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Casino Manager Application Date Moved in Southeast Gaming Zone

TOPEKA, KAN. – At today's monthly meeting of the Kansas Lottery Commission, the date for submitting applications to become the casino manager in the Southeast Kansas Gaming Zone was moved to 11:00 a.m. CT on January 30, 2015. The original date was 1 p.m. on December 19, 2014.

"When the original date of December 19 was established we discussed the possibility it might need to be moved," said Lottery Executive Director Terry Presta. "In an effort to give the recently appointed Review Board members ample time to come up to speed on their important duties, the Lottery and the Lottery Commission thought it prudent to move the application date at this time."

Once the January 30, 2015, deadline for the receipt of applications passes, the Lottery has up to 90 days to negotiate contracts with any and all applicants who qualify. The Lottery will then forward the contracts to the Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board (Review Board). The Review Board will have up to 60 days to select the apparent successful contract. After the Review Board selects the apparent successful contract, there is a final step. The Kansas Racing & Gaming Commission (KRGC) must complete a background investigation to approve or disapprove the applicant. The Governor can grant extensions of up to 60 days each for the Lottery, the Review Board, and the KRGC, if requested.

The Review Board consists of seven members: three appointed by the Governor, and two each by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. The Review Board is attached to the KRGC for administrative purposes.

The appointed members of the Review Board are:

- Jack Bower, Atchison – appointed by Governor Sam Brownback (Chairman)
- Georgianna Mullin, Lenexa – appointed by Governor Sam Brownback
- Lisa Pleasure, Shawnee – appointed by Governor Sam Brownback
- Kevin Cook, Topeka – appointed by Speaker of the House Ray Merrick
- Gail Radke, Overland Park – appointed by Speaker of the House Ray Merrick
- Don Alexander, Parsons – appointed by Senate President Susan Wagle
- Jeff Oakes, Fredonia – appointed by Senate President Susan Wagle

The 2014 Kansas Legislature amended the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act (KELA) to reduce the required investment in infrastructure from \$225 million to \$50 million and the privilege fee from \$25 million to \$5.5 million in the Southeast Kansas Gaming Zone, which includes Crawford and Cherokee counties in Kansas. The amended KELA provisions took effect July 1, 2014.