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MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2022

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission met for a special meeting at Blueprint Engines, Kearney, Nebraska. The purpose of this meeting was strategic planning. Advance public notice was given through release to news media and official public notice published in the Lincoln Journal Star on November 25, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 AM, due to winter travel issues. Members present were: Pat Berggren, Broken Bow; Bob Allen, Eustis; John Hoggatt, Kearney; Rick Brandt, Lincoln; Dan Kreitman, Wahoo arrived at 10:10 AM; Scott Cassels, Omaha; Doug Zingula, Sidney; and Ken Curry, Columbus. Donna Kush, Omaha was absent. Chairman Berggren advised this meeting was being held in conformance with the State Open Meeting Act and the act was available for review on the table in the back of the room.

Director McCoy reviewed progress regarding the agency's current priorities including updates on the business plan, STARWARS projects, and Venture Parks. McCoy led discussion about identifying key strategic priorities for the future.

The meeting was recessed for lunch from 12:04-12:39 PM, and conversations on strategic priorities resumed.

Motion by Mr. Cassels and seconded by Mr. Curry to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 1:45 PM. Voting aye: Allen, Berggren, Cassels, Brandt, Curry, Kreitman, Hoggatt and Zingula, Kushabsent; voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was called back into regular session at 2:19 PM.

Motion by Mr. Kreitman, seconded by Mr. Allen to leave executive session at 2:19 PM. Voting aye: Cassels, Brandt, Curry, Kreitman, Hoggatt, Zingula, Allen and Berggren, Kush absent; voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Open Forum conversations were primarily about concerns related to raccoon management and topics Commissioners would like to see on future Commission meeting agendas. Mr. Brandt excused himself from the meeting at 2:48 PM and Mr. Kreitman excused himself from the meeting at 2:56 PM.

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Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Curry to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 PM. Voting aye: Cassels, Curry, Hoggatt, Zingula, Allen and Berggren. Brandt, Kreitman, and Kush absent; voting nay: None. Motion carried.

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission at its meeting held December 9, 2022.

Timothy McCoy, Director

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