

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting  
February 3, 2016**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Brown, 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 5:34 p.m. in the West Hall of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Dale moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Dave abstaining since he was absent.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS**

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$3,733.53 for Ag District #3 through February 3, 2016

\$423.65 for the Indoor Event Center through February 3, 2016

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

No public was present at this meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

Kim reports that the company who constructed the Indoor Event Center bleachers spent two days tightening bolts, greasing wheels and checking them over. We should receive a letter soon confirming that the bleachers are safe for use. He also notes that we have some cracked concrete along the bleacher wheel track. He is working with a concrete contractor for options to fill the crack. Kent asked that we schedule maintenance for the bleachers at least every other year.

**2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW**

At 66% of elapsed time property tax revenue is at 79%, Fairgrounds revenue is at 107% and Event Center revenue is at 44% for a total of 85%. Fairgrounds expenses are at 55% and Event Center expenses are at 13% for a total of 30%. Kim notes that Event Center Expenses are low due to the \$800,000 budget for Event Center expansion.

**2016/2017 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Kim presented the overall budget for the Events Complex with increases for Water & Sewer due to the rate increase.

Kim also is requesting \$15,000 for gates and panels, \$10,000 for Safety Surveillance Equipment, \$12,000 for a new Utility Vehicle and \$20,000 for a new

Event Complex / WCVA Director vehicle. WCVA will also be asked to pay \$20,000 for the vehicle.

The board discussed additional capital expenditures at length.

The board decided to forgo the plan to expand the Indoor Event Center at this time. They asked that the Director prioritize bringing the Exhibit Hall restrooms to ADA standards, and adding a Shop / Storage building to the Event Complex. Kent moved to submit the budget with capital items as discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim reports that we have a quote for a 300' x 200' metal building at \$2.8 Million. The building would house a full arena with enough room for bleachers on each side. It would also have a fire sprinkler system, heating and cooling. Kim proposes to place the building at the end of the covered arena.

Kent notes that while the covered arena is used daily, we still must close and evacuate the building if wind speed reaches 35 mph. He suggests either repairing or removing the building. He also notes that adding a metal building to the existing covered arena may not be as pleasing to the eye as first removing the covered arena.

Sheree and Becky note that the covered arena is used daily.

Becky proposes to charge a monthly fee for use of the proposed new building.

Perhaps using some form of card lock system. Kent notes that we probably could not charge enough to pay for operation of the building but it would be an option to defray some of the cost of general upkeep.

The board also asked the Director to submit options for removing or repairing the covered arena.

Becky left at this time.

## **EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

### **a. Ranch Hand Rodeo**

Kim reports that the Dog Trials event is full and the Horse Sale is receiving more entries.

Kim reports that the DeLong team drew out of the rodeo due to other commitments including children's activities and mine work. He notes that he did ask if it had anything to do with the Saddle Bronc event, to which the DeLongs replied "no, don't change a thing about the rodeo".

Sheree comments that the Barrel Race event is receiving entries. While they seem to be slow in coming, Kim suggests that people are waiting for the weather. Sheree notes that we will accept late entries.

### **b. Labor Day Events**

Nothing at this time.

## **FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Kim reports that WCVA has approved their half of the shade cloth structure discussed at our last meeting and thanked the Ag 3 board for their financial assistance.

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

Nothing at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

No public was present at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary