

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Kent Maher, Dale Owen, Dave Louk, Fergus Laughridge and Ginny Hawkins.  
Becky Hill and attended via teleconference.

**Board Members Absent:** Chris Bengoa and Tom Brown

**Staff Present:** Kim Petersen, Charlene Fetterly and Darrel Field

**Others Present:** Katie Nuffer, Kyle Noyes and Ryan Hoyt

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm at the Winnemucca Convention Center, West Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public on items not on the agenda.

**MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL**

Dave moved to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes. The motion passed unanimously, with Dale and Fergus abstaining since they were absent.

Fergus moved to approve the July 8, 2020 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

No correspondence was presented.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

- a. Tri-County Fair – Status with regard to Covid 19

Kim reports that Fallon has canceled the Cantaloupe Festival and that Elko has canceled the Home Arts section of their fair only keeping some of their equine events. He notes that we have also lost our carnival, the 4-H small animal show and two of our larger food vendors. We are proceeding with plans to host the Truck Pulls, the Great Basin Challenge and the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Rodeo. He asks the board to consider whether we should proceed with the remaining portions of the Tri-County Fair.

The board discussed the issue, considering losing the Carnival may negatively impact attendance at the fair. The board also commented that it may not be wise to promote a high attendance event.

Public Comment:

Kyle Noyes asked if other events have been fined by the government for producing their event. Kent answered that the government has not sanctioned previous events.

Dave moved to continue with our plans to produce the Tri-County Fair providing that other agencies do not cancel the fair. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

- b. Tri-County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Committee – request facility use during the Tri-County Fair

Kyle Noyes, Chairman of the Tri-County Junior Livestock Committee reported that he spoke with Kim last week about safety precautions during the annual show and sale. The committee reports that they have 102 participants with animals for the show.

Kyle notes that he has traditionally scheduled use of the facility with the 4-H office and asked if there was another way to schedule facility use.

Kent notes that the 4-H office has no official claim on the facility schedule. Kim comments that the committee should schedule the facility with Brenda at the Convention Center.

Kent also notes that the 4-H office does have input over events involving official 4-H programs so that if 4-H guidelines are not followed, then the participants may not get credit for their 4-H projects.

The board expressed appreciation for the Tri-County Junior Livestock Show and Sale committee in continuing to produce the event.

No action was taken.

## **WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

Kim introduced Charlene Fetterly as our new Fairgrounds office employee.

Kim reports that the Jim Davis with the Superior Livestock Auction event was very pleased with the Event Center as a venue for the event, even though his Thursday night dinner was poorly attended. He notes that he would like to return to the Event Center in the future.

He notes that with the World Championship Horseshoe competition next year we will have more overtime for our Events Complex crew. He also notes that the High School State finals have approved a 3 year contract at our facility.

Kim reports he has spoken with representatives from Fallon who are working to build an Event Center in Fallon, while he has been helpful he has also cautioned them about the expense of maintaining the facility and the difficulty of acquiring events at a new facility.

### **2019 - 2020 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION**

Kim presented the current budget report including revenue and expense transaction cleared as of August 10, 2020.

He notes that with only one month of expenses and revenues, that there are no problems with the budget. He also notes that since we have not been able to get the honor camp crew, we have spent about \$9,000 per week on temporary labor.

Kim comments that county revenues soon to be paid from WCVA will total a large part of the Stalls and RV spot revenues for the year.

No action was taken.

### **VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL**

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$40,747.01 for the Indoor Event Center through July 31, 2020  
\$53,885.33 for the Indoor Event Center through July 31, 2020

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations because his spouse owns and operates the business.

### **FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

Kim reports that we are continuing to clean up the facility including disposing of worthless items and listing items which may be determined as surplus at a future meeting.

No action was taken.

### **INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND OR REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS AND DEALINGS WITH OTHER BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS AND PLANNING AND SCHEDULING FUTURE EVENTS**

There were no comments from the board or staff.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments; no public was present at the end of the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary