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SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission met for a special meeting through video conferencing at the Nebraska Game and Parks 3rd floor conference room located at 2200 N 33rd Street Lincoln, Nebraska and Room 241 in the Communications Building at the University of Nebraska Kearney campus located at 905 W. 25th Street Kearney, Nebraska. The purpose of this meeting was to take action on a Memorandum of Understanding between Nebraska Public Power District, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Niobrara River Basin Alliance regarding the Spencer Hydro Facility and its water appropriations. Advance public notice having been given through release to news media and official public notice published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 3, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.; the Commissioners introduced themselves. Members present in Kearney were: Lynn Berggren, Broken Bow; Bob Allen, Eustis; Norris Marshall, Kearney; Mark Spurgin, Paxton; present in Lincoln were: Kent Forney DVM, Lincoln; Dr. Mark Pinkerton, Beatrice; Dick Bell, Omaha; and Mick Jensen, Blair; Rex Fisher, Omaha; was absent. Chairman Forney 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.

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Jensen to recess for Executive Session at 1:32 P.M. Voting aye: Marshall, Pinkerton, Spurgin, Allen, Bell, Berggren, Jensen, Forney. Absent: Fisher; voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Forney resumed the meeting at 1:43 P.M.

Motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Berggren to leave executive session. Voting aye: Jensen, Marshall, Pinkerton, Spurgin, Allen, Bell, Berggren, Forney. Absent: Fisher; voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Director Jim Douglas reviewed information regarding the staff recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding the Commission was considering.

Motion by Mr. Pinkerton, seconded by Mr. Jensen to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Nebraska Public Power District, Nebraska Game and Parks

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Commission and Niobrara River Basin Alliance regarding the Spencer Hydro Facility and its water appropriations. Voting aye: Berggren, Jensen, Marshall, Pinkerton, Spurgin, Allen, Bell, Forney. Absent: Fisher; voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Dr. Pinkerton to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 P.M. Voting aye: Marshall, Pinkerton, Spurgin, Allen, Bell, Berggren, Jensen, Forney. Absent: Fisher, 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 September 10, 2015.


James N. Douglas, Director