

# NEBRASKA RACING & GAMING COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 23, 2024  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
LOCATION: Columbus Community Building-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
2500 14th Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601

### PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

- Dennis P. Lee Chairman
- Shane Greckel Vice Chairperson
- Janell Beveridge Commissioner
- Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner
- Tony Fulton Commissioner
- Chris Stinson Commissioner

### ABSENT:

- Helen Feller Commissioner

Chairman Lee convened the meeting at 1:35 pm in compliance with the provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on August 14, 2024. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to those on the Racing and Gaming Commission agenda mailing list. A notification was given to the public of the open meetings law and notification of its location for public view. No audio was available during this meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Beveridge moved, seconded by Fulton to approve the July 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

Galyen moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the July 2024 Financial Reports.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

### NEW STAFF

Introduction of NRGIC Investigator John Frankenberg and NRGIC Investigator David Mincer. Announcement of the leadership award for NRGIC Investigations Supervisor Drew Behn and promotion of NRGIC Licensing Office Specialist Sierra Stinson.

### SPORTS WAGERING CATALOG

Speaking on behalf of WarHorse Sportsbook, WarHorse Sportsbook Manager, Jason Johnston went through each update to the Sportsbook.

Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the ratification of all updates.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

### SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS

HBPA Representative Lynne McNally and NTBA Representative Annie Hines requests approval of all simulcast applications. No changes, additions, or corrections were made.

Lee moved, seconded by Galyen to approve all simulcast applications.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

### REQUEST TO RUN LIVE RACE

Speakers on behalf of Horsemen's Park and Legacy Downs, COO of the HBPA and Speaking as Racing Director of Horsemen's Park Lori Thomas and HBPA President Wally Wallesen gave

updates on each race for each location. HBPA Lynne McNally gave updates on cameras, fencing and barns. Typo on Horsemen's Park Racing Officials and Legacy Downs Racing Officials (LaRonda Holland should be LaRanda Holland). The track announcer will be disclosed at a later date for ratification approval.

Greckel moved, seconded by Fulton to approve the live race dates and pertaining documentation. Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

#### GRAND ISLAND

Speaker on behalf of Fonner Park, Chief Executive Officer of Fonner Park Racetrack Chris Kotulak spoke on the remodel update.

Stinson moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the request of the remodel.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson Lee Motion carried.

Speaking on behalf of Grand Island Casino Resort, NRG Interim Executive Director spoke on the reasoning of holiday hour changes and approved ratification. General Manager of Grand Island Casino Resort, Vince Fiala gave more details on the reasoning of the holiday hour change.

Lee moved, seconded by Fulton to approve the live race dates and pertaining documentation.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

#### WARHORSE LINCOLN AND OMAHA CONSTRUCTION UPDATES-CONFIDENTIAL

Speaking on behalf of WarHorse locations, HBPA and WarHorse Government Relations Lynne McNally spoke on construction updates for each location. WarHorse will send updates to the commission on advertisements to bring members back. Correction on agenda, Olsson Construction updates falls under WarHorse Lincoln instead of WarHorse Omaha. Informational purposes only. No motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF NEW NRG APPLICATION-RACETRACK OPERATOR

Speaking on behalf of NRG, NRG Interim Executive Director Casey Ricketts introduced the new NRG Racetrack Operators Application. NRG Attorney and Licensing Manager Ryan Forrest requested a deletion of item 5 on the application.

Lee moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the new NRG Racetrack Operator Application along with the item 5 deletion.

Voting Aye: Fulton, Greckel, Beveridge, Galyen, Stinson, Lee Motion carried.

#### MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Speaker on behalf of The Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Annie Hines has no updates.

Speaker on behalf of The Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, HBPA Government Relations Lynne McNally and HBPA President Wally Wallesen, spoke on a new job position of Racing Director.

Speaker on behalf of The Nebraska Quarter Horse Racing Association and Breeders' Association Ed Ziemba had no update.

The Thoroughbred Racing Association in Nebraska had no update.

This was all for information purposes only. No motion was carried.

DIRECTORS UPDATE

No directors update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NTBA Representative Annie Hines wanted to thank the commission for future races.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.

The next Commission Meeting will be October 11, 2024, at 1:30pm at the NRG Main Office in Lincoln, Nebraska but is TBD.