

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
July 8, 2020**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Dale Owen, Dave Louk, Tom Brown and Ginny Hawkins.

Becky Hill and Fergus Laughridge attended via teleconference.

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa.

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Gailynn Sam and Darrel Field

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm at the Winnemucca Convention Center, East Hall Lounge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Tom moved to approve the April 8, 2020 minutes. The motion passed unanimously, with Dale and Fergus abstaining since they were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

No correspondence was presented.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

- a. Discussion regarding reopening the facility – Covid 19 action plan

Kim reports that we are proceeding with scheduled events at the facility for the next few weeks. He notes that he has shared the Covid 19 plan and advised participants to wear masks and follow all safety guidelines.

No action was taken.

- b. SSIR

Dale reports that the event was very well attended with a record breaking 704 contestants. He reports that some the rodeo performances lasted 3 to 4 hours plus two days of slack lasting up to 6 hours. He also notes that 2 calves and 2 goats were lost during the event. He plans to add check out procedures to the event in order to prevent lost livestock.

Dale reports that the organization plans to limit participants to 400 to 500 in the future which should shorten the performances and eliminate slack.

Dale comments that some participants and guests were upset regarding wearing masks and requirements to socially distance in the grandstands. Kim notes that he plans to send a letter to participants trying to sooth negative feelings regarding the SSIR event.

No action was taken.

c. Tri-County Fair

Kim asked the board to consider canceling the 2020 Tri-County Fair. He is concerned that the cost of producing the event may not be recovered during the current pandemic.

Darrel reports that the Fair currently has \$30,000 in the bank. He notes that our carnival may not appear this year since one of the fairs on their route has canceled. Our budget anticipates \$8,000 to \$10,000 in carnival revenue which would be lost without the carnival. Our truck pull event will cost \$19,000 to produce with our best gate revenue of \$17,000 and our worst gave revenue of \$10,000.

Kim notes that sponsor and vendor revenue may also be negatively impacted this year. He also notes that the Honor Camp has not been available to assist at the facility since the lockdown started.

Ginny commented that the Model T and many other local businesses have been closed for 2 months and are struggling under the Governor's stage 2 re-opening guidelines.

Fergus comments that we are required by statute to produce the fair and to promote agriculture.

Dave asked if the Tri-County Junior Livestock will be proceeding with their show and sale.

Kim reports that the Tri-County Junior Livestock board is planning on proceeding with the event.

Ginny moved to cancel the 2020 Tri-County Fair.

The motion failed with Ginny being the only polled assent.

i. Labor Day Parade Grand Marshall

Darrel asked the board to consider honoring Walt Curtis as the 2020 Grand Marshall.

Hearing no dissent, Kent asked Darrel to ask Walt Curtis if he will serve as the Grand Marshall for this year's event.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

Kim reports that the staff built hundreds of temporary stalls and 50 temporary RV spaces and that WCVA purchased 80 new stalls for the SSIR event. He also notes that we have purchased an HD Video camera and we are working to connect it to our big screen at the Event Center.

2019 - 2020 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the current budget report including revenue and expense transaction cleared as of July 6, 2020 for the budget ending on June 30, 2020.

Property tax revenues are at 140.88% of our budget. Room tax revenues are at 106.63% of our budget.

Fairgrounds revenues are at 115.15%. Wages and Benefit expenses are at 90.39%, Service and Supply expenses are at 85.86% and Capital projects are at 46.71%.

Event Center revenues are at 103.09%. Wages and Benefit expenses are at 126.26%, Service and Supplies expenses are at 76.38% and Capital Projects are at 0.79%.

Kim notes that the total Wages and Benefits budget for both the Event Center and the Fairgrounds is \$550,711 compared to \$528,755 total spending.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$30,448.87 for the Indoor Event Center through July 7, 2020
\$33,491.80 for the Indoor Event Center through July 7, 2020
\$13,185.90 for Ag District #3 through July 7, 2020

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

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Kim reports that with so many participants on the Events Complex at the recent SSIR event there are currently no major repairs to be made. He notes that two RV breakers needed to be reset at the event but there were very few power or water problems during the SSIR event.

Fergus asked about progress of cleaning up the facility.

Kim reports that staff are continually working to clean up the facility including storage area on the west end of the track. He also notes that we have purchased a semi trailer to store the floor for the Event Center.

No action was taken.

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

There were no comments from the board or staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments; no public was present at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary