

**New Mexico State Fair Commission Minutes
Of the Regular Commission Meeting
Friday, July 15, 2016
McKinley County Courthouse
County Commission Chambers
207 W. Hill
Gallup, New Mexico
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Call to Order by Chairman Kennedy at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Commission Roll Call- Commissioners present:

Chairman, Larry Kennedy
Secretary-Treasurer, David "Hossie" Sanchez
Commissioner Charles "Chuck" Brown
Commissioner William "Bill" Lee

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Commissioner Brown

Staff present:

Erin Thompson, Deputy Manager
Lisa Liegeot, General Counsel
Bill Nordin, Chief Financial Officer
Ken Salazar, Operations Director
Chris Goblet, Special Events

Guests present:

Introduction of Guests:

Chairman Kennedy acknowledged staff present including Michele Clement, Bill Nordin, Ken Salazar, and Lisa Liegeot.

Action Item: Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Lee made a motion for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Brown made a motion for approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2016 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Chairman Kennedy asked that the agenda be amended to include the date (15th) in the title of the agenda. Chairman Kennedy asked for a motion to accept the amendment to the minutes, Commissioner Sanchez moved to accept the amendment to the agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Kennedy asked if all were in favor of the amendment, all voted in the affirmative. Chairman Kennedy asked if all were in favor of the minutes, all voted in the affirmative.

Public Comment: None

Chairman's Agenda:

A. Committee Reports

- 1) **Racing Committee Report:** Commissioner Sanchez said great things are happening at the Downs of ABQ which is our facility. They have begun to have night racing and it has been a big hit. The Racing Commission and the Downs have been trying to implement this for the last fifteen years. He had not known what to expect, but was hearing from a lot of people that it is great. Commissioner Sanchez suggested that one thing that needs to happen is the Downs needs to step up and get more people to take care of the crowds/people going to the races. The facilities are great, there are great pictures all over the place, he drops by when he is in the area. They have done a great job, looks fantastic and working out really well. Looks forward to the Downs making it a great place. Chairman Kennedy added that the grandstand renovations look really great. Chairman Kennedy has not been able to make night racing yet, but heard it is going really well. Erin Thompson directed the Commissioners to images in their notebooks that show some of the renovations at the Downs, including the interior. Commissioner Brown asked for the dates when night racing is being held. Commissioner Sanchez stated that night racing takes place on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Erin advised that races occurred on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday evenings. Commissioner Brown stated that the lights for night racing are incredible, they are very bright. Commissioner Sanchez stated that the only thing that the horsemen have had trouble with during the first couple of races is the horses were a bit spooked by the lights, because of the shadows. The type of lights used for night racing are very important and the Downs has done a good job.
- 2) **Arena Committee Report:** Commissioner Lee met with Dan Mourning and wanted to report that things are moving along. There have been a couple of meetings with folks to look at designs and architectural plans and Commissioner Lee hopes to have something to present at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Lee stated that he would like to turn our focus to Tingley now that the Downs has undergone renovations. He would like to see it made into a show place, something that can not only be utilized during the Fair but year round. Commissioner Lee added that the last legislative session brought attention to the arena topic and that was an important first step. Commissioner Lee wants the commission to rally and work during the upcoming 60 day legislative session again to see what can be done to get the state on board to make Tingley a better facility.
Erin Thompson added that Dan Mourning is in Sacramento, California at this time looking at a project for a large multi-purpose arena under construction to get a good idea of what is possible. A feasibility study for an arena at Expo NM is underway by a company called Populace who are experts in this field. Erin Thompson added that we know it is feasible, it is just a matter of figuring out the best way to carry it out. Commissioner Sanchez added that he wanted to give kudos to the staff at the Fair for getting the ranking of the 9th best Fair in the nation. He added that it has been amazing how the Fair went from 49th to 9th in just a few years, and this is all due to the staff at the Fair. Erin Thompson added that a lot of credit goes to Dan Mourning and he would also give a lot of credit to the team. Chairman Kennedy stated that in a story by Channel 13 they said that the Fair has some bragging rights now and he is said that is right, we are going to brag about it. Chairman Kennedy added that it is very cool to have such a positive report on a news program.

Chairman Kennedy stated that he did know that we gained some traction in the last legislative session. Commissioner Brown stated that it would be nice to have a proposal ready for the next legislative session. Chairman Kennedy added that the wheels are turning right now and Dan Mourning was working on a proposal right now.

Commissioner Sanchez added that people need to realize that there is a big revenue getter here with an arena and that is what the commission needs to mention to our senators and representatives.

Commissioner Lee stated that he would let everyone know when it was time to roll up their sleeves and get the commission and Expo NM management going on this project.

Chairman Kennedy added his congratulations to Commissioner Lee who will soon be County Commissioner for McKinley County.

3) Committee suggestions:

Chairman Kennedy stated as the Fair is coming up, visibility on the part of the commission is a big deal for all of the folks and asked the commissioners to be there as much as they can.

State Fair Management Report:

Erin Thompson stated that Dan Mourning was in California and that she would do her best to fill Dan Mourning's shoes in giving the State Fair management report. She would like to start this report by calling up Chris Goblet to give the commission an update on the upcoming NM True Fest report.

A. New Mexico True Fest Update: Chris Goblet

Chris Goblet thanked the commission for having him back at the commission meeting. He stated that things have been moving very rapidly for NM True Fest and there are 38 vendors already registered in the first two weeks. There is a clear delineation of responsibilities for all of the partners in this event;

- Expo NM is responsible for the infrastructure and vendor registration. He has been working with Expo to work out logistics with security and State Fair vendors who want to come early.
- Chris and his team have taken on the responsibility of outreach to all artisans, and food vendors from around the state. There is a fee structure in place for the vendors though if they are NM True certified their space is free and if they are not NM True certified the space will cost them around \$300-\$350. They are working hard to have representation from around the state.
- NM Tourism is conducting consumer outreach and marketing, they have been working on their website. True community- Taos Ski valley, Cliffs Amusement Park, etc- true certified- free vendor space

There will be multiple activities going at the same time during True Fest. There will be the NM True Brew at the Pavilion with live local bands featured. There will also be a NM True product showcase on Main Street, as well as the Wine and Jazz Festival in Villa Hispana.

- This event is free to the public which has been made possible by obtaining sponsorship dollars.
- There will be 1000 NM True T-shirts given away, 500 per day.

- Chris is working on a NM True Water can which has been designed with the Keep NM Beautiful folks. This is local water, from a local manufacturer.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if Chris had a sponsor for the water. He may have someone interested in sponsoring the water. Chris stated that he will send Commissioner Sanchez a sponsor packet to pass on to the potential sponsor.

Chris is working with Carlos to raise \$40- 50K in sponsorship to cover the cost of putting on this event. There will be revenue from parking, the Midway, the Brew garden, and 25% of all vendor sales. There is a risk because this is the first year and there are up- front costs to cover for this free event. The reward is the potential of 40 thousand people coming to the event over the two days. This event has really helped Tourism boost their NM True campaign. This could potentially become an annual event that grows each year.

Chris asked if there were any questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Brown asked if some of the vendors will stay for the Fair? Chris replied that yes, there are some who will stay.

Commissioner Lee stated that this event has come together very quickly, and he has wanted to get the NM True branding at the Fair for a long time. He stated that this is a perfect lead up to the Fair and ties NM True branding to the Fair in a way that has not happened before. He added that he thought this was going to be a very successful event. Commissioner Lee added that Gallup is a NM True community and wanted to make sure Gallup was represented at this event. He also added that he has talked with Dan and the NM True Balloon will be on site. Chris added that he will make sure that all commissioners have his contact information in case they had any other questions or comments.

Commissioner Sanchez added that his company created the “Musical Road” with Nat GEO. It is 1 of 5 in the world. He was bringing it up because they get calls from all over the world about it.

Erin Thompson added that the NM State Fair Beer was going to come back for the second year. Chris has been the liaison with brewers guild for this beer. Chris stated that the launch for this beer would be August 2nd at La Cumbre Beer company. There will be 24,000 cans distributed in the ABQ/Santa Fe markets. Last year the focus was on press and advertising, this year the focus is on the consumer. This has been a very good project which has generated revenue for the Fair. Chris hopes that the evolution of this project is the water can he mentioned earlier for True Fest.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if in the future the Fair could consider a light beer.

Chairman Kennedy thanked Chris for all of his hard work and added that it is cool to see how much he enjoys doing what he does. He looks forward to huge things starting with True Fest.

Erin Thompson added that True Fest was Dan’s vision for quite a few years and Chris has been a big part of making this a reality. This event has come together well with NM True certified program.

B. 2016 State Fair/Expo NM Report: Erin Thompson

1. Expo NM:

- As the commissioners had mentioned earlier, the State Fair has been ranked #9 best Fair in the nation. That ranking was based on affordability/value, attendance as a percentage of population, weather for run of Fair, number of vendors, and length of

Fair. Expo NM is extremely proud of this ranking. When Dan was appointed, the Fair was ranked in the 40th range. Erin thanked the commission for their support and guidance in allowing Expo NM to achieve this ranking. The analysis was done by a group called Smart Asset.com. They analyzed 38 state Fairs. Erin added that we are most proud of the fact that the New Mexico State Fair did well in the affordability and value category. When compared to other Fairs on regular admission price we stacked up great and the general public feels they are getting a great value for their money. A large percentage of the population comes to the Fair, that is something to be proud of.

- Arena – the study is underway and being conducted by Populace. Erin wanted to point out that we are still doing a lot of good things in Tingley. One example is the movie Independence Day II. A lot of scenes were shot in Tingley and added that if any of the commissioners were to go see the movie, look for the water scenes. Erin spoke with location person and they reaffirmed that the relationship with the Expo NM has been great and they are looking forward to working with us again soon.
- Fiber upgrades – there are fiber upgrades being done campus wide and they expect to be completed by Fair. This will make a huge difference for all of our clients and vendors on site.
- Grandstand/night racing at Downs – as mentioned before, night racing is being held on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Commissioner Sanchez already spoke about the grandstand and night racing and Erin agrees that this is going very well. We thought there maybe phone calls about the lights from the neighborhoods, but after two weeks Expo NM has not gotten any calls. We know that this project injects another level of economic viability into the area and the hope is that the folks living in the area are recognizing that also.
- Capital project updates – Beef and swine barns are being updated (\$300K) including new bathrooms, paneling and improved lighting. We are also looking at main street lights as part of electrical upgrades which will create an even better experience for Fairgrounds with nice ambiance.
- New initiatives – Chris talked about Sept 3-4 True Fest which includes the midway, one element of true fest that the Fair would really like to get out to the public. It is an important source of revenue for Fair. Chairman Kennedy joined the Governor, Dan Mourning and the Mayor Berry in May to announce that the Gathering of Nations chose Expo NM to continue this very important cultural event. As the Governor stated, this group could have gone anywhere as they were being courted by other communities throughout the United States and they chose to stay in New Mexico. It represents a 20 million dollar economic impact throughout the state and Albuquerque, so this was a very important event to keep in New Mexico. We also had the Elite Rodeo Athletes for 2 evenings in May. We are now being recognized as one of the top rodeos in the country. Kudos to Ken and Sabrina for getting Expo in the elite spotlight.
- New liquor contractor – Hacienda Del Rio. Several applied including the previous contractor, however Hacienda del Rio is the new provider. The owner of the company does have good experience and has had a presence within the Fair for several years and most importantly, he offered a better revenue percentage which will come back to the Fair.

Commissioner Sanchez asked about Hacienda del Rio, who they are and what restaurants do they have. Erin Thompson stated that Lisa Liegeot could better answer that question. Lisa stated that the winner of the contract was a corporation named Hacienda del Rio Inc. They own five to ten restaurants in the area. She added that the commissioners might recognize a couple of them; Billy the Kid and Hacienda del Rio to name a couple. Erin added that they come from a family with longstanding experience in restaurants.

- Soda RFP out currently- Expo will be analyzing that relationship and see what we get in response to the RFP.
- Dan and Sally have been working on a redesign of flea market including arched entry areas, food and beverage options and overall more shading and creating a destination environment.
- A.R.T.- Expo continues communication with them. Lisa is working on the MOU with their staff that will require a moratorium on construction during the Fair around the Fairgrounds. City staff proposed halting construction no later than Labor Day and several days after the Fair, however Expo NM has requested the date be extended into August. They have offered to put in a light at the tower gate off of Central which would be critical for our flea market and allow better ingress and egress, which is also going to be a part of the MOU. These provisions will put us in a good position with regard to the A.R.T project.
- Doghead Fire in the East Mountains. Our Governor makes it a priority to ensure that the state is doing everything possible to accommodate citizens and make sure everyone is safe. As a part of that, Expo coordinated with Governor's office to open up shelters on the grounds for those animals affected by the fire. We partnered with the Department of Agriculture and had a couple of dozen animals that required shelter. That went on for several days until folks and animals could get back home. We were proud to be a part of that also.

2. Fair

- Sponsors – We continue to work with Mattress Firm and they have increased their presence at the Fair, including potential naming rights to the pavilion. We now have an exclusive provider of lemonade, Just Squeezed, and are working with them on a \$80K sponsorship. WisePies continues their relationship with the Fair by sponsoring the Kids Zone. Fuddruckers is increasing their presence on grounds and are interested in sponsoring School days and anything that includes kids. Harley Davidson will be back onsite. Geico Insurance will be on the grounds with an interactive exhibit. McDonald's is also stepping up their presence at the Fair and will bring the Fiesta Tour which features the Latin Grammys.
- New Spectaculars – This year we will have the Aussie Kingdom which features animals from the outback. Cavallo Horse Show will also be joining us, which are the big white stallions that perform trick riding. Others include: X-Pogo, Dock Dogs, for which the public can bring their own dogs, and a new magician. Expo found spectaculars involving animals are a big draw for the Fair and we continue to make them a priority.
- Media – the campaign is underway, based on the concept "A thrill for your senses." Commissioners had mentioned during the last commission meeting how important the food is, and we agree, so food is going to be a major element. The carnival and highlighting all of the cool things to do at the Fair as well as incorporating the

cultural elements are also important aspects that are unique to this Fair. The media buy is almost complete and includes TV, radio, digital, and outdoor signs, with some of those ads beginning next week. Contesting is going well, giveaways, social media promotions- started with our Tracey Lawrence (family 4 pack) giveaway for which we got 50 thousand hits to the post and 1,000 people who entered the contest. The current contest features Chase Bryant and we are getting a huge response. The National Anthem contest is underway and we will be featuring the top 15 on social media as a way to get people involved and “like” our Facebook page and once again bring the public into the Fair experience. We are putting the finishing touches on a contract with a local company to develop a new user App. This offers a number of new capabilities including ability to push out information to customers who subscribe to the App. One example of that is letting people know the status of our parking at specific gates. This also gives us the ability to do more advertising and to sell advertising space. There will be a user/learning curve but this is an exciting project and we are excited to work with the local vendor.

- Outreach efforts – Expo NM will have a presence during New Mexico True Night at Isotopes Park on July 29th. The queen will be in attendance. We will talk about the Fair and do some giveaways and get folks signed up for email distributions.
- Transportation – several big announcements- the public has said that it is difficult on weekends to get on the grounds and in response to that we will be doing a Park and Ride for the first time in quite a few years. There will be two sights, one at Cottonwood Mall and one a UNM Q lot. There will be some costs involved but again, this is something that the Fair going public has said is important and so Expo feels like it is a worthy investment. We also have a new partnership with UBER which is great for Expo and gives us access to their marketing and users and is a safe way for folks to get home. A special Expo NM entry code will be set up for first time UBER users and they will be given \$10-\$15 off of the fare. The Fair gets \$5 dollars back from UBER each time the code is used. There will also be a Bike Valet again this year. We had a pretty good response last year and feel the need is going to continue to grow. There will be specified entries for both park and ride and uber which will include fast pass access similar to the Walgreens pass. Folks won't have to exchange tickets or wait in long lines. We believe this will be a good outcome.
- Competitions and entries – We are on track, including plans for Green Chile Cheeseburger contest, Green Chile Stew, Spam, Unique Foods Contest etc.
- Special events – We have a very special event this year at the Fair. Navy Week runs from September 12th-18th. The Navy picks sixteen communities each year and this year they have chosen Albuquerque as one of those sixteen communities. Our Annual event was one of the reasons they chose Albuquerque. Some of the activities during Navy week at the Fair include leap-frogging events, dive tank display with seals, and performances by naval band(s). This will be a very unique draw for folks.
- Reithoffer carnival is back bigger and better than ever. One thing that the public wanted is wristbands, especially on weekends. Dan and Bill have communicated that to Reithoffer and they have, with the exception of one day when they will have a deeply discounted ride option, agreed to have wristbands throughout the run of the Fair and the prices will range from \$12- \$35 depending on the day, weekends will be higher.

- Walgreens presale will be a part of the Fair event this year again, starting on Aug 11th and running thru Sept 9th. At Walgreens throughout NM you can purchase advance tickets for \$7 admission for adults and \$6 for child/senior, and the mega pass which includes admission and ride wristband for \$28.
- We continue to have discounted days, there will be a couple \$2 days and we continue to explore options in terms of discounts. There will be days honoring our veterans, teachers which allows those folks in for free on those specific days.
- NM Lottery Authority- We met with them and asked if they could sell on site, they could not, they do not have the resources. They offered to work on a coupon, which will be good for \$3 off concert/rodeo tickets. When you buy a lottery ticket within a specified time period it will have a print out that says \$3 off state Fair concert/rodeo ticket when you use the promo code at UNM Tickets.
- Entries- 5% over last year this time for Parade of Champions.
- Beer Gardens- will have the beer gardens in same locations as last year. All the gardens will include a variety of craft beers.
- Labor trailer will open July 25th with a Job Fair on July 29th. We will put out notice about positions for which we are hiring with workforce solutions and other sites.
- Horse and livestock premium books have been online for some time. We are bringing back the experts, Duane Elkins and Erin Dorsey to assist with these programs. We are looking forward to another very successful Jr. Livestock sale.
- School Days- bringing back mascots, Phil and Phyllis. Their costumes are being created at this time and we will hire a couple of folks to walk around the grounds to engage with school days attendees as well as the general Fair going public. School Days is right on track; notices sent to most of the teachers in New Mexico have been sent out. We anticipate a strong participation by those folks.
- Concessions – We have some new food vendors this year. We have Mediterranean and Asian food vendors. The majority of the vendor spaces have been filled at this time. We are really looking forward to our unique food contests. Our unique foods were one of the things mentioned in the study as part of our ranking of the #9 Fair in the nation. For the contests, so far we have deep fried red velvet Oreos and a foot long deep fried enchilada dogs, just to mention a couple.
- Cultural Villages- Boye Sr. is back in the Indian Village, Totanic pole flyers are coming back. The Powwow will be the last Saturday of the Fair. There will be great music and entertainment at Villa Hispana stage including Darren Cordova and Control. The African American Pavilion has good local entertainers like Fat City.
- Other stages- we are working on filling these stages with local bands. Karaoke is back on pavilion stage, the finalists are being identified in local establishments currently, which started in April. This will lead up to more competitions on the stage during the Fair, with the finale being the last day of the Fair.
- Theme days- All returning. Gathering of Counties, Colleges and Careers, etc.

3. **Rodeo and Concert Update:** Ken Salazar

Ken began with telling the commissioners about an email he received at 10 am in the morning. The email was from the International Gay Rodeo Association indicating they have selected Expo NM as the facility to host the 2017 World Gay Rodeo finals, October 20-22, 2017.

- Rodeo production meeting will be held 4pm south end of Coliseum
- New to the rodeo-
 - Lil' Rank Buckers will be in Tingley Coliseum on Friday, September 9th. They will be riding miniatures bulls and broncs. They will also perform in the dairy barn on the last weekend of Fair.
- Xtreme Bulls will be back in Tingley Coliseum on Saturday, September 10th. There has been a change to the format of this event. Last year we had 19 participants with a two go-around format. This year we made it a one go-around and we have 60 participants signed up already. This confirms that it was the right decision to go with one go-around format.
- Wrangler Patriot Rodeo is on Tuesday, September 13th
This coincides with Navy Week and the Navy band will be playing the national anthem on the 13th in Tingley Coliseum. This will be a very good attraction for this event.
- Wednesday, September 14th will feature the Calf Scramble, Tough enough to Wear Pink and the Parade of champions. Chairman Kennedy reminded the commissioners to wear pink that evening.
- Slack will be held on Friday mornings at 7AM. This is being done so that the participants cannot opt out of the performance, this forces them to be present for the whole Rodeo and make the last performance. This has also increased participation.
- Rodeo contracts- New this year is Doug Mathis, who is ranked the number two announcer of the year, he will be here for the first two days. We will also have a new music director, Jake Olstram, he was named the PRCA music director of the year. Boyd Polhamus will be back this year. The Bull fighters will be Zack Flack, Kyle Lipincott, and Nathan Hart. Kyle Lipincott was named the second two time champion of the new organization of bullfighters only. We are bringing in the top of the line talent.
- Specialty Act- Trixie Chicks Riders - these girls called us and wanted to be a part of our Rodeo. They mentioned that the word is out in the Rodeo circuit that if you don't make the NMSF Rodeo you aren't a true rodeo cowboy.

Ken added that the word is getting out there that we are getting back into the system, the Rodeo has some bragging rights also and that our PRCA rodeo ranking has gone from 41st in the country to 21st in the country.

Commissioners all congratulated Ken on this ranking. Commissioner Sanchez said that there are more rodeos than there are state Fairs and that new ranking is a big jump. Ken stated that he wished it was more, but we are not giving up and will continue to move forward.

- Rodeo committee meetings- are held the third Thursday of every month. Ken invited the commissioners to attend one of these meetings if they were interested.

Chairman Kennedy asked if Mark Trimmer was contributing to the Rodeo committee. Ken stated that Mark and Jimmy Nugent along with Everett Dossey and himself have come up with a way to develop an animal welfare trailer. The New Mexico State Fair will be only the third rodeo in the country that will have a full time animal welfare trailer. The trailer will be about 90% sponsored.

Chairman Kennedy thanked Ken for this report and stated that it is a huge deal to move the rodeo ranking up in such a short time. It has been one of his focuses since he began, to get the Fair back to the rodeo/get the rodeo back to the Fair. It is good to see that Ken's hard work has paid off. Ken added that he and Sabrina had been invited to go the Cheyenne Days in Wyoming because they had been told that the National College finals are up for grabs and we have thrown our hat in the arena and they are going to talk to them about having it at Expo NM.

Commissioner Lee added his thanks to Erin, Chris and Ken for their reports - great job. No wonder we are # 9 and on our way to being even higher. On the food side, he mentioned to Dan, there is a guy that has a show called Carnival Eats and Dan mentioned that we are trying to get them to come to our Fair because of all the unique foods that we have at our Fair. Combine the Fair with NM True Fest and we are going to be hitting it out of the park. Great job everybody, wonderful job.

Erin said thanks to the staff and commissioners and asked if there were any further questions.

Commissioner Lee asked if 38 Special had been confirmed. Erin stated that they had confirmed and added that there was a change to the line-up. The Fabulous Thunderbirds had canceled because of a personal reason and Ken and Sabrina were working on a replacement for them. That evening a local band, Honeyhouse has been booked and Xtreme bulls was that night also. Both the band and Xtreme Bulls have been a very strong draw on their own. Erin added that ticket sales have been pretty decent already for that night and once the final piece is in place to the line-up that will drive tickets sales even more.

Erin offered to send the commissioners a written version of her report. The commissioners thanked her for that and would like her to send them the report.

Chairman Kennedy thanked Erin Thompson for filling in for Dan Mourning and giving the State Fair Management report.

Chairman Kennedy also congratulated Mr. Bill Nordin on his recent marriage.

Chairman Kennedy also added that he had been remiss in not mentioning that Susan Sullivan, Attorney General representative was in attendance and thanked her for being there.

Discussion of meeting calendar:

Chairman Kennedy stated that he had looked at the calendar for the next commission meeting and October 14th was a Friday and would that work for the other commissioners. Commissioner Sanchez added that he and Commissioner Brown were from Santa Rosa and the next commission meeting should be held in Santa Rosa. Chairman Brown stated that he thought it was very important that the commission meetings continue to be held around the state. He appreciated everyone traveling to the locations and the extra work it takes to hold the commission meetings in other locations besides Albuquerque. Chairman Kennedy stated that he thought it sounded like a plan and asked Erin to work on finding a location in Santa Rosa for the next meeting.

Chairman Kennedy also thanked Commissioner Lee for hosting the commission in Gallup. Commissioner Lee stated that he was happy to have the commission in Gallup.

Susan Sullivan told the commission that this was her last State Fair commission meeting, she was moving into litigation. She would make sure the next commission meeting would be put on the calendar and someone would show up. She thanked the commission and said it has been a pleasure.

Discussion of agenda items for next meeting:

Chairman Kennedy said to let him know if the commissioners had agenda items for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Chairman Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez with all present voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:21 p.m.