

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Special Meeting  
November 4, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Dave Louk, Becky Hill and Tom Brown

**Board Members Absent:** Glynn Montero and Fergus Laughridge

**Staff Present:** Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals and Darrel Field

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent Maher called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. in the West Hall of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Chris moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Becky & Tom abstaining since they were absent.

Dave moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Chris and Dale abstaining since they were absent.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS**

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$11,064.84 for Ag District #3 through November 4, 2015  
\$5,148.68 for the Indoor Event Center through November 4, 2015

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Nothing at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

**2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW**

Kim distributed copies of the 2015 / 2016 budget. At 33% of elapsed time, Event Center expenses are at 9% and Fairgrounds expenses are at 36%, for a combined total of 19%. Events Complex revenue is at 44%.

Kim comments that the Event Center Expenses are low due to the \$800,000 expansion budget.

**WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

Kim reports that scrap metal is currently only worth \$5 per ton but only if we deliver it.

The board asked that we have the scrap hauled off for no payment.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim reports that staff are working on preliminary advertising. Staff are also working on co-sanctioning the barrel race.

b. Labor Day Events

The board discussed the possibility of moving the event from Labor Day Weekend.

Darrel reports that the carnival would be available the weekend before Labor Day but not the weekend after.

Dave reports that the Show and Sale must stay on Labor Day weekend due to volunteer, transportation and processing logistics.

The board also discussed holding a smaller concert and dance after a night performance of the Rodeo, perhaps with a budget of about \$5000.00 instead of the \$100,000 budget for top country stars.

The board asked that the item be placed on the next agenda for discussion and possible action.

c. WSRRA

Kim noted that the event seemed to be well attended.

Chris reported that the event schedule allowed more participants to visit local businesses.

Becky noted that the stands were mostly full on Friday night.

The board asked if the promoter was satisfied. Kim & Sheree answered in the affirmative.

### **FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Dale reported that during a recent barrel race in the white tent the patrons could not hear the announcers from outside.

Kim notes that the speakers can be rotated which was probably not done.

Chris asked what other event centers do to make announcements heard throughout the grounds.

Kim comments that we have several different systems throughout the complex but tying them all together could prove impossible. We have 6 different amplifiers in different locations. Also, the sound system in the Event Center alone cost about \$80,000.

The board commented that a complex wide sound system could be a good upgrade to the facility.

Kim reported that the reservoir was near full during the last storm.

The board asked that it be expanded since the problem will only get worse as more buildings and streets are added in the area.

### **INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND/OR REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Nothing at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary