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Notice was duly published July 29, 2024 on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on July 31, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Dan Watermeier called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioners Christian Mirch and Eric Kamler absent. Chair Watermeier stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5597: In the Matter of the Application of EMR Ventures LLC, St. Helena, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioners Eric Kamler and Christian Mirch excused not voting.

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. Director Robbins informs the Commission that Cox Nebraska Telcom has filed a motion to return grant funds for the Cass/Sarpy broadband project, and that a hearing in the matter has been scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 2: Discussion and action on pending legislation; and

LB 3: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to take a neutral position in line with testimony provided by Commissioner Watermeier at the July 30, 2024 Legislative hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioners Eric Kamler and Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Dan Watermeier, and Kevin Stocker present, and Commissioners Christian Mirch and Eric Kamler absent. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on August 5, 2024.

Chair

Executive Director