

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting  
July 8, 2015**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Glynn Montero & Chris Bengoa

**Staff Present:** Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals and Darrel Field

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent Maher called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m. in the West Hall of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Dale moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Kent & Becky abstaining since they were absent.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS**

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$15,358.46 for Ag District #3 through June 10, 2015  
\$20,078.00 for Ag District #3 through June 10, 2015  
\$33,865.75 for the Indoor Event Center through June 10, 2015  
\$41,451.36 for Ag District #3 through July 8, 2015  
\$25,061.79 for the Indoor Event Center through July 8, 2015

The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Nothing at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

**2014/2015 BUDGET REVIEW**

Kim distributed copies of this month's expenditure reports. At 100% of elapsed time, Event Center expenses are at 80% and Fairgrounds expenses are at 85%, for a combined total of 83%. Events Complex revenue is at 155%.

Kim reports that the budget has been augmented with the \$150,000 swamp cooler project funds. We have also submitted about \$30,000 in bills from the swamp cooler project and the roping chutes which will take our expense percentages up marginally.

**WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

a. Swamp Cooler Update

Kim reports that the swamp coolers are in place and worked well for the graduation event. He notes that we still have some adjustments to make on the floats but the units are cooling the facility fairly well.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

a. SSIR

Dale reports that we had 380 contestants in 2015 up from 337 in 2014. He notes that many of our Canadian contestants did not come due to unfavorable exchange rates.

Kim reports that the event went well for the Event Complex as well with a few minor problems such as the enormous power draw from the RV air conditioners. There were also complaints about the dumping fee of \$45 when SSIR had advertised full hook-ups for everyone. Kim also notes we have some broken underground pipes from the system installed by Sheppard 15 to 20 years ago.

Dale reported a rumor that the SSIR is moving back to Fallon. He denies the plan and would rather stay in Winnemucca for the next event.

Kim comments that the SSIR 5 year contract is expired. There are items that could be negotiated to make the event better for all concerned.

Dale reported that he had 18 local volunteers who didn't show up. He was able to fill the vacancies with high school volunteers. He notes that he may have to pay some of the volunteers next year.

Kent comments that a lack of volunteers is a recurring problem with all our events.

Dale will meet with the SSIR board in September to recap the event and start planning for next year.

b. Labor Day Events

Darrel reports that plans are proceeding normally with the premium book due out in a few weeks. We also hope to have our full color Fair Guide out in early August so we can place the guide in local motels. We also have the carnival lined up to return, plenty of retuning food vendors plus one new one. We are a little short of other vendors but the vacancies should fill before the event.

c. Labor Day Parade Grand Marshall

The board discussed the list of possible honorees and decided to contact the following to ask if they will serve as Grand Marshall:

1. Steve Lucas
2. Paul Miller
3. Buddy Howard
4. Charley Amos

d. Nevada Junior High and High School Finals Rodeo

Kim reports that he attended the planning meeting of the association where they decided where to hold the Rodeo. He notes that there was some talk about separating the events between High School and Junior High but Dale notes that the events will go together.

Kim reports that WCVA was very interested in hosting the rodeo but understands there is a burden on the local club who will have to give up their rodeo to host the finals.

The event is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend but the WCVA board feels the event will not significantly impact availability during the Motorcycle Rally. Unfortunately Fred Stewart told the event organizers that Winnemucca did not want the event even though Kim and the WCVA board had assured the event that Winnemucca does want the event.

Dale notes that Fred is the other director in the organization.

The State High School Rodeo board voted to hold the event in Fallon for 2016 with the possibility that Winnemucca will host the event in 2017.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Tom asked the board to consider removing the racing fence between the small and main arenas to make transition easier during large events. He also proposes adding a gate between the Indoor Event Center and the Main Arena.

The board asked that Tom meet with Kim to draw up a plan for the next meeting.

The board also discussed several scrap items that could be removed from the fairgrounds to clean up the facility.

Becky asked that the arena be re-leveled reporting several areas where the arena is no longer level.

Tom also noted an underground pipe exposed from the main arena fence.

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

None at this time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

No public was present at the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary