

Nebraska Tourism Commission Meeting
May 13, 2016 – 10:00 am
State of Nebraska Executive Building - Lincoln, NE

Commission Chair John Chapo called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Commissioners present: John Chapo, Lincoln Children's Zoo; Roger Dixon, MECA of Omaha; Deb Loseke, Columbus/Platte County CVB; Roger Jasnoch, Kearney Visitors Bureau; Lisa Burke, North Platte CVB; Carol Schlegel, Red Willow County Tourism; Roger Kuhn, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Tony Moody, John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts.

Commission staff present: Kathy McKillip, Heather Hogue, Lisa Karnatz, Micheal Collins, Angela White, Jenn Gjerde, Kathy Krogh, Karen Kollars

Public Comment signed-in: Hannah Hoch

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Roger Dixon motioned to approve the agenda. Roger Jasnoch seconded the motion. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Motion passed.

Open Comment Period for Items on the Agenda

John Chapo, Commission Chair opened the public comment period at 10:02am. Comments presented:

- Hannah Hoch spoke on behalf of Nancy Hoch in support of Commission Executive Director, Kathy McKillip and the Commission's efforts.

With no additional members of the public coming forward, John Chapo closed the Public Comment Period at 10:07am.

Approval of May 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Carol Schlegel motioned to approve meeting minutes from May 3, 2016. Roger Kuhn seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Motion passed.

First Report of the Subcommittee formed to review the Attestation Findings of the Nebraska State Auditor

Tony Moody motioned to go into closed Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of the Commission, particularly the Executive Director, in order to prevent needless injury to the reputation of individuals. Roger Dixon seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Motion passed and members of the public were excused at 10:10am. Assistant Attorney General Natalee Hart remained in the closed Executive Session. Lisa Burke motioned to exit the Executive Session at 11:10am. Tony Moody seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo.

Tony Moody motioned the Commission place the Executive Director, Kathy McKillip, on investigatory suspension, with pay, effective immediately. During her suspension, Ms. McKillip is to have no physical or electronic access to the State Tourism Commission or its offices. Tony Moody further moved that Ms. McKillip is instructed to immediately turn in any keys, state property, or files of the Tourism Commission in her possession. Roger Dixon seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo.

Tony Moody motioned the following must be approved by the Chair, Vice Chair or the Treasurer of the Commission:

1. All purchases exceeding \$1,000
2. All human resources issues to include hiring, terminating, disciplinary actions, increases, relocation, promotions, other pay, etc.
3. All travel outside of the State of Nebraska
4. All accounts payable invoices over \$1,000 with detail included and
5. A record of all deposits being made on a daily basis.

Motion amended to include that all this be provided in writing. Roger Jasnoch seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo.

Roger Dixon motioned to adjourn. Lisa Burke seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Loseke, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Hogue.