Urland; David Heitzmann  
**Cc:** Joseph Morris  
**Subject:** 12 day meet

LAD is willing to explore running a 3 week meet at 4 days per week. To do this we need to agree to the following;

- 1) LAD will not tolerate any financial loss to our P & L caused by racing this meet
- 2) Meet would start Monday, Oct 26 and end Thursday, Nov 12. Mon thru Thursday racing 1:35 post. 9 races per day
- 3) Purse money would be transferred from Delta Downs purse account
- 4) LAD would retain normal commissions, plus commissions from purses to LAD operating account
- 5) LAD will receive a payment from horsemen to replace lost stall rent profit normally attained at this time of year
- 6) Horsemen will pay for production of condition book
- 7) Horsemen will pay for racing personnel brought in early to prepare for meet
- 8) Horsemen and LAD will conduct a true up at end of 12 day meet to cover any financial losses

Thanks

Joe



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**From:** Johns, Sen. Ronnie (Chamber Laptop) [mailto:rjohns@legis.la.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 11:38 AM  
**To:** Charles A. Gardiner III <cgardiner@LRC.state.la.us>  
**Subject:** Delta Downs racing dates

Dear Mr. Gardiner

It is my understanding the La. Racing Commission may entertain the idea of moving the fall racing dates now set for Delta Downs to Louisiana Downs in Bossier City. As a State Senator representing Southwest Louisiana, I would like to go on record as being opposed to moving these racing days from Delta Downs. On August 27, 202, Hurricane Laura, the strongest storm to be recorded in the history of our state, completed devastated Southwest Louisiana and continued its path of destruction as far as North Louisiana. Not only were homes severely damaged but most businesses were impacted just as well. Over the past four weeks, we have made great progress in getting our business community up and running once again. Of course this comes on the heels of the Covid-19 restrictions which affected our economy in a serious negative way. To lose these racing dates would be just another severe impact to not only the horse industry but to local businesses that go hand in hand with the horse racing industry. It is my understanding that Delta Downs and Boyd Gaming is committed to having the repairs completed for a November starting date which would have an enormous positive impact on an area our state that is in great need right now.

As a long time ardent and vocal supporter of the horse racing industry, I am asking that the La. Racing Commission not move these racing days from Delta Downs and allow our region of the state to work towards recovery. Southwest Louisiana has a rich heritage and history of embracing and working towards growing this industry. Please allow us to continue to do that in a time of great need.

Senator Ronnie Johns  
District 27, La. Senate  
Chairman of Senate Commerce Committee  
Member of Senate Finance Committee  
Member of Senate Judiciary B Committee