



Grand Island Casino Breaks Ground on Permanent Casino Resort

Grand Island, NE — The Grand Island Casino celebrates the start of construction of its new \$100 million casino resort with a groundbreaking ceremony at 10:30 am Wednesday at Fonner Park.

Dignitaries including State Sen. Ray Aguilar, Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commissioner Shane Greckel, Grand Island Mayor Roger Steele, Grand Island Chamber of Commerce President Cindy Johnson and Chris Kotulak, Fonner Park CEO join Elite Casino Resorts CEO, Dan Kehl on the speaking program. Several local supporters and contractors on the project are expected to attend.

“We are excited to have a temporary casino open but wait until you see the amenities we offer in our permanent casino resort,” said Elite CEO Dan Kehl. “We’ve put together a strong team of local contractors to partner with us on this project. We are glad to get the ball rolling.”

Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commissioner Shane Greckel added, “Fonner Park continues to be a driving force in Nebraska Racing and Gaming”. Fonner Park CEO Chris Kotulak said, “This new casino and hotel will tower over our campus and be a beacon to recognize the Thoroughbreds, horseman and community who have made Fonner Park what it is and what it can be in the future..”

The new facility will be loaded with amenities including:

- 750 slot machines and 20 table games.
- The gaming floor will have a show lounge that features local and regional entertainment.
- 162-room hotel with a full-service salon and spa plus an indoor-outdoor pool.
- Our food outlets will feature Ruthie’s Steak & Seafood Restaurant. Ruthie’s is our fine dining outlet. We will also have casual dining in our Draft Day Sports Lounge and a family dining outlet.

Construction of the resort is expected to take 15-17 months with a grand opening planned for the first quarter of 2025.