

**IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 12, 2024**

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) met virtually/telephonically on Friday, July 12, 2024. Commission members present virtually were Daryl Olsen, Chair; Mark Campbell, Vice Chair; and members Julie Andres, Amy Burkhart and Alan Ostergren.

APPROVE AGENDA: Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM, welcomed everyone and requested a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Campbell so moved. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR LINN COUNTY APPLICATIONS: Chair Olsen announced that at the meeting on Monday, July 8th, we were told to expect an application from Linn County for a gaming license shortly. Knowing that an application is pending the Commission has certain responsibilities including developing a timeline for the process. The Commission instructed staff to prepare an RFP for a market study concentrating on Linn County and to prepare a timeline for the process. He clarified that they are looking to prepare a timeline specific for Linn County applications.

Chair Olsen stated he has been working with staff to establish a timeline that allows adequate time to gather the information, completely review this information and then make a decision. Based on that he outlined the following timeline:

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| 08/15/2024 | Due Date for RFP Market Study Proposals |
| 08/29/2024 | Commission Meeting – Riverside <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RFP presentations by potential Market Study vendors and vendor selection |
| 09/16/2024 | Due Date for New Casino Applications |
| 10/03/2024 | Commission Meeting – Bettendorf <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New casino applicant presentations |
| 11/20/2024 | Site Visits with Q&A for Commissioners; Public Comment Meeting (locations TBD) |
| 11/21/2024 | Commission Meeting – Burlington <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCI background reports (Executive Session) |
| 12/30/2024 | Market Study Due in Commission Office |
| 01/23/2025 | Commission Meeting – Jefferson <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCI background report representation (Executive Session)• Public presentation of market study |
| 02/06/2025 | Special Commission Meeting (location TBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission vote re casino application(s) |

Regarding the market studies, Chair Olsen noted that some vendors have implied it will take 90-120 days to complete the study. The timeline presented would give them the 120 days, which is the most any of them have requested.

Commissioner Burkhart asked Tina Eick, Administrator of IRGC, if the timeline for the application process has typically been 6-9 months. Ms. Eick said that is correct and this process would fall within those parameters.

Commissioner Ostergren stated that prior to the February meeting the Commission will have the public comment meeting but will also have a process where people can make public comments, particularly in written form. He said people will be free to tell the Commission what they think about this between November 20th and February 6th. He said the November date is not the last chance to give input to the Commission, the Commission will listen to Iowans up until they make the licensing decision.

Ms. Eick stated that is correct, and commission staff have already been receiving comments and are compiling them and those will be available in written and/or electronic form for all the Commissioners through February of 2025. Chair Olsen stated that is the advantage of setting a timeline so everyone understands the timeframe they are working under, there are no surprises and it gives everyone the opportunity to get the Commission information or contact them if they would like to.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Olsen requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the timeline for Linn County applications as presented. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Chair Olsen requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ostergren so moved. Commissioner Andres seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:


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