

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
March 14, 2018**

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

Board Members Absent: Chantelle Nielson and Fergus Laughridge

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Holly Gallian and Darrel Field

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the West Hall Convention Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES CORRECTION–APPROVAL

Kent made some revisions to the minutes which were mailed to board members last week.

Dale moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Tom abstaining since he was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Pavilion Status

Kim reported two successful events in the new Pavilion. There are a few items that need adjusting, including some dirt work around the building so that water drains away better and possibly relocating the bleachers under the heaters so that spectators are more comfortable. He also plans to start on modifying the roping chutes and lining up the bucking chutes to make the building as efficient as possible for moving animals during events.

He notes that the building inspector is finishing up his inspection and anticipates a permanent occupancy permit within the next few days.

The users appreciate the new building and are excited for future events in this excellent new facility.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Kent moved to find that the surplus livestock gates and panels, feeding equipment, scale, loading chute, roping chutes and miscellaneous farm implements are no longer required for public use and to authorize staff to dispose of the personal property by internet sale or as determined by staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

2017–2018 BUDGET REVIEW–MODIFICATION-APPROVAL

At 66% of elapsed time, Fairgrounds expenses are at 56% and Event Center expenses are at 82% for a combined total of 73%.

Kim notes that except for the capital project of the new pavilion, other expenses are in-line.

Kent asked why the water and sewer costs are high. Kim replied that during the budget process, he has had trouble keeping up with the City rates and consequently the budget was not enough.

No action was taken.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

Kim reported that the recent archery shoot was well attended with 190 contestants this year, up from 100 contestants last year. One of the attendees spoke to him about scheduling a finals competition of the International Bow Hunters organization.

Kim reported the Mining Rescue Competition is now underway. The event has added many teams from out of the area who are staying in RVs and local hotels. He also commented that the organizers are working with MSHA and the Nevada Mining Association to bring a larger competition to the Events Complex.

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim reported the event went very well with a quick rodeo and good bucking stock. Tom notes that there were 32 teams this year compared to 30 teams last year, but we were able to get through each day events quickly and efficiently. Kim also reported that the Horse Sale went well with good prices for the horses sold. The Barrel Race also was successful. Holly notes that many of the vendors said that this was their best year ever at the event. Kim will have final numbers for the next meeting.

Chris reported that he heard a comment that the rodeo was too slow on both days. Holly and Kim commented that with an additional two teams the event still finished at about the same time as it finished the previous year.

Dale and Tom noted that the trailer loading event was a little slow but they don't anticipate being able to shave off much time with the current team list.

b. Labor Day Rodeo – Stock Contractor Proposal

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of a stock contractor who assisted with the Ranch Hand Rodeo, but staff has not heard from him regarding the proposal. No action was taken.

The board noted that any changes to the Labor Day Rodeo need to happen soon if they are going to happen this year.

c. Discussion and possible approval for installation of an additional 50 campsites and 100 Horse Stalls

Kim commented that the Events Complex was at maximum capacity during the last SSIR event and requested permission to add 100 horse stalls and 50 RV spaces.

The estimated cost of 100 covered horse stalls is \$90,000 and the estimated cost of adding 50 RV spaces with full sewer hookups is \$120,000. The cost could be

reduced by \$30,000 if the sewer hookups were not installed immediately. Installing the sewer hookups at a later date will add an additional 25-30% to the cost.

The board discussed the proposal and noted that with the growing number of events in town it is important to move forward in order to not fall behind other facilities.

Chris moved to authorize moving forward with the proposed construction as explained and to include the sewer hookups. The motion passed unanimously. Kim asked Dale if SSIR will contribute to the project.

Becky left the meeting at this time.

2018–2019 BUDGET REVIEW–MODIFICATION-APPROVAL

Kim presented the 2018–2019 proposed budget; the projected operating costs of the Fairgrounds were reduced by 1% and the Indoor Event Center costs were reduced by 3.8%.

Requested capital items in this budget include:

\$30,000 for gates and panels. This is double the annual projection due to the cost of replacing the alleyways removed before constructing the new pavilion.

\$75,000 for the Exhibit Hall roof. The building and grounds department notes that the roof is leaking and needs a full retrofit.

\$120,000 for the 50 RV spaces as explained earlier.

\$90,000 for the 100 covered horse stalls as explained earlier.

\$180,000 for another permanent shower-restroom facility.

\$120,000 to replace the public address system in the Indoor Event Center.

Kim noted he will ask WCVA to participate in the costs of the additional RV spaces, horse stalls and the permanent shower-restroom facility. He is hopeful that they will agree to 50% participation and that they will agree to front the costs for the horse stalls and RV spaces since SSIR begins on July 2 and the Ag 3 budget funds for the projects will not be in place until July 1, 2018.

Tom moved to authorize staff to present the budget as proposed to the County Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Kent commented the next step is the budget hearing with the County Commission on May 26, which may result in some revisions. The final tentative budget is due at the state level on April 15, 2018.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS-MAINTENANCE

Dave reported that there was a lot of water running on the east side of the new pavilion after the rodeo. He suggested figuring out a way to capture and divert this water.

VOUCHERS-EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$213,076.40 for the Indoor Event Center through March 14, 2018

\$18,429.27 for Ag District #3 through March 14, 2018

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on WCVA items because WCVA engaged his services on the pavilion project.

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

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field , Secretary