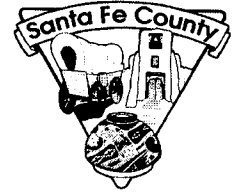




Agenda



Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy
June 25th, 2015, 9AM-11AM
Angel Depot Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA—June 25th, 2015
Prioritization and Agenda Order

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 28th 2015

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING:

Hviche Miller, Santa Fe County Intergovernmental Coordinator
Presentation on the legislative process and NM Grown for School Meals

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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i. Meeting update on Food Plan meeting with WLUFs Sub-Subcommittee on Food.

b. Food Production and Land Use Committee

i. Meeting update.

c. Procurement

d. Education and Outreach

i. Meeting update

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i. Membership updates.

f. State & National Issues

i. Consideration of Federal Legislation Endorsement

1. The Summer Meals Act

2. The Stop Child Summer Hunger Act

2. Executive Committee

a. Update on City RFP and funding discussion

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 6/17/15 TIME 2:14p

PREPARED BY Sue Perry

APPROVED BY [Signature]
5 minutes

2 minutes/person

45 minutes

1 hour

5 minutes

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

J. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

K. ADJOURNMENT

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**SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY**

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

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K. ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned at 11:01 a.m.	10

**SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY**

1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87501

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was called to order by Tony McCarty, vice chair on this date at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Angel Depot, Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Tony McCarty, vice chair
Emigdio Ballon (arrived later)
Patricia Boies
Maria De Anda (arrived later)
Cydney Martin
John Alejandro
Susan Odiseos
Erin Ortigoza (arrived later)
Pamela Roy (arrived later)
David Sundberg (arrived later)
Lynn Walters
Mark Winne

Members Excused

Susan Perry, chair

Members Absent

Staff Present

Ms. Morgan Day, Coordinator

Others Present

Hvtche Miller, Santa Fe Intergovernmental Coordinator
Mary Schruben, Siringo Neighborhood Association
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/Prioritization

Ms. Odiseos moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Boies seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- May 28, 2015

Ms. Odiseos moved to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015 as presented. Mr. Alejandro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR- None

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING

Hvtche Miller, Santa Fe County Intergovernmental Coordinator Presentation on the legislative process and NM Grown for School Meals

Ms. Day introduced Mr. Miller. She said he is a great advocate in the priorities suggested by the FPC to the County, especially the legislation for the New Mexico Grown for School Meals. She said Mr. Miller is well-suited to talk about where the council suggestions for a legislative priority go and how he shepherds the suggestion through the process.

David Sundberg entered the meeting at this time.

Council members introduced themselves.

Mr. Miller said there are many different programs in the County and ties back to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and important they have a connection to the programs and services provided. He said staff's job is to let the Commission know where more help is needed and what is working or not working.

Ms. Roy entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Miller said one function of his entails funding during the State Legislative session, particularly the fresh produce and schools program. The program is an initiative that Commissioner Holian has fostered for several years and is statewide and growing. He said it is a unique project that is beneficial and tangible and people can see the state dollars at work in schools, the local economy and the education system.

He said he makes sure to inform the legislators since this is a key issue Commissioner Holian is working on and the Commission should know about the issue because of its importance to the County and the residents. That the issue is discussed at the Food Council level and brought forward as a priority to the County is a benefit.

Mr. Ballon entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Winne asked Mr. Miller how he interacts with the legislature and to guide the council as they consider the issues and the chances of success in the legislature, what his insight is on their view of the County.

Mr. Miller said this project has not seen much resistance politically and legislators do not just see the initiative as a County project. He said there was support in all of the committees because of the economic development aspect and ties to agriculture/farming and education. He said the issue was on the radar screen at a high level of local government, but should be even higher because of how well the initiative was received.

Mr. Miller said the more legislators know, the more state agencies see how well the program is doing and the more inclined they will be to provide funding. He suggested the council continue to push the initiative at the City and County level and let them know how the money has been used and the plans for future monies.

Ms. Martin asked if farmers will provide for schools only in their county or will they buy from farmers statewide.

Ms. Roy explained that the answer is both. They are developing a system to encourage school districts to buy from farmers in their area when possible and there a couple of different methods. She said they are working with the Food and Nutrition Services Bureau, which is the state Human Services Department. They have a warehouse in Albuquerque and move their trucks throughout the state monthly and coordinate product. Clayton might want apples, because they don't grow apples, etc. She said that is why policymakers appreciate how the program has been put together and now the program is growing. She said the hope is to have a strategic planning process in August. She invited Mr. Miller to participate.

Ms. Roy said in the past (2006-07) surveys were sent to almost 700 farmers who produced fruits and vegetables asking their interest in selling to schools etc. She said they would like to do another survey, but the Department of Agriculture no longer has a list of farmers, so they have asked the co-op extension. She suggested she and Ms. Martin work together to get the word out.

Ms. De Anda entered the meeting at this time.

Ms. Day asked Mr. Miller what the Food Council could do to open a new line of communication or get priorities in earlier to help him be a better advocate for those types of policies.

Mr. Miller said the Commissioners send newsletters to residents within their districts on their legislative initiatives and services, etc. and the Health Department also has a newsletter and reports to the Commission regularly. He suggested members let them know about issues.

Ms. Roy asked what involvement Mr. Miller/the County would like in the interim committee process.

Mr. Miller said he has attended interim committees all month. This week he contacted Ms. Day about the Economic and Rural Development Interim Committee and they want to discuss food growing and farming, etc. this summer. He let their staff person know that the County supports the fresh local produce in schools program and is open to other committees. He said the Finance Committee; Tax Revenue and Revenue stabilization committees might be interested, because the budget committees have to be informed first as the ultimate decision makers prior to funding put into the larger budget.

Ms. Roy asked how this could become a top priority with the Association of Counties.

Mr. Miller said the first step is to contact your Commissioner, who then reports to the New Mexico Association of Counties as a whole. He said the Association develops top priorities they want legislation on. Members can let their City Councilors or Commissioners know about the food council discussion and that they want the issue forwarded at their level and pushed to the state wide level.

Mr. Miller said many of the projects are to fund jails and roads and although important, the state and local politicians like a break from those issues. This program ties local economic development, education, healthy

food and healthy living together and is positive and crosses party lines, economic lines and socio-economic lines, etc.

Ms. Boies said she attended the annual meeting of the New Mexico Association of Counties and they are primarily organized along affiliate lines. They have separate meetings with the different affiliates and then joint sessions. She said her health care affiliate has been focused on legislation that affects their health care assistance program and she has been showing the link between health and food. She offered to discuss what the Food Council could bring to the healthcare affiliate in the future.

Ms. Roy said working with the healthcare affiliate is a good idea and a great opportunity to work with Ms. Boies as well.

Mr. Miller said to keep talking about the issue is key. He said presenting to the Food Council is one step in letting the council know what the BCC is working on. He said they want to do the groundwork with the County Commission and the legislators and have things in place and everyone well-informed so initiatives are ready to support when the session starts.

Mr. Sundberg asked what the County is doing to create better accessibility to nutritious food, especially in the outer reaches.

Ms. Boies offered to speak to what the Community Services Department is doing. She stated in her letter to the editor that was published last week that they are serving more senior centers and their goal is to serve more fresh produce. She said around 28,000 meals were served in senior centers annually and a like amount was delivered to homebound seniors throughout the County. Also they recently helped to fund the Food Depot Lunchbox Express that distributes meals to kids who normally get the meals, but were not going to get them through the summer.

Ms. Boies said they are doing a senior strategic plan and building on food issues and in discussion with Feeding Santa Fe on a pilot program. The program plan is for the senior truck van to deliver a bag of groceries to the most needy of the homebound seniors. She said the County is always looking at how they can direct services or pay others to do that.

Mr. Sundberg said he wonders about connecting people that do not have access to the benefits. He said that is the final connection the Commissioners should recognize. He said providing a benefit is great, but only if people can get to it. He asked if the council could connect the dots between Senior Services and the people who distribute the groceries and possibly have a wider distribution to the Y or Girls and Boys Club.

Ms. Odiseos said a driver for the County became aware of people that did not have food and called to see if he could get bags of groceries for them. She said there is a growing awareness and working together might be the way to make this work.

Ms. Martin said she has seen commodity boxes at Chimayo senior centers, but is not sure what the children get for how they receive them.

Mr. Winne suggested the Food Policy Council write a letter to the state legislature, greater Santa Fe and the BCC and first thank them; then give the results of their efforts; x amount of dollars, people, pounds, products etc.

that came from the work of the Healthy Food Healthy Kids, Double-up Bucks, FINI, etc. to let them know their time, dollars and efforts are effective.

Mr. Winne moved to approve the Food Policy Council drafting a letter to send to the state legislators for greater Santa Fe that includes the Board of County Commissioners that first thanks them and then lists results of their legislative actions and interventions. Ms. Roy seconded the motion.

Ms. De Anda made a friendly amendment to also send the letter to City Councilors. Mr. Winne and Ms. Roy accepted the friendly amendment and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Miller said the council should also let the BCC know of anything detrimental in legislation.

Ms. Odiseos said the coordination concept hit home with Feeding Santa Fe. She said through a strategic planning meeting she was invited to by Ms. Boies she connected with people from the County and through Ms. Martin, she connected with educators. She said the educators are now providing volunteer staffing and recipes in Spanish and English for healthy meals using ingredients provided by Feeding Santa Fe.

She said Feeding Santa Fe now provides food for the Headstart home visits and weekly for the Boys and Girls Club. She said they don't publicize it, but on Wednesday there are groups who pick up bags of food to deliver. She thanked everyone and said she is grateful for the connections through the Food Council. She added that Feeding Santa Fe just received a big carton of kale and Swiss chard that was added to bags for the home visits.

Mr. Ballon said important is how to go to the areas where people need food. He said the reservation harvests and then puts the food in the dining room of the elders, but there are only 700 people on the reservation. He said they do not have the ability to make food that can go to everyone. He thought if people who work in Tesuque etc., or have connections in Pojoaque could pick up the food that could be a possibility to make a contribution to people that need the food.

Ms. Day asked Mr. Miller about priorities at the state or county level that the FPC should be aware of.

Mr. Miller said he is not aware of other big initiatives, but legislators want to protect the state's tie to the use of agricultural land and water, etc. He advised the council to include those key issues in any project they work on.

Mr. Winne said on ideas the County might want to oppose: the SNAP hearing is July 17th and the current administration is coming up with all kinds of ways to make the elderly and children work for their SNAP benefits. He said everyone should be aware of that, because of the serious impact on those in need.

Ms. Roy said it would be good to find out how the County could participate in that hearing. She asked Mr. Miller where he sees agricultural valuation and if that is an issue. She said there will be a presentation tomorrow from the County Planning Department and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust and New Mexico Land Conservancy on land evaluation around food production and agriculture and coordination and has been in front of the legislature for the last two years. She invited Mr. Miller to the meeting.

Mr. Miller said he was sure it would be an issue again, but thought it would not be in the near future.

Mr. Miller said in parting, this is a positive, far reaching project with a lot of potential for growth and well worth the focus of the Food Policy Council.

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Day said Mr. Sundberg and Ms. De Anda are officially on board and Mr. Alejandro has joined the Food Policy Council. She passed around a sheet with contact information and asked members to ensure their correct and complete information is listed. The information would be emailed to everyone.

She provided an update on the federal dietary guidelines; the House is trying to add a rider to the Reauthorization of the Farm Bill to make the part about sustainability null and void. Also being discussed is to further say that any advice within the guideline that does not meet a specific threshold of scientific evidence will not be made a part of the final report. She explained that the new dietary guidelines promote more of a plant-based diet and many within the agriculture and meat industry take exception to sustainability being linked to diet.

Ms. Day said the FPC proposal was not funded for \$25k (thousand) and the City will again fund them at \$10k per year. Ms. Boies added that in fiscal year 2015 the County raised their support to \$25k and will continue that amount this fiscal year.

Ms. Roy suggested in the council in the new fiscal year, find an approach other than the RFP process to get the funding integrated into the City budget appropriation.

Ms. Ortigoza entered the meeting at this time.

Ms. Walters asked Mr. Alejandro's opinion on that possibility.

Mr. Alejandro thought given the Urban Agriculture Ordinance the FPC has leverage to start discussions among stakeholders and decision-makers and help them understand the importance of the work and the need to plan for it in the City's budget. He said he has discussed with the Mayor, the number of kids who did not receive meals during the summer and he was concerned and surprised. He said if the Food Council could continue to make that a priority and provide demonstrable information that will go a long way to make the issue a priority of the Mayor and Councilor Bushee and others.

H. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Policy Committee
 - a. Food Plan Committee
 - i. Meeting update on Food Plan meeting with WLUFSS Sub-Subcommittee on Food

Ms. Day said the Food Plan Subcommittee was "co-opted" by the Water, Land Use, Food Security Climate Action Task Force. She said they wanted a sense of everyone's priorities and a way to ensure the Food Plan goals are aligned with the needs. The next step is a draft set of recommendations and priorities that ultimately go to the Task Force. She said she hopes to take the model to other subcommittees and into the community to discuss how the goals are being met and if they are important to the community.

Mr. Alejandro said the hope is that many of the recommendations will turn into resolutions and actionable items that City staff will be directed to implement.

Mr. Alejandro said this is headed to enabling a City Councilor to move a recommendation forward to a variety of committees for action.

Ms. Day said the next meeting is a joint meeting with the Food Plan Subcommittee and she would email the time and location. Ms. Schruben offered to attend the meeting.

b. Food Production and Land Use Committee
i. Meeting Update

Ms. Roy said a number of members are on several committees that overlap. She said Ms. Day put the Food Plan into a word document so different groups can provide input on their priorities or new priorities and the people who should be at the table. She said the Food Plan is a living document.

Mr. Alejandro said the Urban Agriculture Ordinance is really more a widely defined program that is best supported with the ordinance where those rules support the overall vision and program. He said they are now putting together the details of the plan for the City/County and their third meeting is this afternoon. The timeline for stakeholder feedback is the end of summer or early fall and then will move forward to City Council for consideration. He said the committee looked at best practices around the country and creative, innovative concepts, because the ordinance will have to be flexible to grow over time.

Mr. Winne said he appreciates taking a more programmatic approach, which gives a more positive spin, but he would like to see metrics. He said they need to know where they are trying to go and where they would like to be in three years. He still doesn't know how many people are engaged in community gardening in Santa Fe and it would be helpful to have numbers.

Mr. Ballon said the council has discussed all of this before. They do not have an idea of how many people they are feeding; how many people receive benefits or how they can improve the benefits. He said the aspects of land use, water use, etc. are becoming very crucial in the country and the world and they have to have a good basis in order to be an example and take control of the action.

Mr. Alejandro said he appreciates both points, because you cannot manage what you can't measure. He said having data not only enables you to set those manual goals, but helps to better inform policies and programs and how much it will cost to implement those and gives insight on how to plan.

Ms. Walters said she hopes there will be something to address, even encourage, school gardens and community gardens to communicate and work together. Ms. Day replied that the topic has been discussed a lot in the Food Security Committee when discussing joint use agreements and there are others who are equally concerned about the issue.

Mr. Alejandro said he is in close contact with Lisa Randall. He thought the public schools are close to issuing a position for a Sustainability Coordinator and that is part of that job description.

Ms. Roy said another conversation with the City/County is what will happen when the City annexes County land and how do they support people who want to do agriculture inside the City, which is different than agriculture outside of the City. She invited everyone to participate in tomorrow's meeting of the Food Production/Land Use. She said Ms. Ortigoza will talk about County agriculture and the conversations at the outreach meetings.

Ms. Roy said she talked with the senior appraiser for Santa Fe County for agriculture valuation and he values maintaining agriculture and tax exemptions that promote agriculture and food production. He comes from a proactive perspective and wants to integrate creativity in variances, etc.

She also talked with the Executive Director for Santa Fe Conservation Trust and the Land Coordinator for the New Mexico Land Conservancy and they are excited about being face-to-face with the County Planning/Assessment. She hopes to continue to build relationships and develop plans to integrate into the Sustainable Growth Management Plan and codes, etc.

Ms. Ortigoza said she will give a case study of the work with Pojoaque. She said Pojoaque has done a lot of planning with emphasis on agriculture. She will talk about Pojoaque's ability to tailor the uses in the district to support agriculture and of other creative approaches taken to preserve agriculture through land use. She has heard that Northern New Mexico Protects is working with the assessor's office to build rapport and is discussing land assessment and farming and there is positive feedback.

Ms. De Anda said the Blue Buffalo Development was a major issue last night [at City Council]. She thought when talking about urban agriculture the question is whether there will be any small farming or expansion of community gardens and what areas are best for that. She found it interesting that hundreds of people came to say that high density buildings along a traditionally agricultural corridor is inappropriate and does not fit within the city code designations.

She said that raises the question previously asked of what happens when County land is annexed into the City. The land that was part of the development scheme was annexed into the City as C-1 commercial, which allows for R-21 units per acre development. She thought there will be legal questions on how that process occurred. She said commercial has been coming into the area and there is a danger of losing the residential designation.

Ms. Roy said the issue is important, planning for now and in the future. She said their role as a food policy council looking at policy is to recommend zoning and say what will be allowed in the future.

c. Procurement

Ms. Day said Alaina will present to the Food Council in July and she is working to have Betsy Cull / Alaina facilitate a discussion/lecture for Food Day of what is happening in the schools.

Ms. Roy said they are moving the New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals is moving into the legislative interim committee process. She will present at the Health and Human Services Committee in July and the Double-up Food Bucks is part of that conversation; and what is happening on the Navajo nation since they passed the soda pop tax. She said everyone is invited.

Ms. Roy said the State Public Education Department rolled out information about the \$340k state funding and put out the word to all school food authorities across the state. The funds will be released by July 1 and she understands only two or three schools opted out. The formula is based on student participation. She said in late August there will be a statewide strategic planning process with producers, aggregators, infrastructure people, farmers, and food service director's, etc. on the issue.

Mr. McCarty thanked the committees for coordinating community efforts. He said everyone is doing a great job.

d. Education and Outreach
i. Meeting Update

Ms. Martin said the committee discussed the insert and tri-folds and audience and they are still about 'grow, get and learn about food'. They discussed the avenues for Food Day they want to be a presence in. She reminded everyone that if worried about getting food to people they should not forget about reaching out to the faith based communities. She said the power of people who want to help other people cannot be underestimated. She reminded members about the power of educating people when talking about the importance of people growing their own food. She said when someone doesn't buy in an area where they cannot grow food or own chickens, is when things will change.

Ms. Martin said regarding communicating and coordinating efforts; her office has a small farm task force that is in full swing. The task force is getting ready for a big agri-tourism conference in Albuquerque. She thought there is a need to coordinate. She invited members to email if they have questions.

Ms. Martin said she is a member of One Santa Fe on the south side. She said the South Side Farmers Market is held on a Tuesday afternoon on hot pavement during work hours and it is hard and not fair to the producers. She would like to see a permanent farmers market on the south side comparable to the downtown farmers market. She encouraged everyone to be involved with One Santa Fe because it is a targeted area regarding food insecurity. Information on meetings for One Santa Fe is on their website.

Mr. Winne said he was invited to the CLT (the Community Leadership Team). He said Jackie Munro wants a closer relationship between One Santa Fe and the Food Policy Council. He said a bus has been proposed to take people to the Farmers Market at the Railyard and for cooking/gardening classes and there is a need for a grocery store. He said there are overlapping issues with the FPC and he would like them to be more engaged.

Ms. Walters explained that One Santa Fe is the new name for the Quality of Life Initiative spearheaded by Councilor Dominguez. The CLT is related and they were brought together by the La Familia Reach grant. She said she has been attending the meetings for some time.

Ms. Odiseos said the Boys and Girls Club is now firmly ensconced. She said Feeding Santa Fe was providing 60 bags of food each week and now they are saying they can't give away the bags [of food]. The food is being given out at 8 o'clock in the morning. She said Ms. Boies would like the time later in the day to have the mobile health van there. She said they are trying to get the community involved through One Santa Fe and to get Earth Care involved. She said so far only 25 bags are being given away. Ms. Martin noted that part of the problem could be that the date was wrong on the distribution sign.

Mr. McCarty suggested getting CLT and One Santa Fe involved in food activities and possibly the Outreach Committee invite them to a planning event to do that.

Ms. Day offered to get feedback and bring a proposal back to engage other people and organizations in the City and County as partners for a Food Day event. She explained National Food Day is the 24th and October 16 is World Food Day and the council can pick one or the other, or a date in between.

Mr. McCarty said the topic could be on next month's agenda. Ms. Day added that the Education/Outreach Committee could discuss the topic at their next meeting and bring information back.

- e. Governance Committee
 - i. Membership Update

Ms. Day said Chair Perry asked her to inform everyone that the membership is full and remind them to consider stepping into the chair position.

- f. State and National Issues
 - ii. Consideration of Federal Legislation Endorsement
 - 1. The Summer Meals Act
 - 2. The Stop Child Summer Hunger Act –gives students EBT card over the summer as a safety net for children without access to school meals over the summer.

Ms. Day requested the FPC officially sign on as sponsors to two pieces of legislation, the Summer Meals Act that broadens the eligibility for more children to be involved in the summer meal programs and provides transportation grants to get to the sites serving, etc. and the Stop Child Summer Hunger Act 2015.

Ms. Roy moved that the Santa Fe Food Policy Council draft a letter to submit to the congressional leaders with three priorities: to support the Summer Meals Act, the Stop Child Summer Hunger Act and the Farm to School Act. Ms. Walters seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Roy reminded members of the SNAP program hearing Friday, July 17, 2015 and the July 16 meeting about SNAP and the farmers market, etc. in Las Cruces. She said embedded in the email is a sign-on to support and information on the New Mexico Center for Law and Property.

- 2. Executive Committee – Nothing to report

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR- None

J. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

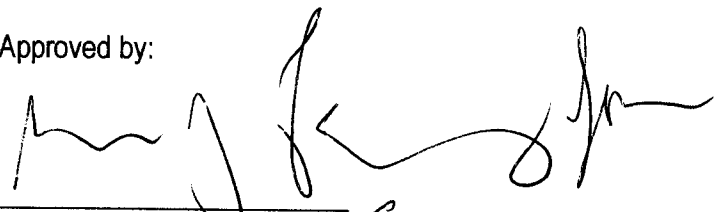
Mr. Winne said news just came across that the New Mexico Court of Appeals held that the exclusion of farm/ranch laborers from the Worker's Compensation Act violates farm workers' rights to equal protection under the New Mexico Constitution.

Ms. Days welcomed ideas on how to be part of the budgeting process and look at outside grants. She suggested a webinar to watch on how food policy councils can work better on state and national issues.

K. ADJOURNMENT

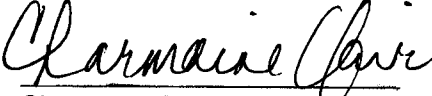
Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Approved by:



Tony McCarty, Vice Chair

Submitted by:


Charmaine Clair, Stenographer