

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
February 8, 2017**

Board Members Present: Dale Owen, Tom Brown, Fergus Laughridge, Becky Hill and Chantelle Nielson.

Board Members Absent: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa and Dave Louk.

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals, Holly Lyon and Darrel Field

Others Present: Ed Partee, Janine Avery, Tim Janke, Wes Barry, Ed Hopfer of Nevada Muleys and the Chukar Foundation.

CALL TO ORDER

Dale Owen called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the West Hall Convention Center.

Staff and the board introduced themselves to our new board member, Chantelle Nielson and our new staff member, Holly Lyon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

No action was taken on the minutes of January 11, 2017. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS

Outstanding vouchers will be available at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Ed Hopfer of Nevada Muleys and the Chukar Foundation addressed the board reporting that in order to grow the Nevada Muleys annual Dinner they would like to move the event from the West Hall Convention Center to the Indoor Event Center.

He reports that the Nevada Muleys Association has revenue sources totaling \$1.47 Million, \$470,000 of which has been spent to preserve Mule Deer habitats in Humboldt County and Northern Nevada. He further reports that the annual banquet typically raises about \$160,000. Their goal is to increase participation from 450 to 500 with this move and up to 650 people in subsequent years. He notes that the West Hall Convention Center cannot accommodate more than about 450 participants.

In order to maintain the event's reputation of quality, they are asking for round tables, padded chairs, skirting, glassware, silverware and staff to set up the facility to specifications normally enjoyed at the West Hall Convention Center.

Mr. Hopfer understands that this change may not be possible for the event occurring on April 22, 2017 but urges the board to consider the possibility of holding larger banquets at the Indoor Event Center.

The Director comments that the date is available at the facility and the Nevada Muleys may proceed with booking the facility but notes that staff will be unable to accommodate all the requirements of their banquet. He has acquired padded chairs for the event. He notes that the tables could be available at the Boys and Girls Club but will not have staff available to move the tables and set up the facility. Kim also reports that the dishwasher in the Event Center Kitchen will not accommodate the amount of plates, glasses and silverware typically used at the event.

The board could not take any action as this item was not on the agenda but thanked Mr. Hopfer and the other members of the Nevada Muleys for their interest in the facility.

Becky left at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Director reports no Correspondence at this time.

2016/2017 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim presented the budget report. At 58% of elapsed time Tax revenues are at 83%. Fairgrounds Revenues are at 81% and Indoor Event Center revenues are at 66% for a total of Event Complex revenues of 173%.

Ag District #3 expenses are at 34% and the Indoor Event Center Expenses are at 41%, for a total of Event Complex expenses of 36%.

The Director reports that we are working on some capital projects including the pole barn structure to be used as a shop, removing and replacing the covered arena and remodeling the Exhibit Hall restrooms to ADA standards.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. SSIR

Dale reports that the event is moving forward with top sponsors being a major concern. He has received funding from Humboldt County and intends to approach WCVA for funding at the meeting next week.

b. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Tom reports that he has most of his volunteers lined up for the event.

Kim reports that we have 50 horses consigned to the Horse Sale, and the Dog Trial event is full.

He notes a report from Casey, the Dog Trial Coordinator who attended a Dog Trial in Klamath Falls. Casey reports that our event is better organized and better attended than the Klamath Falls event.

Kim reports that the Futurity and Derby events of the Barrel Race have been canceled due to lack of pre-registration. He hopes to proceed with the rest of the Barrel Race event but since the event will need to be held outside in the Main Arena this year, the weather may prevent the event from happening. The event is tentatively scheduled so that we do not lose the date to competing events in other towns.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Covered Arena Structure Status

Kim has written the bid specifications for removing the structure and is waiting on approval.

b. Placement of Storage Structure

Staff have concluded that the new structure should be placed in the in-field as described at the last meeting.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Sheree reports that the Indoor Event Center roof is leaking and will need to be found and repaired soon.

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

Darrel reports that the next meeting on March 8, 2017 is scheduled to be held at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Events Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field , Secretary