

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Dave Louk and Ginny Hawkins

**Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference:** Fergus Laughridge

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Brown and Becky Hill

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

**Others Present via Teleconference:** Jess Jones and Manuel Souza

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was presented at the meeting.

**MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL**

Dale moved to approve the June 9, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

No correspondence was presented.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

a. SSIR

Dale reports that the event saw 511 contestants in 2021. He commented that the event went smoothly with a few safety concerns that he is working to address.

Kim comments that contestants consistently drive golf carts and UTV's at the Events Complex in an unsafe manner.

Kent notes that there is a City ordinance where golf carts can be operated in a limited area and only by a licensed driver.

Dale will work with his board to draft a plan promoting safe driving at the events complex during the SSIR event.

No action was taken.

b. Jess Jones – NYE Bull Bash event

Jess Jones who attended via teleconference asked the board to schedule his annual New Year's Eve Bull and Bronc Bash at the Event Center on December 31–January 2, 2022.

Kim notes that Jones has an unresolved \$10,000 underwriting contract with WCVA which should be settled before we contract again with Jones.

Jess Jones said he will resolve the matter with WCVA and return to the board with his request.

No action was taken.

c. Tri-County Fair – Parade Grand Marshall

Kim asked the board to select a Labor Day Parade Grand Marshall to honor at the event.

Chris moved to ask John DeLong as the board's first choice and Joe Scott if John should decline. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Manuel Souza of Souza's Bucking Bulls – Information regarding a future PBR Event at WEC

Manuel Souza of Souza's Bucking Bulls asked the board to schedule a PBR event during New Years Eve. He is also asking for \$30,000 to produce the event.

The board notes that we would like to book winter events and asked Souza to solicit WCVA for the money and then return to staff for scheduling.

No action was taken.

e. Acquiring assistance for change over of events at WEC

Kim comments that he is having trouble getting enough help to turn over the events complex for each event. He comments that considering the addition of the Horseshoe tournament last month, staff is having trouble getting stalls cleaned for consecutive rodeo events.

The board suggested options such as adding an additional full time employee, requiring events to clean their own stalls and reducing the amount of events booked.

No action was taken.

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

Kim asked the board for suggestions regarding traffic control through the events complex during events. He notes that typically application is made to the City to close Fairgrounds Road during large events but through traffic can be a problem during some smaller events as well. He also notes security concerns between events and would like to limit access to the events complex.

The board discussed options such as automatic arm gates to limit access. Kent also suggested asking the City with possible permission from the neighbor at A-1 to abandon Fairgrounds Road. He notes that we could then build a road from East Winnemucca Blvd on the East side of the old Scott property into the C and D Campgrounds.

No action was taken.

## **2020 - 2021 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION**

Kim presented the recent budget including transactions posted as of 8-10-21. At 100% of elapsed time tax revenues are at 117.54%, \$149,226.43 over budget. Ag District #3 revenue is at 211.40%, \$123,092.38 over budget, with wage expenses at 96.82%, services and supplies at 89.63% and capital outlay at 43.73%, for a total of 64.06%. Event Center revenues are at 185.25%, \$134,309.81 over budget. Wage expenses are at 105.64%, Services and Supplies expenses are at 75.02% and Capital outlays are at 112.13% for a total of 97.75%

He notes that the temporary employees account was augmented by \$20,500.00. He also points out that the room tax revenue is the highest recorded. The budget was 478,806.00 and actual revenue was \$652,064.90.

Kim also presented the 2021–2022 budget including transactions posted through August 5, 2021. At 8% of elapsed time, Tax revenues are at 9.26%. Ag District #3 revenues are at 79.38%. Wage expenses are at 6.75% and Services and Supplies are at 3.28%. Event Center revenue is at 5.03%. Wage expenses are at 9.33%, and Service and Supply expenses are at 4.32%.

No action was taken.

## **VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL**

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$28,867.23 for the Indoor Event Center through August 4, 2021  
\$115,383.23 for Ag District #3 through August 4, 2021

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations because his spouse owns and operates the business.

**INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND OR REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND  
STAFF MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS, INCLUDING  
COMMUNICATIONS AND DEALINGS WITH OTHER BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS  
AND PLANNING AND SCHEDULING FUTURE EVENTS**

No items were presented at the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present at the end of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary