

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2018**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Chris Bengoa,

**Staff Present:** Kim Petersen and Holly Gallian

**Staff Absent:** Darrel Field

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Event Center Meeting room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dale reports that the High School Rodeo club is refusing to pay a recent bill for use of the new pavilion during their event.

Kim notes that the pavilion was used by the club for at least 2 days with the Director's permission. Events were relocated due to weather.

Kent asked that the item be placed on the next agenda.

No action was taken.

**MINUTES CORRECTION-APPROVAL**

Tom moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018. The motion passed unanimously with Becky and Chantelle abstaining since they were absent from the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

None.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

a. Tri-County Fair / Rodeo

Kim thanked the volunteers who helped. They are very much appreciated especially with the changes to the Great Basin Challenge.

Kim reports that the small fees charged to Great Basin Challenge entrants covered the expense of the buckle awards.

Kim reports that the event went too long with too much dead time. He plans to correct this by keeping the Dummy Roping section running at all times and adding another set of judges. Tom suggested adding an arena director to keep the events moving.

Kim reports that the rodeo went too long as well. Dave mentions that we lost some of the crowd near the end of the performance. The event took a little over 3 hours. He also notes that he is working with the stock contractor to supply better bucking stock and bring the time frame back to 2 ½ hours.

Kim reports that we brought in an ATV contest with the monster truck show which went well but again he felt that it took too long. He notes that one of the ATV contestants totaled their new ATV at the show which the crowd loved. He also notes that one of the Monster trucks blew the windows out of the announcer booth. No one was injured at the events.

Kim comments that we hired a reptile show this year which was well received by the crowd. He also comments that the entertainment stage was better attended since we moved it back outside.

Kent spoke with Ro of the fair board who reported that entries were down and had to be creatively placed to make the exhibit area look full.

Kim reports that the Barrel Race was not as well attended as was hoped so WCVA lost some money on the event but brought people to town from California, Idaho and Oregon.

Becky suggests advertising the Barrel Race earlier in the year to attract more participants.

No action was taken.

b. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim and staff are getting started on the Ranch Hand Rodeo and expects the event to run smoothly again in 2019.

No action was taken

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

a. Purchase of sorting chute

Dale reports that the High School Rodeo club would accept 1/3 of the total \$4200 but still wants the option to rent out the chute.

The board decided to table the discussion until such time as the club decides whether to pay the aforementioned pavilion bill.

b. Upgrade Event Center parking lot lights to LED's

Kim reports that it will cost \$11,627 to refit the Event Center parking lot with LED's. He notes that there is a rebate available for 1/3 of the purchase price but we don't currently have money in the budget. He also reports that the outside lights on the Event Center will cost about \$9000 to replace.

The board asked that the Director add the item to the next budget cycle.

Tom asked that the lighting in the small arena, track and grandstands be upgraded as well.

Tom asked to see the requirements for the Junior High National Finals Rodeo and the High School National Finals Rodeo. Kim will place the item on the next agenda.

Dale suggests bidding on the Little Britches National Finals Rodeo.  
No action was taken.

### **2018–2019 BUDGET REVIEW–MODIFICATION-APPROVAL**

Kim presented the report, at 25% of elapsed time all items are within the budget limits.

Kim reports that Holly discovered that we had not been charged about \$40,000 in insurance premiums for the 2017 – 2018 budget.

Kent asked that the Director consider adding funds to Temporary Labor account since our access to the honor camp help is diminished, especially during fire season.

No action was taken

### **2018–2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

No report

### **FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS-MAINTENANCE**

Dave reported that the water pressure was very poor on Friday night and Saturday morning during the fair. There were about 20 youth trying to wash their animals at the same time with no water pressure.

Kim notes that it was probably filling the water truck that caused the drop in pressure. He believes tying the wash racks into City water will solve the problem. Dave also notes that there is not enough power near the 4-H barns and the breaker was being tripped constantly.

He would also like another section of wash racks for the barn.

The board discussed extending the existing 4-H barn to the North, toward the back of the grandstands. Kim notes that the sewer line runs between the back of the grandstands and the exhibit hall and that we cannot build over it.

Dave would like to maintain the sale arena since He and Becky spent money on upgrading it as a memorial for Cody Louk. He also notes that the shade structure was paid for by Leland and Anne as a memorial to Shelly Miller.

No action was taken.

### **VOUCHERS-EXPENDITURES APPROVAL**

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$57,025.15 for the Indoor Event Center through September 12, 2018  
\$26,283.57 for Ag District #3 through September 12, 2018  
\$76,069.66 for Ag District #3 through September 12, 2018

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

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

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field , Secretary