

NEBRASKA RACING & GAMING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2023

TIME: 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P Lee Chairman

Shane Greckel Vice Chairperson joined at 1:44 pm

Janell Beveridge Commissioner

Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner

Tony Fulton Commissioner

ABSENT:

Shelby Bakenhus Commissioner

Two members of the public were present in person at the Racing and Gaming Commission Office, 3401 Village Dr. Suite 100, Lincoln NE 68516. Chairman Lee convened the meeting at 1:40 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.

Documents of the meeting were available on the Racing and Gaming Commission's website.

Chairman Lee stated that the NE Legislature did not confirm Trent Loos as a Commissioner and Congratulations to Shelby Bakenhus on the arrival of their new baby.

MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2023, meeting. Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Fulton. Abstain: Galyen. Motion carried. After a question to the staff from Commissioner Fulton and Commissioner Beveridge, Fulton moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the May financial reports. Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen and Fulton. Motion carried.

SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the simulcast applications as presented.

Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen and Fulton. Motion carried.

HARRAH'S NEBRASKA & COLUMBUS EXPOSITION AND RACING

Don Ostert gave updates on both facilities regarding construction on the temporary and permanent facility. Pages 2-8 of attachment 4b were marked as confidential.

HARRAH'S NEBRASKA LLC CASINO HOURS OF OPERATION AT TEMPORARY SITE

The Commission received a letter from Don Ostert dated June 1, 2023, requesting approval of the hours to be 9 a.m. – 1 a.m., seven days a week. Beveridge moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the casino hours. Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen and Fulton. Motion carried.

SPORTS WAGERING CATALOG – REFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 296  
RULE 13.003.03

Fulton moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the additions to the sports wagering catalog reference Administrative Code Title 296 Rule 13.003.03. Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen and Fulton. Motion carried.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS – REFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 294  
RULE 3.001.14 HALL COUNTY LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (dba  
FONNER PARK) and WARHORSE GAMING LINCOLN, LLC.

Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve both settlement agreements. Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen and Fulton. Motion carried.

RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES  
(CONTRACTED AND NON-CONTRACTED)

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Greckel to approve a 10% increase in salary for Director Tom Sage effective July 1, 2023. Voting aye: Lee, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen and Fulton. Motion carried. Fulton moved, seconded by Chm. Lee to approve the Commissioners increase (NE State Statute 2-1201(3)) as stated in statute effective June 30, 2023.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association – Julie Larmon reported on live racing and rewards. She also thanked the HBPA on funding the extra race days.

Nebraska Horsemen's and Protective Association – Lynn McNally reported on track completion and plans for the barns at Legacy Downs.

Nebraska Quarter Horse Racing Benevolent and Association and Breeders Association – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Sage was brief. Reported May gaming tax numbers and on Columbus walk thru meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Lee mentioned there will be no meeting in July and the next meeting will be August 11th or 18<sup>th</sup>. He adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.