

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
July 13, 2016**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Dave Louk, Becky Hill, Fergus Laughridge, Glynn Montero and Tom Brown

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals and Darrel Field

Staff Absent:

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken on the minutes of May 11, 2016. The item will be considered at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS

Becky Hill moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$27,015.50 for Ag District #3 through June 8, 2016

\$1,906.65 for the Indoor Event Center through June 8, 2016

\$33,192.52 for Ag District #3 through July 13, 2016

\$7,144.43 for the Indoor Event Center through July 13, 2016

The motion passed unanimously.

Fergus Laughridge arrived at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public present at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Covered Arena Structure Status

Kim reports that Michael Sheppard has been asked for assistance to provide cost estimates to repair the Covered Arena Structure as required by the engineer. Kent notes that Mike has only just received the information from the engineer.

Kim commented that if the insurance company finds the repairs too costly they may pay to have the structure demolished. Kim and Kent are currently drafting bid requirements to remove the structure.

- b. After outlining the new proposed Fair layout to the board, Kim requested authorization to attempt to level the lawns in front of the Event Center. He plans to borrow the county's sod cutter and remove the underlying material, then replace the sod.

Becky moved to authorize staff to proceed with the plan providing it can be done quickly.

2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW

No report at this time.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

- a. SSIR

Kim & Sheree report that the event went well with very little trouble. They also note that the counts were down by about 100 contestants.

- b. Labor Day Events

- i. Fair Layout

Kim asked the board for permission to move the Fair to the Indoor Event Center. He presented a tentative map and fielded questions on Show and Sale parking, small animal layout, fair exhibit volunteer buy in and handicapped parking.

After some discussion consensus of the board is to proceed with the new layout as outlined by the Director.

- ii. Concert

Kim asked the board to consider hosting a concert featuring Garth Brooks and Shania Twain tribute acts. The agent will book Garth Brooks for \$5000 or both Garth Brooks and Shania Twain for \$7500.

Kim also notes that the Downtown Business Association has scheduled a Street Dance for the same evening to start at 9pm and end at 1am. City Manager Steve West directed a letter to staff including recriminations for "misleading" the group and trying to compete with private business.

Becky comments that the event is not in conflict because these two dances will draw different crowds. She also notes that if we time it correctly, our event may even compliment theirs.

Dave comments that the fair is our responsibility to finance and protect and notes that these dances will draw two different crowds.

Kent comments that he doesn't want to see the Downtown Business Association street dance fail but notes that we are responsible for producing a successful fair.

Tom comments that very little happens at the downtown businesses until after 11pm so our concert would be done in plenty of time for our customers to attend both event.

Kim asked the board to contribute to the dance as a sponsor.

The board asked where the money would come from.

Kim noted that the Service and Supplies account would be appropriate since the board is tasked with producing the Fair.

Kent asked that Kim also request funds from WCVA.

Kim also offered to announce the DBA's Street Dance following our concert.

Kent moved to authorize staff to proceed with plans for a concert to include the Garth Brooks and Shania Twain tribute acts and to move the Rodeo performance up to 5:30pm so that the concert will finish by 9pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Becky left at this time.

iii. Parade Grand Marshall

Sheree presented the past list of Grand Marshalls and a list of candidates. Darrel asked the board to consider Roberta Rothwell who has helped us with the Fair for the past 8 years. Ro will be retiring from these duties this year.

Consensus of the board is to ask Roberta Rothwell to be the Grand Marshall with Sammy Ugalde as an alternate if Roberta declines.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Kim reports that we now have covered 625 of 700 total stalls.

Kim reports that we have upgraded the back arena with improved fencing and lights to accommodate the events which were booked at the Covered Arena.

Kim has submitted the cost of upgrading the arena, approximately \$14,000, to the insurance company.

Dave asked for more base rock for the 4-H barn. He notes that the previously delivered rock was used by staff for another project before he was able to move it to the barn.

Dave also asked for a dozen railroad ties for the barn.

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

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary