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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2014 10:00 A.M.

AFRICAN AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ROOM 120

300 SAN PEDRO NE

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

10:00 A.M. Call to Order (Larry Kennedy, Chairman)

Commission Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Member, Chuck Brown

Member, Xavier Jurado (telephonically)

Member, Larry Kennedy

Chairman, David "Hossie" Sanchez

Member, Kenneth "Twister" Smith

Commissioners absent: Member, Bill Lee; Member, Matthew Rush

Public Present: (represents only those officially signed in; spellings are best approximations of written names) Di McCall, State Fair Junior Livestock Foundation; Charles Brunt, Albuquerque Journal; Rick Word, State Attorney General's Office; Brent Van Dyke, NMACD; Dick Gerding, Harriet Gerding; Michael Bennett; Ty Bays; Chris Gerding; Bett Clark; Sharon Craven; Ron Craven; Bill Dunn; Caren Cowan, New Mexico Stockmen; Becky Spindle, NMCGA; Dan Atchley; Janice Atchley; Charlotte Rode; Jim Bob Burnett; Jordan Spindle; Abby Spindle; Rusty Cook, NMHC; Ron Morris, NMHC

Staff Present: Dan Mourning, General Manager; John Jaramillo, Deputy Manager; Sally Mayer, Senior Manager; Bill Nordin, Chief Financial Officer; Allison Hedgecock, Attorney; Ken Salazar, Operations Manager; Sabrina Garza, Sponsorship/Events Director; Michael Henningsen, Media Director;

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brown

Chairman Kennedy: We'll now move onto the introduction of new Commissioners. We have two new Commissioners this year, Xavier Jurado, who is on the phone for us, and our other new Commissioner is William Lee from Gallup who had a prior commitment. Chairman Kennedy then introduced staff present.

Approval Items:

Agenda: Commissioner Sanchez moved for approval of the agenda; Commissioner Jurado seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Minutes:

Commissioner Sanchez moved for approval of the January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously among Commissioners present.

Action Item

Open Meetings Resolution

Chairman Kennedy explained that the Open Meetings Resolution is the resolution that makes future Commission meetings possible.

Commissioner Jurado moved for approval of the Open Meetings Resolution, Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Brown moved to open nominations for Chairman of the 2014 Commission; Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion. Commissioner Sanchez nominated Larry Kennedy for Chairman, Commissioner Brown seconded.

Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Rush for Chairman but there was no second.

Commissioner Brown moved to close nominations, Commissioner Sanchez seconded: nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote for Kennedy for Chairman:

Commissioner Brown: Yes

Commissioner Jurado: Yes

Chairman Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Lee: Absent

Commissioner Rush: Absent

Commissioner Sanchez: Yes

Commissioner Smith: No

Chairman Kennedy: The motion passes five to one?

Michael Henningsen: Yes, sir.

Chairman Kennedy: Thank you for that gentlemen, and I count it as an honor to serve as your chairman and do my best to serve in that capacity. I'll next ask for nominations to open for Secretary-Treasurer.

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Nominations were opened.

Commissioner Brown: I nominate David "Hossie" Sanchez. Chairman Kennedy seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to close nominations, Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion. Nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote for Sanchez for Secretary-Treasurer:

Commissioner Brown: Yes

Commissioner Jurado: Yes

Chairman Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Lee: Absent

Commissioner Rush: Absent

Commissioner Sanchez: Yes

Commissioner Smith: No

The motion passed five to one.

Chairman Kennedy: With that, Commissioner Sanchez is elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you, Commissioner, for your willingness to serve. We'll move on to Item #9, which is the Chairman's Agenda, and Item A is an update on our storm water drainage report. I've asked Mr. Mourning to give the Commission a synopsis.

General Manager Dan Mourning gave a synopsis of storm water drainage and EPA issues, all of which were addressed and culminated in positive outcome for the Fair, which is in compliance with the EPA.

Commissioner Jurado: Congratulations! We are in order.

Commissioner Smith asked what compliance cost the Fair in the end.

Mr. Mourning stated that it cost roughly \$600,000.

Chairman Kennedy: Our next item is listed on the Agenda as "Bob Gerding Presentation." As we all know, Mr. Gerding went on to a bigger fishing hole here in the past few weeks, and EXPO and the State Fair have always been what I would consider a good place in Mr. Gerding's heart. He worked for the last 15 years putting on the Bob Gerding Outdoor Adventure Show. I'm honored that we have members of Mr. Gerding's family here with us today; his wife Harriet and brother Dick among them. Mr. Gerding, is there anything you'd like to share?

Dick Gerding: Quite obviously, Commissioner, we're very pleased that the State Fair, the State of New Mexico and the administrative staff think enough of Bob to consider putting his name on a building. Bob's entire adult life was spent in the preservation of New Mexico's Natural Resources and the use through hunting and fishing and hiking to accomplish that purpose. I know Bob would be very pleased as we are. We thank you very much for the honor.

Chairman Kennedy: Thank you very much for being here. This is probably the least we could do in memory of Bob. Commissioners: In front of you, you have a Resolution Number 02, 2014 and I'll read it: (reads resolution). So I would like a motion to approve this resolution to rename the Natural Resources Building the "Bob Gerding Natural Resources Building."

Commissioner Brown: So moved.

Secretary-Treasurer Sanchez: Seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Harriet Gerding: Thank you.

Chairman Kennedy: Our next item is Committee Reports. Since we don't have any Committee Reports, I'd like to ask that Commissioner Smith would continue to be involved in the livestock efforts for the Fair and year-round as well.

Commissioner Smith: OK.

Chairman Kennedy: I know there's been a desire on this Commission to get APS more involved in what we do at the Fair, and I'd like to ask Commissioner Brown to serve as Chair for that Committee to do what we can to get kids from APS to the Fair.

Commissioner Brown: Yes.

Chairman Kennedy: With that we'll move on to State Fair Management Report. Our first item is an overview of financials from Mr. Bill Nordin, CFO.

Mr. Nordin: Thank you Chairman, Commissioners. (Gives brief overview of State Fair financials, discusses profit and loss, etc., states that EXPO has been running in the black since 2012 and that the Downs is current on all lease payments. Also states that the Downs, as of January 1, 2014, is paying a higher lease rate.)

Secretary-Treasurer Sanchez: What is the new rate?

Mr. Nordin: It has gone up to \$2,750,000 annually.

Commissioner Jurado: What kind of terms do you have? Five year? Ten year?

Mr. Nordin: It was initially written for 25 years and we're into it a couple of years now.

Commissioner Jurado: OK.

Mr. Nordin also discussed 2013 Fair revenue, stating that it was down from the previous year by \$469,194.00 due to unseasonable record rainfall at the beginning of 2013 Fair.

Management Report

Chairman Kennedy: Our next item is 2014 Fair planning and with that, provided in your packets, is our Annual Report that Michael has put together for 2013. And before we move into what's going on for 2014, I'd like to talk a little bit about some of the things that happened during the Fair this year, one of which was the Gathering of the Counties (reads letter from Association of Counties into the record). With that, I'll turn things over to Mr. Mourning for a presentation on what happened this past Fair and what's coming up.

Mr. Mourning discussed highlights of 2013 Fair and stated planning for 2014 Fair is underway. Mr. Mourning stated that Ken (Salazar, Operations) and Sabrina (Garza, Sponsorship/Events) made the trip to PRCA Convention in Las Vegas in December to lock in 2014 PRCA Rodeos for the Fair and placed several entertainment offers.

Ms. Garza stated that the dates of the 2014 State Fair Rodeo will be September 15 through September 20, and that the Fair is looking at six rather than four rodeos as was the case last year – four with national entertainment.

Commissioner Smith: What are the dates of the (2014) Fair?

Mr. Mourning: September 10 through 21.

Chairman Kennedy: We'll move to Item #11 on the Agenda, which is discussion of the meeting calendar. What I'd like to propose is that the Commission meet quarterly during this year, and that would put our next meeting the first Monday in April, then the first Monday in July, then the first Monday in October after that.

Chairman Kennedy: Our next item is public comment. I have five (people) signed up for public comment. Jim Bob Burnett, Ty Bays, Michael Bennett, Caren Cowan and Becky Spindle gave public comment.

Chairman Kennedy:
Our next item is Adjournment. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Sanchez: I move to adjourn.

Chairman Kennedy: And a second?

Commissioner Brown: Second.

Chairman Kennedy: We're adjourned.