

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
January 10, 2024**

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher and Dale Owen

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Dave Louk, Fergus Laughridge and Ginny Hawkins

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa, Becky Hill and Tom Brown

Staff Present in Person: Kim Petersen, Charlene Fetterly and Darrel Field

Staff Absent: None

Others Present in Person: None

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

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 minutes of December 13, 2023 as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim and Charlene updated the board regarding plans for the upcoming Ranch Hand Rodeo.

Kim reports that our vendor spaces are full but Dog trial entries are slow with only 10 dogs so far. He also notes that the Horse Sale entries are also slow with only 22 out of 40 horses so far. He comments that technology makes it much easier for sellers to skip horse sales and that there are many sales around the west.

Charlene reports that we currently have 33 Ranch Hand Rodeo Team applications. We'll do a draw shortly to cut that number down to 30 teams. She also reports that our Ladies Ranch Rodeo is full with 12 team reservations.

No action was taken

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. 2023 New Year's Eve Xtreme Bronc Bash

Kim reports that he received a phone call from Mitch Pollack in what he took as scolding the board for not enthusiastically attending the event. Kim commented that the event was 250 to 300 people short of last year's number. He notes that Mitch has asked to address the WCVA board at the next meeting.

Kent commented that the \$30,000 the WCVA donated to the event may be some sign of enthusiasm.

Charlene commented that tickets for the event are \$30 each and that many customers had understood there would be music and dancing until midnight, which was not part of the event.

No action was taken.

b. Bucking Chute or panel replacement

Kim reports that Mitch also suggested replacing panels instead of the bucking chutes in the event center.

Kim notes that our panels are constructed with hoops and pins which allow for room between the panels where stock could get trapped.

Dale asked if we still had the bull sale panels, suggesting that they might work better for the arena construction that the event had set up.

No action was taken.

2023 - 2024 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the budget report as of 1-10-24. At approximately 50% of elapsed time, tax revenue is at 38.04% and room tax revenue is at 41.48%.

Ag District #3 revenue is at 58.51%, wage and benefit expenses are at 49.8%, service and supply expenses are at 29.48% and capital outlay is at 46.33%.

Event Center revenue is at 95.02%, wage and benefit expenses are at 40.69%, and services and supplies are at 37.32%.

Kim commented that a few expenses are a bit high but the budget is on track.

No action was taken.

2024 - 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTSUGGESTIONS

Kim presented a list of proposed items for the next year capital project suggestions. He notes that many items have no amounts available yet and are in no particular order.

- Concrete K rail for use dividing spaces in campground C, east of the pavilion.
- Privacy wall between the event center and A-1 Towing
- Tables and chairs
- Grade and install base rock in campground E.
- Camp B, grade the hole at the north west corner and install base rock.
- Remove and replace trees along the Maverik entrance.
- Motion Rocket computer replacement for the video production system.
- Floor scrubber for the exhibit hall.
- Concrete sidewalks around the new restroom facility
- Replace the flagpole at the Event Center
- Upgrade to the main arena bucking chutes, announcer stand and shore up the catwalk
- Plant new trees east of the pavilion and add a drip system.
- Exhibit Hall main door, about 10,000
- Update Events Complex locks to cyber keys.
- Cover the last 30 stalls

Kent suggested bringing the items back to the next meeting where the board can prioritize them.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Kent asked about the padlock item on the outstanding vouchers.

Kim replied that we are padlocking stalls so that people do not take the wrong stalls.

Board members consented to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of the following:

\$17,351.61 for Ag District #3 through December 27, 2023

\$19,735.63 for the Event Center through December 27, 2023

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations since his wife 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary