

Mar 6, 2023

Representative Adam Smith  
Chairman  
House Taxation Committee

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Greenwood County Fair Association strongly supports HB 2434. Greenwood County racing history dates back to 1872 on a small track south of town in Eureka. In 1902 new land was purchased and the existing track was built. In 1903 the Greenwood County Fair Association(GCFA) was organized and took ownership of the track. This organization is still the current owner of Eureka Downs. Eureka Downs was a tremendous asset to this region, not only as a tourist attraction but as an environment for employment and income for small businesses in the county and state. Eureka Downs maintained a place for rural Kansans and other smaller stables that might not have been able to compete at the "big" tracks. Since the last day of pari-mutuel racing in 2008 our board and stockholders have supported many efforts to keep racing alive. Since then we have leased out the track and kept it open for training.

The GCFA currently has one of the major racetracks in the country interested in managing Eureka Downs. The KQHRA has also shown interest in renewing a relationship with the fair board. If HB 2434 is passed the fair board will work to bring the best class of racing and run the maximum number of live race days as allowed.

Support of this legislation will benefit the agricultural and rural sectors of Kansas that so desperately need revenue to support their communities. By letting HB 2434 out of committee, we can bring our horsemen home while reviving so much of rural Kansas that still has a social impact on our history.

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