

NEBRASKA STATE RACING & GAMING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: June 2, 2022
TIME: 1:30 pm
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM.

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P. Lee Chairman
Janell Beveridge Vice Chairperson
Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner
Shane Greckel Commissioner
Shelby Bakenhus* Commissioner
Tony Fulton Commissioner

ABSENT:

*Sometimes absent due to connectivity issues

There were six members of the public who were present at the Racing and Gaming Commission Office at 5903 Walker Ave, Lincoln NE. Those present via Zoom were also made part of the record. Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 1:38 pm in compliance with the provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to those on the Racing and Gaming Commission agenda mailing list. Notification was given to the public of the open meetings law and notification to its location for public view.

MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chm. Lee moved and Beveridge seconded to amend the May 6, 2022, minutes under the section "COMMISSION REQUIRMENTS REGARDING MARKET STUDIES FOR LB876" to reflect the request to the Attorney General to include guidance of terms in LB876 like "detrimental". Voting Aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Fulton. Motioned carried. The Commission decided to lay the May 2022 financial reports over to the next meeting.

SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE MAY 6, 2022: CER EXPORT SIGNAL

Galyen moved and Beveridge seconded to accept the application request with the exception of Laurel Park from Columbus Exposition and Racing. Voting Aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Fulton. Motion carried.

GAMING LICENSING FEES

Greckel moved with Fulton seconding, to accept the Gaming Fees recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. Voting Aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus, Fulton. Motion carried. Fulton made it known to the record that this is a starting point and prices may change.

MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Fulton moved and Galyen seconded to accept the minimum insurance requirements recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. Voting Aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus, Fulton. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; DUTIES

Chm. Lee moved and Galyen seconded to accept the Executive Director Duties with the caveat that "clearly delineating the delegated authority and the limitations on it, if any;" is removed from section D i. Voting Aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus, Fulton. Motion carried.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commission decided to lay this item over to the next meeting.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE NTBA

Kevin Hulse represented the Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association and gave the commission an update on their affairs. Hulse asked for guidance to help repair their building. Ryan Forrest, NRC attorney, will help by guiding through legislation and Lynn McNally offers the assistance of the HBPA to help find ways to finance repairs to their building. Chm. Lee moved, Bakenhus seconded to reappoint the NTBA as the official Thoroughbred Registrar. Voting Aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus, Fulton. Motioned carried.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Tom Sage noted that everything is moving smoothly. Contracts are being developed with the third party background investigation companies. They are still waiting on State Personnel to create more positions. Staff have already moved into the cottage near the Mansion where the new employees will be working.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

None of the associations had anything to address.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.