

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
March 11, 2015**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Dave Louk, Dennis Ramasco, Glynn Montero, Dale Owen, Becky Hill, and Tom Brown

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, and Darrel Field

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent Maher called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the West Hall of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Dale moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$9,937.83 for the Ag District #3 through March 11, 2015
\$17,765.44 for the Indoor Event Center through March 11, 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 83% and Fairgrounds expenses are at 56%, for a combined total of 54%. Events Complex revenue is at 102%.

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.

Kim also notes that we have about \$100,000 in our current capital expenses to paint the grandstands. We are just waiting for good weather to get started.

2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim reports that the meeting with the new County Administrator seemed to go well. He asked several questions and asked that staff present documentation detailing the need for spending the requested funds.

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. Kent comments that the clause suggesting "reasonable accommodation" for ADA has been changing to place more burden

on the property owner. He suggests that we will eventually be required to make the upgrades.

\$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. WCVVA will also contribute \$800,000 to the project.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

Kim reports that we should be ready to install the swamp coolers in the event center next week.

Kim reports that Nuffer is working on the fence between barn 5 and the RV Park.

Kim notes that the pipeline drainage project is complete. Dave comments that the project was tough with the amount of utilities that had to be worked around. Kim notes that there is a slight hump in the track where the pipeline goes through but it should not affect our current events. He reports that the project is complete.

We are also seeing a good turnout this week for the Mine Rescue Competition.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim reports that the event went fairly well. The bar revenue was flat but ticket sales were up slightly. We had fewer horses and bulls for sale but the price per head was up in both sales. We did have to use two of our alternate teams with two teams in the original line up canceling.

Unfortunately, we had two cowboys injured during the bronc riding event. Both men are home and recovering. Kim notes that one of the Eiguren team was very upset with after the accident and approached the announcer stand yelling that the event should be discontinued because of the danger.

The board notes that the event is very popular with the crowd and the riders who participate are very passionate about the sport.

Tom suggests making the event elective to teams with scores going to those who participate.

We also had an incident where some cattle escaped causing two accidents on I-80. The fence has been replaced by the State DOT. We plan to place internal fencing in front of the state fence in the future. We will owe Kenny Buckingham for the five animals euthanized or killed as a result of the accident. We will be submitting applicable reports to the insurance company.

Becky asked if there were fewer vendors at the Event.

Kim notes that we had to remove a few vendor spaces in order to get the crowds through easier.

Kim reports that the Winnemucca Inn did well with the food. They had a learning curve but performed well over all and will hopefully return for the 2016 event.

b. SSIR

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

He is currently looking for local security volunteers.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Nothing at this time.

**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

Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The motion carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary