

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
October 14, 2020**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Tom Brown, Becky Hill, Fergus Laughridge and Ginny Hawkins.

Board Members Absent: Dave Louk

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Charlene Fetterly and Darrel Field

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm at the Winnemucca Convention Center, West Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes. The motion passed unanimously, with Chris and Tom abstaining since they were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

No correspondence was presented.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Tri-County Fair

Darrel reported the following:

Competitive entries in the Tri-County Fair fell to 543, down from 1090 in 2019.

The truck pulls cost \$19,000 to produce. Gate income was \$12,875.00, incurring a net loss of \$6,125.00.

Food vendor gross sales fell to \$42,050.59 from \$56,875.61 in 2019.

Total net loss for the Tri-County Fair was \$9,418.99.

Kim comments that the loss is less than anticipated.

No action was taken

b. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim reports that we are proceeding with the Ranch Hand Rodeo as if we will be able to produce the event in March of 2021.

No action was taken.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

Kim reports that the Idaho Paint and Cutting Association has approached him about moving their event from the Idaho Center to the Winnemucca Events Complex. Due to the value of a six day event scheduled for 2 times per year he is asking for some facility upgrades as requested by the event.

- a. Replace front panel of new horse stalls, purchased for SSIR with panels containing a 4' gate and sell existing panels.

Kim notes that we purchased 80 panels without gates from Hoofbeats for \$82 / panel for the SSIR event last year. He would like to replace the end cap panels with gates and sell the existing end cap panels.

The board discussed retaining the existing end cap panels and buying more gates using part of our budget for gates and panels.

Kim cautions that we will still need a portion of our budget to replace the alleyways removed during the new building construction.

Chris moved to purchase new gates for the existing pens and retain the existing end cap panels. The purchase is not to exceed \$10,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Install lighting in barns 1A, 1B and 1C block stalls

Kim asked the board to approve installing lights in barns 1A, 1B and 1C in order to comply with requests from Idaho Paint and Cutting Association. He notes that we have plenty of power for lighting.

The board asked the Director to return with bid(s) for the project to possibly include ceiling fans.

No action was taken.

- c. Replace track skid steer with rubber tire skid steer.

Kim reports that staff at the event center would greatly prefer another rubber tire skid steer to our existing track skid steer. He comments that running over curbs with the track skid steer makes it difficult to keep the load stable.

Tom disagreed, commenting that the track skid steer is superior to the rubber tire skid steer.

The board asked the director to return with bid(s).

No action was taken.

- d. Update on purchase of 135 box stalls by WCVA to replace open pipe stalls under the roof of barns 4 & 5.

Kim reports that we have contacted 5 companies to submit bids for the project.

- e. Lay asphalt in barns 4 & 5 prior to installation of new box stalls.

Kim mentioned that the representatives from Idaho Paint and Cutting Association suggested paving the stalls in order to facilitate cleaning stalls. He notes that we frequently have to refill the base rock after cleaning stalls and comments that paving could speed the process of cleaning stalls. He estimates \$48,000 to pave under barns 4 & 5.

The board debated the proposal suggesting concrete as an alternative.

Kim will bring bids back to the board.

No action was taken.

2020 - 2021 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the current budget report including revenue and expense transaction cleared as of October 12, 2020.

At approximately 30% of elapsed time, Event Center revenue is at 60.45%, expenses are at 13.71%. Fairgrounds revenue is at 107.9% with expenses at 14.08%.

Kim notes that our insurance premium was a little higher than anticipated, and our temporary labor expenses are at 112.43%.

Tom asked that the covered tie up building be re-submitted to the County Commissioners for possible approval.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Tom moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$7,514.17 for the Indoor Event Center through September 9, 2020
\$54,728.91 for the Ag District #3 through September 9, 2020
\$34,977.93 for the Indoor Event Center through October 5, 2020
\$61,598.92 for Ag District #3 through October 5, 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 items which may be determined as surplus at a future meeting.

Dale asked about the paddock near the grandstand ticket booth, commenting that he remembered a decision to remove it at a previous meeting.

The board discussed the idea but did not present a recommendation.

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

The board agreed to move the next meeting to Thursday, November 12, 2020 since our next regular meeting falls on the Veterans Day Holiday.

Tom asked that “series events”, to possibly include weekly team roping, be added to the next agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary