



Idaho Lottery Commission Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place

The 260th meeting of the Idaho Lottery Commission took place on Thursday, July 18, 2023, at Idaho Lottery Headquarters, Boise, Idaho and via Zoom.

Attendees:

Commissioners Present:

Chairman, Craig Corbett
Commissioner, Sue Kerrick
Commissioner, Skip Smyser
Commissioner, Peter Smith
Commissioner, Joni Stright

Lottery Staff Present:

Director, Jeff Anderson
Chief Operating Officer, Becky Schroeder
Director of Lottery Security, Tony Pittz
Deputy Director of Sales, Larry Polowski
Management Assistant, Gaby Perez
Public Information Specialist, David Workman

Others Present:

Brad Surkamer, CLM
Ryan Belveal, Diamond Game
Steve Poole, Intralot
Jeremy Pisca, Risch Pisca, LLC - via Zoom
Shanna Bray, Pollard-Banknote - via Zoom
Alyssa Romero, Lobby Idaho - via Zoom

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Corbett called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2. Director Update

Lucky for Life Game Group- Request to join original New England Lotteries as "Managing Lottery" *

Director Anderson discussed the Lucky for Life Game, which is not a MUSL game, but is a multi-state game which includes 22 states plus the District of Columbia. We are currently a participating lottery in this game but not a managing lottery. Director Anderson is asking the Commission to approve our request to become a managing lottery for this game.

Commissioner Smyser moved to approve our request to join the Lucky for Life Game Group as a managing lottery. Commissioner Kerrick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Promulgate Temporary Administrative Rules

- **Retailer Prize Payment Card***

Director Anderson spoke to the commission on the difficulty experienced by our retailers to pay cash prizes on lottery winnings up to \$599, which they are required to do by contract. Jacksons Food Stores have proposed to pay lottery prizes with a pre-paid cash card at no expense to the player or to the lottery. Jacksons Food Stores will add the customer's lottery winnings to a pre-paid card that functions as a debit that can be used anywhere they choose.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the retailer prize payment card at no fee to the player. Commissioner Kerrick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

- **Mobile Cashing App***

Director Anderson brought forward the electronic funds transfer option for prize payment via mobile app. The electronic funds transfer would function like Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc. and deposit winnings directly into the player's bank account with no fee to them.

Commissioner Smyser moved to approve the mobile cashing app electronic funds transfer. Commissioner Stright seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

3. Current Sales Report

Larry Polowski, Deputy Director of Sales, reviewed the current sales report in our Chief Financial Officer's absence, and that sales report is entered into the minutes as an attachment.

Sales Division Update

Larry Polowski, also updated the Commission about the current very strong sales due to the current Powerball and Mega Millions jackpots. He stated our InstaPlay games are down, however Marketing is working on promotions to promote this product. Our Scratch games are solid, and Draw games fluctuate with the Jackpots, but we are in good condition overall with good products and great support in the field.

4. Security Division Update

Director of Lottery Security, Tony Pittz, updated the Commission on the issue we experienced with gray machines and the company intent upon bringing them into the state, Gracie Technologies, LLC. There was a district court hearing on June 15, 2023, and they ruled that these are illegal gaming machines in the state of Idaho and are to be removed. He also updated the Commission on our preparation for a UPS strike, as they ship 100% of our Scratch tickets. We are working on back up plans with another companies in case there is a major strike. Our contract with UPS does expire at the end of the year and we will update the Commission if we will be renewing our contract with them or asking the Commission's approval to issue an RFP to find the best shipping solution for the Lottery.

Set Future Meeting Date*

The Commission agreed that the next meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Kerrick moved to approve the date and Commissioner Smyser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Smyser moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kerrick and the meeting was adjourned.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the actions and decisions made by the Lottery Commission.

Jeffrey R. Anderson, Executive Director
Lottery Commission Secretary

Date