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COMMISSION HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE STAFF TO ADDRESS EXPANDED GAMING

Topeka- The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission announced today the appointment of four new employees to its executive staff. The new staff members will play key roles in the commission's work under the new Expanded Lottery Act.

"The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission takes seriously the role it plays in regulating expanded gaming in this state," Executive Director Stephen Martino said. "These new additions to our team bring a wealth of talent and experience that will prove invaluable as we move forward."

Don Brownlee has accepted the position of Director of Security. Brownlee will oversee the commission's law enforcement responsibilities, gaming facility security and background investigations. Brownlee served 29 years in the Highway Patrol. He retired from the patrol in 2003 as the superintendent and went to work for the State Gaming Agency as Director of Enforcement. Brownlee started with the KRGC in July.

Also in July, **Patrick Martin** was named as an Assistant Attorney General for the commission. Before joining the commission, Mr. Martin practiced law in Kansas City, MO with Shugart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C. Martin is assigned by the Kansas Attorney General to assist the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission in all matters, including the enforcement of the Pari-mutuel Racing Act, the Expanded Lottery Act, and the Tribal Gaming Oversight Act.

Don Cawby is the new Director of Administration. Mr. Cawby will oversee the commission's day to day operations including information technology, human resources and the agency's budget. He comes to the commission from Parsons, Kan where he served as City Manager. He also brings with him a wealth of state government experience having worked in the Division of Budget and the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

The commission also named **Mike Deines** as Director of Communications and Responsible Gaming. Mr. Deines will oversee both external and internal communications for the agency and will also establish and manage the commission's Office of Responsible Gaming. He comes to the commission from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services where he served two years as Director of Communications and a year as special assistant.

Also joining the KRGC executive staff are **Kit Bostrom** and **Charles LaBoy**. Both are long time employees of the commission. Ms. Bostrom is taking on new duties in her role as Director of Licensing. She will oversee gaming employee licensing and the supplier licensing programs in addition to her pari-mutuel responsibilities. Ms. Bostrom started with agency in 1988. Mr. LaBoy is the new Director of Auditing and Electronic Security. He has been with the agency since 1998. He will oversee the audit functions at both pari-mutuel and expanded gaming sites in addition to electronic gaming security.

Other members of KRGC executive staff include:

- Frances Snell- Director of Racing
- Bryce Peckham, D.V.M.- Animal Health Officer
- Stephen Durrell- Assistant Attorney General

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