

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2017**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Brown, Fergus Laughridge and Glynn Montero

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

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent Maher called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. in the 4H Meeting room at the Winnemucca Events Complex.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Dale moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Chris & Fergus abstaining since they were absent.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS**

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$21,345.97 for Ag District #3 through December 14, 2016

\$8,826.32 for the Indoor Event Center through December 14, 2016

\$28,766.23 for Ag District #3 through January 11, 2017

\$25,689.20 for the Indoor Event Center through January 11, 2017

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations.

Kim reports that he got a great price on a utility vehicle for use on the grounds from Sonoma Cycle. The unit has a fully enclosed cab as well as heat and air conditioning.

Kent asked about the “Compensated Absences” category in the budget.

Kim replied that this is money designated for employee separation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

No public present at the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Director reports no Correspondence at this time.

**2016/2017 BUDGET REVIEW**

Kim presented the budget report. At 50% of elapsed time Event Complex revenues are at 160%.

Ag District #3 expenses are at 26% and the Indoor Event Center Expenses are at 32%.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

a. SSIR

Dale reports that the event is moving forward with top sponsors being a major concern. He notes that the event lost \$8,000 last year and unless this can be turned around, this will be the last year the event will be produced by he and Kathy.

He reports that he is asking DeLong Ford to supply a truck which will be supplied as a leased vehicle for one year to a top winner.

They are discussing whether to proceed with another trailer as a top prize.

He has invited Junior High contestants to participate in an effort to increase entered participants. Although they will receive prizes, they will not be eligible for top prizes such as trailers and trucks.

b. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Sheree reports that returning entries closed today with 4 to 5 spots now open for new teams.

Kent asks if we should be concerned about not filling up immediately.

Staff concurs that the event will fill over the next month with the open draw available to any team.

Kim notes that due to the 3 person returning out of 5 from the previous year requirement, many teams do not have all three people available anymore so wait to place their entry in the open drawing.

Kim reports that Garley has accepted the Ranch Hand of the Year Honor.

Dale reports that members of the High School Rodeo Club have volunteered to work the event. Staff is happy to accept the volunteers.

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

Kim informed the board that a group of stock car racers may eventually approach the board about bringing stock car races back to the Events Complex.

Kim reports that the WCVA has attracted two new events including an Archery Tournament in March and a Horseshoe pitching tournament in August.

a. Covered Arena Structure Status

Kent confirmed that the building once removed will not be permitted to be re-erected.

Kim reports that staff will salvage lights and other materials which may be useful in the next structure. He reports that he is working to have the structure removed so we can begin construction of the replacement structure.

b. Covered Tie-up Facility

Kim reports that he has received a rough estimate on a 40' x 50' free standing pole barn which would be placed on the East end of the Event Center. The structure would have side walls to keep the wind out but no end walls. The current estimate is \$40,000.

The board discussed the structure noting that it would alleviate some of the horse urine smell in the Indoor Event Center, the price tag may not be feasible at present. The item may be considered as a capital project in the next budget request.

Becky left at this time.

c. Placement of Storage Structure

Kim reports that he would like to place the new shop in the infield near the water truck fill spout. This would keep the structure off the parking lots and would also isolate the shop from most of the traffic on the fairgrounds. It would also help keep unsightly shop items out of public view.

The drawback to the placement is that the closest available power would come from the detention center and cost approximately \$18,000 for power only.

Kim's alternative is to place the building on the east end of the Event Center. The board discussed the idea and noted that any shop structure will eventually become unsightly as more useful items accumulate in the area. The placement will also potentially take up space that could be used for parking.

Kim will bring back a firm quote on the suggested infield placement.

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

Kent asked about the drainage area. Staff reports that the recent precipitation filled it and overran the overflow. Kim is still concerned about someone getting into the hole and not being able to climb out due to highly sloped dirt walls. The board discussed fencing the immediate area and posting "keep out" signs.

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

Kim, Sheree and Shelly have completed the interviews for Sheree's replacement. They interviewed 10 of 15 applicants. Kim reports that he has made an offer which has not as of yet been accepted. He notes that the applicant has a great personality with a livestock background and excellent organizational skills.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

No public present at the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field , Secretary