

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF March 23, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023 -13
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1:30 P.M.



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The Board of County Commissioners met in work session in the Commission Chambers at the Ford County Government Center.

Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman
Chris Boys, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order.

KNRC: Vote

Chairman Tasset stated the KNRC is asking members to submit a vote on the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Lawsuit. KNRC recently received an offer from Pacific Legal Foundation, for free legal representation challenging the US Fish and Wildlife Service November 25, 2022, ESA section 4(d) rule for the northern DPS of the LPC. The 4(d) rule restricts farmers and ranchers by requiring grazing plans for livestock and prevents conversion of privately owned land to tillable acreage within LPC range. The goal of the lawsuit is to set aside the 4(d) rule for the northern DPS and remand the matter to FWS to take further action in accordance with the requirements of the ESA, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Commissioner Snook moved to go along with Chairman Tasset whatever he feels is best. Commissioner Snook rescinded his motion.

Chairman Tasset moved that Ford County vote to approve the Pacific Legal Foundation Litigation. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk