

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
August 12, 2015**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dave Louk, Dale Owen, Glynn Montero & Fergus Laughridge

Board Members Absent: Becky Hill and Tom Brown

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals and Darrel Field

Others Present: Cecil Martin

CALL TO ORDER

Kent Maher called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the East Hall Lounge of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Dave moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Glynn, Chris and Fergus abstaining since they were absent.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$64,465.31 for Ag District #3 through August 12, 2015
\$27,021.42 for the Indoor Event Center through August 12, 2015

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

2014/2015 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim distributed copies of the final 2014 / 2015 budget. At 100% of elapsed time, Event Center expenses are at 82% and Fairgrounds expenses are at 92%, for a combined total of 88%. Events Complex revenue is at 164%. Total expenses for the year were \$1,291,072.00. Total Revenue for the year was 1,084,220.56.

2014/2015 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim distributed copies of this month's expenditure reports. At 8% elapsed time we see no items of concern.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Sound System Retrofit

Kim reports that we hired Cascade sound of Northern Oregon to come inspect the sound system. We were able to improve the quality of the sound system by dusting out the amplifier storage and disconnected some un-used jacks. We are also testing some speakers which may need replacing. Kim report that he learned a lot about the system during the inspection.

b. Fairgrounds House

Sheree reports that after Dennis' death, Karen has removed some items but there are still items remaining.

The board asked Sheree to call Karen and ask if she will be picking up the rest of the items or if we should dispose of them.

Kim asked about finding a renter after the house has been vacated. The board would like to rent the house and possibly hire the renter as a caretaker through Man Power.

c. Bleachers Inspection / Service

Kim reports that during graduation when everyone stood up on the Event Center bleachers at once they moved an alarming amount. It has been 4 years since they were last inspected. We have a bid of \$5900 from the company who sold and installed them to inspect and perform routine maintenance.

Chris asked if they would warranty the proposed work.

Kim will check into this.

Chris moved to contract with Irwin Telescopic Seating Company for \$5900 to inspect the bleaches in the Indoor Event Center.

The motion passed unanimously. The board asked that the Director check into a recurring contract to maintain the bleachers.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. SSIR

Dale and Kathy have been busy with National finals and have not as yet completed their final event report.

He notes that the event may have to be moved up one week due to the National Finals schedule. He will confirm this soon and meet with Kim to discuss next year's event.

b. Labor Day Events

Kim reports that he confirmed Buddy Howard as the Parade Grand Marshall. He seemed honored and excited to perform this task.

Kim notes that we also need calves for the Calf Riding portion of the Great Basin Challenge. Glynn reports that he has 4 available plus a few smaller ones for younger contestants.

Dave is working to obtain pigs for the Pig Wrestling event.

He is also bringing straw for the stage seating at the Event Complex.

c. Discontinuation of Ranch Hand Rodeo Bull Sale

Kim report that the event has not performed as expected. He notes that we lost \$14,000 on the event again this year. Coupled with the struggle to secure premium bulls and the staff effort in setting up the covered arena he feels the event is no longer feasible.

He suggests holding a large barrel race in place of the bull sale. He is speaking with associations in pursuit of this replacement.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Kim reports that we have completed re-routing the water meters which were in question by the Department of Water Resources. We also had to rebuild one of the wells which cost approximately \$10,000.

Kim reports that the two roping chutes have been repaired in the Main Arena and the Back Arena. He notes that Nuffer has also installed the new alleys requested by the board.

Kim reports that a gas leak was detected near the shop. Instead of tracing possible multiple leaks we have replaced the entire line with new gas line.

Dave asked if the retention pond had been enlarged. Kim reports that it was shorn up but not altered.

Dave asked that the fans and lights be checked in the 4-H barn before the Labor Day Events begin.

Darrel asked that the Swamp Coolers in the Exhibit hall be checked before the Fair.

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

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Cecil suggests holding a team roping instead of the Bull Sale at Ranch Hand Rodeo.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary