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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 20, 2025

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission held a special strategic planning meeting at Holiday Inn Express McCook, Nebraska. Advance public notice was given through release to news media and official public notice published in the Lincoln Journal Star on August 7, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM. Members present John Hoggatt, Kearney; Doug Zingula Sidney; Kent McNeill, Papillion, Scott Cassels, Omaha, Kurt Arganbright, Valentine; Donna Kush, Omaha; Lisa Roskens, Omaha, Steve Mossman, Lincoln and Dan Hughes, Venango. Chairman Hoggatt 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. There was no public in attendance.

Planning and Programming Division Administrator Hannah Jones shared a presentation on the 2026-2028 strategic plan's draft list of goals to gain commissioner level input. Discussion included focusing on achievable outcomes, incorporating artificial intelligence (AI), working to meet statutory requirements and aligning the goals to our mission.

Assistant Attorney General Carlton Wiggam presented a report defining statutory requirements for public meetings and public records and gave examples to define the proper procedures.

Commissioners received a copy of the 30% concept plan and the property acreage map for the proposed central Nebraska park in Grand Island. They were also given a summary of the presentation Director McCoy and Deputy Director Swenson gave to the Grand Island City Council on August 19.

Director McCoy discussed the transition plan for Roger Kuhn's retirement on October 1. Our next steps need to be communicated with partners.

The legislative update included an outline of items that staff have asked to be considered for future legislation conversations.

The business plan update was tabled.

Motion by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. McNeill to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. All members voted in favor, 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 August 20, 2025.

Tim McCoy, Director

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