

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
November 13, 2019**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Dale Owen, Dave Louk, Tom Brown, and Fergus Laughridge

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa and Becky Hill

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Darrel Field and Holly Gallian

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

None

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Silver State International Rodeo

Dale spoke with the board about extending entries, traditionally limited to contestants in places 5 through 20, to all high school and junior high contestants who participate in the events.

Kim commented that he had received comments that removing the placement controls would dilute the prestige of participating in the SSIR event.

The board asked how more contestants the event could expect and how many the event could handle.

Dale replied that the event could probably handle 500 contestants but he does not know how many additional contestants removing the placement requirements would generate.

The board suggested that Dale return to the SSIR committee suggesting that they loosen placement requirements to 5 to 25 or 5 to 30 places instead of removing all placement requirements.

No action was taken.

- i. Request to reimburse SSIR for their purchase of Priefert roping chute

Dale submitted a request to the board to reimburse SSIR for their purchase of a new Priefert Roping Chute purchased during the recent SSIR event.

Dale offered to split the cost of the chute with the board.

Kim comments that the new chute is needed at the Events Complex since the old one no longer functions correctly.

Tom moved to purchase the Priefert roping chute for the full amount of \$2945.24 from SSIR.

The motion passed unanimously with Dale abstaining due to his position as president in the SSIR organization.

- b. Ranch Hand Rodeo
 - i. Ranch Hand of the year

The board discussed honoring more than one person per year. Members are encouraged to think about the option.

Tom moved to honor Ross Zimmerman as Ranch Hand of the Year 2020 contingent on him accepting the honor.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Tri-County Fair

Holly and Darrel presented reports summarizing the 2019 Tri-County Fair and Rodeo.

Holly's rodeo report shows total ticket revenue of \$8,864.00 which is down from \$11,562.00 in 2018. She notes that many more people took advantage of pre-sale discounts than in 2018. The report also shows that the rodeo was able to reimburse \$3500.00 of \$15,000.00 WCVA underwriting.

Darrel reports that the fair made \$7,350.61 due to decreased spending on a large Sunday event and an additional \$5,000.00 in Agriculture District #3 funding.

Additional reports show the following:

Carnival revenue was up slightly from \$7,519.00 in 2018 to \$8,086.00 in 2019. Food vendor revenue was down to \$58,662.61 in 2019 from \$70,392.11 in 2018. Competitive exhibit entries were up from 813 in 2018 to 937 in 2019 due to increased entries in photography, quilting and fine arts categories.

No action was taken.

2019 - 2020 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the updated budget for review.

Kim notes that at 30% elapsed time the budget numbers are in-line except for the services and supplies account which is slightly above 58% due to a repair bill for our small well which went down just before the fair and repairs on heating & cooling in the exhibit hall.

No action was taken.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

- a. Request to purchase a new skid steer for use on the fairgrounds.

Kim reports that with the loss of the old skid steer discussed at the last meeting, a new one is required to maintain basic services at the events complex. While the item was not in the original capital expenditures budget we do have funds available at this time. He notes that we may need to forgo other capital projects in the current budget cycle.

Kim presented the low bid from Carter Agri Systems of \$33,522.00 for a new skid steer compatible with our current implements.

Tom moved to accept the bid and purchase the skid steer for \$33,522.00 contingent on County approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Review of proposals and award of contract for the 2019 WEC gravel parking lot project.

Kim presented a bid from HE Hunewill Construction Co. Inc. of \$99,682.00 to grade, level and gravel the two parking lots to the east and south, respectively, of the Indoor Event Center.

Kim notes that at the recent WSSRA event all paved lots were full, a trend we see at all our major events. He notes that additional parking is required to maintain basic services at the events complex.

Tom moved to accept the bid from HE Hunewill contingent of County approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Fergus moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$32,647.32 for Ag District #3 through October 9, 2019
\$11,990.26 for the Indoor Event Center through October 9, 2019
\$97,771.82 for Ag District #3 through November 13, 2019
\$9,579.17 for the Indoor Event Center through November 13, 2019

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

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Fergus asked about the progress on cargo containers for the new indoor event center floor.

Kim reports that we are working to purchase semi trailers and a dolly instead of cargo containers.

Tom asked if the pens are finished being built behind the new pavilion.

Kim reports that Nuffer has been busy so our staff is working on the pens and alleyways.

Kent asked how the sewer project is proceeding in the original RV Park.

Kim reports that the project is almost complete.

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

Kim asked that Tom meet with him at the events complex to discuss and layout the horse tie up facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary