

9/28/22 Committee Recommendations for Itemized Requirements for Evangeline Downs Infrastructure Improvements Plan

1. Security

- a. Must maintain adequate staffing of security officers on backside to patrol the backside, check every vehicle coming into the backside for commission-granted licenses, and check every horse trailer for the names of horses entering and exiting the backside.
- b. Must provide security personnel who are visible to the public no later than 90 minutes before post time.
- c. LSRC must provide list of individuals ruled off of the racetrack and dates the individual is ruled off of the racetrack to post at guard shack and at all points of entry at the end of each race meet.
- d. Must provide current list of horses on the backside and those that have left the backside to be made available to State Stewards.
- e. Clocker and Trainer Stands, Guard Shack Cover - re-design and replace one clocker stand and 2 trainers stands. Update guard shack backside entry area. *(Estimated budget of \$225,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*

2. Barns on Backside/Backside Improvements

- a. Barn buildings, fences, bathrooms, and outdoor and indoor lighting shall be kept in good working order.
- b. Stall dimensions of 12-feet by 12-feet inside for new and rebuilt barns going forward.
- c. An association shall maintain and repair roads on the backside
- d. An association shall pick up manure bins daily when horses are stalled on the backside.
- e. Evangeline Downs shall ensure that roads/entrance to receiving barn are paved to prevent limestone rocks from being dragged onto the track by equipment. *(EvD-specific per LaHBPA)*
- f. Evangeline Downs must build 120 additional stalls (12-feet by 12-feet inside each minimum), to include feed rooms, tack rooms, and bathrooms on each side for each barn. *(EvD-specific per LaHBPA)*
- g. Evangeline Downs must provide 15 additional bathrooms (each bathroom must have a toilet, shower, and sink) on the backside and existing bathrooms must be repaired. *(EvD-specific per LaHBPA)*
- h. Evangeline Downs must build an additional 20 dorm rooms. *(EvD-specific per LaHBPA)*
- i. Dorm Restrooms -remodel 4 dorm restrooms. *(Estimated budget of \$200,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*

3. Paddock

- a. Ensure paddock, paddock stalls, and parade ring are kept clean, in good repair, and free of dangerous surfaces on which horses and people can walk.
- b. Must provide an employee to remove horse manure from the paddock area during live racing in a timely manner.
- c. All paddock stalls must have a working fan.
- d. An association shall maintain healthy, well-groomed landscaping in the paddock area throughout live race meets.
- e. An association shall ensure that trash cans are available in the paddock area and that all litter on paddock area grounds is removed daily when horses are stalled on the backside.
- f. Paddock, Winners Circle and Paddock Fencing - replace pavers in paddock. Remodel winners circle, paddock area, and fencing. *(Estimated budget of \$625,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*

4. Backside Internet Access

- a. Association shall make wireless internet available on the backside free of charge to horsemen and commission staff

5. Grandstand, Apron, and Clubhouse

- a. Grandstand and clubhouse must be kept clean, in good repair, and properly ventilated for use by the public.
- b. Must grant access to public on live race days no later than 1 hour before post time
- c. Must provide live pari-mutuel tellers at betting windows & open concession stand to sell programs and forms no later than 1 hour before post time
- d. All pari-mutuel wagering areas must have tellers or self-betting terminals to place bets, seating, and tables in an air-conditioned environment for guests to handicap and place wagers on the races. There must be a teller in close proximity that can cash tickets and take bets.
- e. All elevators and escalators must be kept clean and in good working condition during any hours of operation.
- f. Clubhouse - update suites and John Henry room. *(Estimated budget of \$200,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*

6. Winner's Circle

- a. Must ensure that the winner's circle is kept clean, maintained, and upgraded as needed for safety and appearance

7. Tote Board

- a. Must have a tote board in the infield and a tote board above the stalls in the paddock providing current odds and results during live racing.
- b. All future tote boards must have digital video capabilities and those located in the infield must have landscaping approved by the commission at the same time as the Association's race meet applications for licenses, dates, and wagering are considered for approval

8. Racing Surfaces

- a. An association must get a soil sample tested by certified expert for its dirt course twice each year (before each race meet) and send a copy of the report to the commission in a timely manner to make any necessary adjustments.
- b. An association must get its turf course inspected and evaluated by a certified expert twice each year (before each race meet) and send a copy of the report to the commission in a timely manner to make any necessary adjustments.
- c. Evangeline Downs shall provide additional staff needed to repair divots in turf course. *(EvD-specific per LaHBPA)*

9. Grass and Drainage

- a. An association shall keep all grass areas maintained with adequate grass cutting and weed eating.
- b. An association shall maintain all drainage throughout the backside.
- c. Evangeline Downs shall maintain turf course drainage system to ensure it functions properly. *(EvD-specific per LaHBPA)*
- d. Pave Road Between Clockers Stand and Road -asphalt overlay the existing road including proper grading and drainage. Also include new asphalt around high traffic areas. *(Estimated budget of \$500,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*

10. Concession and Restaurant Services

- a. Have food and beverages available to guests at the racetrack during open hours of operation.
- b. Provide sit down dining experience on all weekend live race days and during stakes races.
- c. Provide tables and seats for guests to sit at and eat outside along the apron of the racetrack.
- d. Provide at least one quick service snack bar and a full service bar to be open during each live race day, with all quick service snack bars and full service bars to be open at least one hour before first race and one hour after last race.

