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Notice was duly published March 28, 2025, 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 April 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners, Christian Mirch, Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioners Eric Kamler and Kevin Stocker present virtually. Chair Schram 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. Chair Schram announced a new hire for the Commission.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NUSE-4: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the level of the fund necessary to carry out the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act beginning July 1, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order setting a Hearing for May 6, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSE-37.457: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Greenfly Networks, Inc., Respondent. to enter an Order dismissing Complaint;

NUSE-37.458: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. CallShaper, LLC, Respondent. to enter an Order dismissing Complaint;

NUSE-37.459: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Zultys, Inc., Respondent. to enter an Order dismissing Complaint; and

NUSE-37.461: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Discount Long Distance, LLC, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an Order dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSE-57, PO #10: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Telehealth Program. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier,

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seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order extending filing deadline. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-139, PO #6: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to Consider Appropriate Modifications to the High-cost Distribution and Reporting Mechanisms in its Universal Service Fund program in light of Federal and State Infrastructure Grants. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an Order seeking comments due May 6, 2025 and, setting a hearing for May 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF Fund Status Report.

Report on telecommunications Complaints and Outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month. Cullen Robbins informs the Commission of the Complaints and Outages received for March, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve a revision to the Commission's Schedule of Fees to include the pro hac vice fee as required by the Nebraska Supreme Court rule. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Nathan Wolfgang to travel to and attend the General Fundamentals 1 FRA Training in Pueblo, Colorado from April 13, 2025 to April 19, 2025 with expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Nathan Wolfgang to travel to and attend FRA Training in Fort Dodge, Iowa from April 21, 2025 to April, 25, 2025 with expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Kevin Stocker to travel to and attend the 2025 MARC Circle City Circuit Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 22, 2025 to June 25, 2025 with travel expenses to be paid by MARC and registration and lodging expenses to be reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2025.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY