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**Debbs Potts Oregon State Lottery Commission Building**

500 Airport Road SE  
Salem, OR 97301

**OREGON STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETING  
March 24, 2023**

**Lottery Commission:** MardiLyn Saathoff, chair  
Maulin Patel  
Marty Ramirez  
Julie Wilcox

**Interim director:** Mike Wells

Chair Saathoff called the March 24, 2023, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting to order and stated for the record that the commissioners are attending today's meeting via a web meeting, Commissioner Wilcox is excused, and a quorum of commissioners is present.

Commissioners present at roll call: Commissioners Patel, Ramirez, and Chair Saathoff.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Saathoff stated that members of the public had the opportunity to provide written public comment and confirmed with the clerk that no written public comment was received.

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT, Exhibit 2**

Presenter: Kathy Ortega, chief financial officer

**Financial statements, February 2023**

Ortega provided an overview of the financial statements and described expenses and variances in the operating statement, services and supplies, and balance sheet.

Chair Saathoff called for a motion.

Commissioner Ramirez moved that the Oregon State Lottery financial statements for the month ended Feb. 28, 2023, be approved for the record as presented today.

Commissioner Patel seconded the motion.

*The motion passed by a 3-0 quorum vote, with Commissioners Patel, Ramirez, and Chair Saathoff voting aye.*

**C. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, Exhibit 1**

Presenter: MardiLyn Saathoff, chair

The Commission reviewed the Feb. 17, 2023, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting draft minutes, which were circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no recommended changes.

Chair Saathoff called for a motion.

Commissioner Ramirez moved that the minutes of the Feb. 17, 2023, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting be approved as final, as presented today. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion.

*The motion passed by a 3-0 quorum vote, with Commissioners Patel, Ramirez, and Chair Saathoff voting aye.*

#### **D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Presenter: Mike Wells, interim director

##### **Lottery news**

Problem Gambling Awareness Month - March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month and for the 20<sup>th</sup> year, the Oregon Lottery is supporting efforts to increase awareness regarding problem gambling. Lottery partners with public health, advocacy groups and gambling operators to ensure people understand free treatment and counseling are available through [Oregon Problem Gambling Resource \(OPGR\) website](#). During 2022, 2,100 calls were made to the help line in Oregon and more than 200 chats and texts were received. Since 1992, one percent of Oregon Lottery revenue, which is over \$128 million, has been dedicated to supporting problem gambling treatment and prevention efforts throughout Oregon.

Prize payments - To make claiming prizes of any value easier for players, necessary changes were made to allow Lottery to pay prizes over \$50,000 from its Wilsonville Payment Center earlier this month. Lottery is excited to offer another way to enhance the customer experience.

Video Lottery field test - The field test of the new Kascada Video Lottery terminal is underway, with 100 retailers within a 25-mile radius of Salem testing the new terminals. The results will help determine whether the Kascada terminal is a viable replacement option for older terminals.

##### **Sales**

- The St. Patrick's Day Raffle went on sale Jan. 1 with 250,000 tickets available. All tickets were sold out by March 9.
- Jackpot games are performing strong due to billion-dollar jackpots in July, November, and January.
- Year-to-date sales for Powerball and Mega Millions are ahead of all previous years, with Powerball being ahead of last year by 45 percent and Mega Millions by 148 percent.
- Scratch-it sales are down 5 percent from last year but remain ahead of 2019 and 2020.
- Sports betting turnover is trending up with a 50 percent increase over last year. This year Lottery has seen \$371.5 million in wagers, compared to \$247.3 million last year.

**Winners** - Interim director Wells shared stories about the following winners:

- James K of Salem won \$500 playing St. Patrick's Day Raffle
- Debbie M. of Gresham won \$25,000 playing "Big City 5 Diamonds" Video Lottery
- Kristen A. of Portland won \$13,486.75 playing "Big City 5 Diamonds" Video Lottery

#### **E. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

No commissioner communications or other business was presented.

The next monthly commission meeting is scheduled April 21, 2023.

The Oregon State Lottery Commission approved the minutes of the March 24, 2023, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting on April 21, 2023.

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Alisa Zavala  
Senior Executive Assistant  
Lottery Director's Office

Approved by:

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Commissioner MardiLyn Saathoff, Chair  
Oregon State Lottery Commission

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