

# NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES – February 20, 2015

Hampton Inn – Kearney, Nebraska

**Roll Call:**

Commissioners		Absent	Present	Commissioners		Absent	Present
Amen	Karen		X	Kraus	Don		X
Anderson	Garry		X	Palm	Owen		X
Barels	Brian		X	Palmertree	Tom		X
Batie	Donald		X	Rains	Darrell M.		X
Christensen	Joel		X	Rexroth	Keith	X	
Clouse	Stan		X	Reynolds	Michael (Mick)		X
Deines	Dave	X		Smathers	Scott		X
Fornoff	Kevin		X	Smith	Lindsey		X
Hadenfeldt	N. Richard		X	Steffen	Jeff		X
Hergott	Joseph		X	Strauch	Walter Dennis		X
Huggenberger	Steve		X	Sugden	Steven		X
Kadlecek	David		X	Taylor	Loren		X
Knutson	Thomas	X		Thompson	Jim		X
Kosman	Henry (Hod)	X					

**DNR staff in attendance:**

Jim Schneider, Rex Gittins, Kent Zimmerman and LeRoy Sievers

**Others in attendance were:**

Hon. Tom Carlson, Steve Cogley, Hastings Utility, Marlin Petermann, P-MRNRD, and Butch Kohlmoos, LLNRD

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Commission Chairman Fornoff called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn, Kearney, Nebraska.

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

Notice of the meeting was published on the State Public Meetings Calendar and on the Department of Natural Resources' web site at [www.dnr.ne.gov](http://www.dnr.ne.gov). A copy of Nebraska's public meeting statutes was available in the room.

## INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

The following informational materials were distributed at the meeting. Copies are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

1. Commission Meeting Agenda
2. NRC (redline) Draft Rules Title 261
3. DNR Draft Rules Title 458

## MINUTES

**Reynolds moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Commission meeting.**

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Amen	X				Kraus	X			
Anderson	X				Palm	X			
Barels	X				Palmertree	X			
Batie	X				Rains	X			
Christensen	X				Rexroth				X
Clouse	X				Reynolds	X			
Deines				X	Smathers	X			
Fornoff	X				Smith				X
Hadenfeldt	X				Steffen	X			
Hergott				X	Strauch	X			
Huggenberger	X				Sugden	X			
Kadlecek	X				Taylor	X			
Knutson				X	Thompson	X			
Kosman				X	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

## COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sievers reminded the Commission of the rules drafting process and that a hearing on the proposed rules is required by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Committee Chair Smathers opened the discussion by requesting Commissioners focus on intent rather than fine tuning wording within the draft rules. Smathers also identified red line changes in the draft Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) rules that were updated based upon the last Commission meeting; reviewed comments that have been submitted since the last meeting and called upon each person who had submitted comments to review and discuss their own comments.

**Christensen moved and Thompson seconded the motion to utilize the Water Funding Task Force definition of Water Sustainability and to incorporate the following terms into Title 261,**

**Draft Rules for the Water Sustainability Fund; water productivity, cost effective, separable component, and eligible costs.**

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Amen	X				Kraus	X			
Anderson		X			Palm	X			
Barels	X				Palmertree	X			
Batie	X				Rains	X			
Christensen	X				Rexroth				X
Clouse	X				Reynolds		X		
Deines				X	Smathers	X			
Fornoff	X				Smith	X			
Hadenfeldt	X				Steffen	X			
Hergott	X				Strauch	X			
Huggenberger	X				Sugden				X
Kadlecek	X				Taylor	X			
Knutson				X	Thompson	X			
Kosman				X	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

The rules draft distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting were discussed line by line. These revised draft revisions were decided upon verbally and will be included as red line changes that will be distributed prior to the next meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Several legislative proposals were discussed. The Commission decided not to take a formal position on any bills at this time.

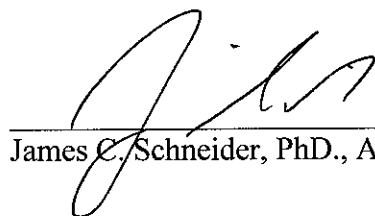
**ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2015 in Kearney, Nebraska.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

  
 Kevin Fornoff, Chair

  
 James C. Schneider, PhD., Acting Director