11. Annual Plan of Operation Report

- a. An association shall provide an annual report to the commission, due by January 30 after each fiscal year ends starting with fiscal year 2022 due on January 30, 2023, regarding the association's plan of operation for the upcoming fiscal year to include details about customer service, full-time and seasonal employment, marketing and promotions for horse racing, capital improvements, facility maintenance, facility improvements, and a summary of the prior fiscal year's plan of operation implementation and status

12. Quarterly Reports

- a. Each association shall provide quarterly reports to the commission of the names and addresses of each individual, corporation, firm, partnership, association, or other legal entity that furnishes professional services, as defined in R.S. 4:158.2, to the association. These reports must also specify whether or not the listed entities are any of the following: a registered Louisiana business, a female-owned business, and a minority-owned business.
- b. Each association shall provide quarterly reports to the commission of the demographic information of its workforce, to include: race, gender, and Louisiana residency.
- c. Each association shall provide quarterly reports on its marketing plan, which shall include and not be limited to dollars spent on TV ads, radios ads, magazine ads, billboards, giveaways, rewards, and any other dollars spent on promotions, marketing, and advertising, all broken down by racetrack and casino.

13. Infrastructure Fund & Investments

- a. All Associations shall follow the required actions per R.S. 4:164 (as enacted by SB 272/ Act 530) and LSRC's Rule LAC 35:VII.5771 "Minimum Infrastructure Investment Requirements"

14. Employment Requirements

- a. Pari-mutuel tellers must be available at the ratio of 1 teller to every 50 guests on track on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and at the ratio of 1 teller to every 50 guests on track with a minimum of 3 tellers to be in each betting area on the first floor on Fridays and Saturdays and a minimum of 1 teller in each betting area on the clubhouse floors and private areas.
- b. After submitting annual plan of operation, must comply with Commission determinations of number of full-time and seasonal employees needed to operate food service, marketing, pari-mutuel windows, kiosk repairs, racing officials, and racetrack maintenance during race meets.
- c. All pari-mutuel tellers must accept bets and payout bets.

15. Marketing Requirements

- a. An association must submit its marketing plan for calendar year 2024 to the Commission and must have Commission approval of its marketing plan prior to January 1, 2024.
- b. An association must submit its marketing plan for calendar year 2023, including marketing, promotions, and advertising for the racetrack, and present it at the October 26, 2022 LSRC Meeting; the association's marketing plan must be approved by the Commission no later than March 1, 2023.

16. Broadcasting Live Races

- a. An association shall ensure that televisions are broadcasting live races from its racetrack and are all in working operation adequately throughout the following areas operated by the association: casino, bars, restaurants, off-track betting areas, track betting and viewing areas, and in the backside track kitchen.

17. Racetrack Website

- a. Must stream its live racing in real time with capabilities of replays for races in its current meet on its website and/or application for a smart television or provide a link on its website that allows viewing of live races and replays at no charge from a 3rd Party Provider.
- b. Provide on racetrack website a phone number that will be answered by a live person to allow reservations to be requested and confirmed for guests and horsemen from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on non-race days and from 8:00 AM through the last race being made official on race days or provide technology that allows reservations to be made by guests and horsemen.

18. Parking Areas

- a. All parking areas on association property, regardless of their location, must have drainage that removes all puddles caused by rain.
- b. An association shall maintain healthy landscaping for every day of the year at all entry roads and parking areas.
- c. On a regular basis, security personnel shall check all handicap parking spaces on association property for any cars parked without displayed handicap eligibility and shall ensure that no vehicles are blocking wheelchair access to handicap vehicles.

19. Maintenance Equipment

- a. Each racetrack shall have a functioning rock picker attachment for tractors for removal of rocks and stones on racing surfaces.
- b. Each racetrack that has at least one escalator on its premises shall have a functioning duplex escalator cleaning machine or similar equipment specifically made to clean escalators.
- c. Heavy Equipment - evaluate and update track equipment (tractors, excavators, track loaders, etc.). *(Estimated budget of \$450,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*

20. Off-Track Wagering Facilities

- a. An association shall ensure that food and beverages are always available to guests at its off-track wagering facilities during open hours of operation.
- b. All pari-mutuel wagering areas must have tellers or self-betting terminals to place bets, seating, and tables in an air-conditioned environment for guests to handicap and place wagers on the races. There must be a teller in close proximity that can cash tickets and take bets.
- c. All off-track wagering facilities must be open and taking wagers during the hours that any racetrack in the United States is conducting live racing, except by agreement with the Commission or its designee.
- d. The Commission will encourage each association to pursue additional OTBs.
- e. OTB Bathrooms -remodel men's and women's restrooms at the on-site OTB. *(Estimated budget of \$200,000 – Planned by Evangeline Downs)*
- f. These are the minimum requirements for off-track wagering facilities, and the association reserves the right to exceed these minimums as allowable under State Law.

21. Horse Move-in and Move-out

- a. Must be prepared to allow horses to move in to allotted stalls and train on its racetrack grounds no later than 30 days prior to the start of a race meet, unless ordered by the Commission to be a longer period.
- b. Must allow horses to stay housed in the allotted stalls and train on the racetrack grounds for at least 15 days after the end of a race meet, unless change agreed by prior agreement between Association and LaHBPA.
- c. If there is an agreement between Association and LaHBPA for additional time to rent stalls, the stale rate will be \$8 per stall per day subject to annual review by the Commission.

22. Reporting Altercations

- a. An association shall provide a written report as mandated by the rules of the Commission of any physical altercation that occurs on its grounds to the commission within 5 days of incident; the individuals involved in the reported physical altercation may be subject to immediate suspension by the commission.

NOTE: The Commission reserves the right to amend this infrastructure improvement plan as needed