

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
August 10, 2016**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Dave Louk and Fergus Laughridge.

Board Members Absent: Becky Hill, Glynn Montero and Tom Brown

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 East Hall Lounge of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dale moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Chris abstaining since he was absent.

No action was taken on the minutes of July 13, 2016 because a quorum of the members present at the meeting was not in attendance at this meeting. The item will be considered at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS

Chris moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$35,592.03 for Ag District #3 through August 10, 2016
\$3,299.31 for the Indoor Event Center through August 10, 2016
The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Covered Arena Structure Status

At this time we are still waiting for cost estimates to repair the structure.

We are preparing bid specifications for removing the old structure in anticipation that the insurance company will not allow for repair.

Kim estimates at least two months to replace the facility when we are able to proceed. He notes that the timing will be tight for the facility to be ready before the barrel race at the Ranch Hand Rodeo Event in March.

2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim presented the final report on the 2015 / 2016 budget.

We planned for revenues of \$705,765.00. We received \$1,030,081.62 which is 146% of budget revenue.

Fairgrounds expenses were \$678,583.06 out of the budgeted \$721,190.00. This is 95% of the estimated expenses.

Indoor Event Center expenses were \$906,776.38 out of the estimated \$1,837,660.00 which is 50% of estimated expenses.

Kim explained there was \$800,000.00 in the budget for a planned upgrade to the Indoor Event Center which was not spent. He noted that subtracting the \$800,000 leaves \$906,778.38 out of \$1,037,660.00, which is 87% of the estimated expenses.

2016/2017 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim presented the 2016 / 2016 budget report. At only 16% of elapsed time, very few of the numbers will be in line with the overall plan.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. SSIR

Dale reports that the event was short by 100 contestants again this year, bringing the total contestants to about half of the number we saw 3 years ago. He and the committee are considering opening the event to Junior High contestants as well as opening the event to all high school competitors instead of just taking the top 5 to 15 places.

He also comments that he had far fewer volunteers than were required to run the event. He was able to substitute competitor parents for most of the events.

Dale comments that he and Kathy are weighing the cost to benefit ratio of the event and would like to proceed with it for one more year to settle the question.

b. Labor Day Events

Kim presented posters and maps of the new planned fair layout. We have been working with vendors, the 4-H Office and staff to solve possible problems and have had very little opposition to the move.

Kim asked the board to help sell concert tickets to their contacts, noting that he has had some success in selling packs of 10 tickets to businesses that traditionally do not participate in the event.

Kim asked if the Pig Wrestling spectators could walk through the 4-H check-in area after 6pm.

Dave notes that check-in is very slow after 5pm so, yes, it should be OK to route traffic behind the grandstands.

The board asked if the pasture across from A-1 could be used for customer parking. Unfortunately, the sprinkler system could not be removed in time.

The board also cautioned that there could be a bottle neck at the A-1 entrance since the road is closed and there is no parking. We will have some signs on Winnemucca Blvd sending customers to the Maverick entrance and staff will also consider the potential problem.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Kim reports that we are testing LED lighting at the Indoor Event Center. We had replaced the lights in the exhibit hall with some success and are now trying LED's

in the Indoor Event Center. Kim will make sure the lights will not leave significant dark spots on the arena floor.

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

No information or proposals were presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary