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MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2023

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission met for a special meeting at Niobrara Lodge, Valentine, 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 July 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM. Members present: John Hoggatt, Kearney; Doug Zingula Sidney; Ken Curry, Columbus, Scott Cassels, Omaha, Pat Berggren, Broken Bow; Donna Kush, Omaha; and Rick Brandt, Lincoln. Dan Hughes, Venango was absent. Chairman Cassels 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.

Commissioners were given a tactical planning update of the Focus on the Future Plan. The Commission will update and complete the report with staff at a special meeting in December.

The Commissioners plan to review and update the Commissioner Guidebook in October.

The Commissioners will identify goals and targets for the agency to work towards. Staff will summarize a list of ideas and identify existing efforts and new potential ideas.

The Commissioners discussed their roles in strategic planning and goals. They need to determine if the Commissioner Committee structure needs to be adjusted and how we will report on progress of the strategic plan.

The Director discussed the business plan for the current fiscal year with the Commissioners, with identification of overall agency challenges and actions for the next year to address those challenges.

The Commissioners agreed that they need to set a meeting to meet with the Governor to update him on the agency's plans and goals. They also plan to meet with the Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation.

Mr. Zingula moved and Mr. Curry seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM with unanimous approval.

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 August 4, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim McCoy". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Tim McCoy, Director

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