

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dennis Ramasco, Glynn Montero and Tom Brown

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

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent Maher called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the East Hall Lounge of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Dave moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Chris abstaining since he was absent.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS**

Chris moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$16,647.62 for the Ag District #3 through April 8, 2015  
\$9,956.78 for the Indoor Event Center through April 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 75% of elapsed time, Event Center expenses are at 88% and Fairgrounds expenses are at 60%, for a combined total of 67%. Events Complex revenue is at 111%. Kim reports that Event Center expenses are high due to the \$85,500 expense line without the \$150,000 budget offset. We also had a city water & sewer fee increase that was not accounted for in this budget.

**2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW**

Kim reports that we received everything we asked for. Kent notes that this is because of the 2% increase in room tax that is earmarked for Event Complex projects.

Our current requested capital outlay projects include:

\$15,000 for gates and panels

\$15,790 to upgrade the surveillance system

\$50,000 placed in the building fund and reserved to upgrade the exhibit hall restrooms to ADA requirements.

\$50,000 placed in the building fund and reserved to build a pole barn storage shop on the fairgrounds

\$800,000 to fund the addition to the event center. WCVA will also contribute a minimum of \$800,000 to the project.

Kim and Kent note that the Administrator and Commissioners seem to understand the need for improvements to the Events Complex as more communities are competing for events.

Kent will also present a plan at the next WCVA meeting which may save us on some money on the Event Center expansion. The plan involves hiring a Construction Manager for the project and receiving a guaranteed maximum price for the project. Kent notes that this has worked well on the Hospital expansion.

### **WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

Kim reports that the swamp coolers are up but we are having trouble with the installation. It seems that every step taken leads to another problem to fix. He notes that we are working hard to have them working by graduation.

### **EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

#### **a. Ranch Hand Rodeo**

Kim reports that we are still receiving bills for the event but should break even on the event.

The board discussed the possibility that the Bull Show portion may not be the best use of our resources before and during the event. Kim notes that the Horse Sale is still strong but we are not receiving the visitors we thought we would with the Bull Sale.

Kim reports that JJ Goicoechea has volunteered to assist in the Bull Sale event. Chris comments that the program guide with the pedigree information on each bull is essential in today's market. He comments that most buyers will only show interest with the correct information available.

#### **b. SSIR**

Dale reports that planning is proceeding despite being short of major sponsor money.

Kent comments that many events are still suffering from the poor state of the economy. Many people are just not spending money the way they once did.

### **FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Kim reports that Nuffer is finishing the fence in front of the State fence between the Events Complex and the Freeway. Our employees are also spraying weeds and cleaning up the property.

Kim also notes that he has turned in the required paperwork on the I-80 accidents following the recent Ranch Hand Rodeo. Kent comments that the Statute of Limitations allows 2 years in such cases. So it may be some time before we see the insurance recommendations.

Dave asked that the 4-H barn be cleaned before the next scheduled livestock judging event on April 24, 2015.

### **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**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary