

NEBRASKA RACING & GAMING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: April 18, 2025
TIME: 1:30 PM
LOCATION: NRG Main Office –
3401 Village Dr. Suite 100 Lincoln, NE 68516

PRESENT:

Dennis P. Lee Chairman
Shane Greckel Vice Chairperson
Tony Fulton Commissioner
Chris Stinson Commissioner
Helen Feller Commissioner

ABSENT:

Janell Beveridge Commissioner
Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner

Chairman Lee convened the meeting at 1:34 PM in compliance with the provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on April 10th, 2025. 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.

Lee moved, seconded by Stinson to modify the agenda to move item 7 to item number 2 and everything adjusted accordingly thereafter.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – TITLE 294 AS AMENDED

NRGC Deputy Director, Laurie Holman, spoke on the amended changes to Title 294.

Speaking on behalf of Nebraska HBPA, Representative Lynne McNally, recommends approval of subsection B as written.

Lee moved, seconded by Feller to approve the recommended subsection B balance to remain as written be adopted within our enrollment.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

Speaking on behalf of the Nebraska HBPA, Representative Lynne McNally, recommends approval of the age change requirement.

Speaking on behalf of Fonner Park, COO Chris Kotulak, gave his opinion on the different changes being made to Title 294.

NRGC Deputy Director, Laurie Holman explained the other proposed changes.

No vote was proposed at this hearing. Chairman Lee announced he would be accepting further proposed changes from Industry and the public. Another hearing will be scheduled to discuss any further changes before a vote to adopt will be taken.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Lee moved, seconded by Stinson to approve the March 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

A member of the public had some concerns about the February Financial Reports.

Feller moved, seconded by Stinson to approve the February and March 2025 Financial Reports.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

LEGACY DOWNS

No changes were made to the officials list.

Fulton moved, seconded by Feller to approve the Legacy Downs racing officials.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

Speaker on behalf of Legacy Downs, COO Lori Thomas, spoke on the updates to available wagers.

Lee moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the Jackpot 5 wager for the 2025 Legacy Downs race meet.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

WARHORSE OMAHA

Speaking on behalf of WarHorse Omaha, CEO Lynne McNally gave updates on Phase 2 and discussed future plans.

Lee moved, seconded by Feller to approve WarHorse Omaha the opening of Phase 2 at 10am on Tuesday, April 22nd subject to the NRGC final walkthrough on Monday, April 21st.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

NRGC Executive Director, Casey Ricketts recommends approval of gaming boundaries.

Lee moved, seconded by Greckel, to ratify the approval of gaming boundaries.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

The Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association had no update.

Speaker on behalf of The Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Lynne McNally, requests to add to the tote board at Legacy Downs. Request will be submitted to NRGC Executive Director, Casey Ricketts for approval.

The Nebraska Quarter Horse Racing Association and Breeders' Association had no update.

Speaker on behalf of The Nebraska Thoroughbred Racing Association, Lori Thomas requested changes to the Simulcast contracts. Request will be submitted to NRGC Executive Director, Casey Ricketts for approval. Informational purposes only, no motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Executive Director Casey Ricketts introduced NRGC Investigator Dax Brydl and had some racing updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Windall Douglas Jay had questions about the funds from Fonner Park's 2024 racing season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session started at 3:29PM

Lee moved, seconded by Greckel, to start recess for Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Reconvened the meeting at 4:30pm.

Discussed legislative and regulative matters. No vote was taken

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Feller moved, seconded by Stinson, to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Stinson, Fulton, Greckel, Feller, Lee Motion carried.

The next Commission Meeting will be June 20th, 2025, at 1:30 PM. Location will be at the Fairfield Inn & Suites next to the Harrah's Columbus casino.