

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
December 14, 2022**

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Fergus Laughridge and Tom Brown

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Dave Louk, Becky Hill and Ginny Hawkins

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present in Person: Kim Petersen and Darrel Field

Staff Absent: Charlene Fetterly

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented at the meeting.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2022

The motion passed unanimously with Becky and Fergus abstaining since they were absent.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

i. Ranch Hand of the Year

Fergus nominated Dennis Brown for consideration.

Becky nominated Vance Vesco for consideration.

After some discussion, Fergus moved to honor Dennis Brown as the 2023 Ranch Hand of the Year.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Labor Day Rodeo – Request for proposal

Kent and Kim are working on the request for proposal and will have it available at a future board meeting.

No action was taken.

Kim reported that we are currently installing new lights in the arena which can be controlled via wireless devices. He notes that the lights are much brighter and should contribute to the usefulness of the Event Center.

No action was taken.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

- a. Possible approval or rejection of proposal to purchase Breezeway / Tie-up arena bid proposal.

Kim presented the bid received from Sonoma Construction.

The bid is at least \$142,000 over the budget of \$121,900.

Dave Louk joined the meeting at this time.

Kent moved to reject the proposal since there is not enough money in the budget to complete the project and to add the item to the 2023/2024 capital projects budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

2022 - 2023 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the 2022-2023 budget including transaction posted through December 4, 2022. At about 50% of elapsed time; Tax revenues are at 39.19%. Ag District #3 revenues are at 77.63%; wage expenses are at 33.44%; service and supplies are at 54.41% and capital outlay is at 70.53%. Event Center revenue is at 93.44%; wage expenses are at 47.41%; service and supplies are at 48.50% and there are currently no numbers for capital outlay.

No action was taken.

2023 – 2024 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kim presented a list of projects for review including the following:

1. \$300,000 for the Breezeway / Tie-up arena
2. \$75,000 for a used water truck. Kim notes that our current equipment is old and overused.

3. \$38,000 for a new ½ ton pickup. Kim notes that our current equipment is old and overused.
4. \$75,000 for a used dump truck. Kim comments that we need better equipment in order to maintain our facilities.
5. \$5,000 for a parking lot paint stripper. Kim notes that cost savings will pay for the equipment at the first use. He also notes that having the stripper will allow us to more clearly denote campground spaces during larger events.
6. An unknown amount to retrofit and paint the grandstand deck. Kim notes that this is becoming a safety issue.
7. \$60,000 for Grandstand and arena track lighting. Kim comments that more light in the main arena and around the track is needed.
8. \$65,000 for safety and security lighting retrofit for the Pavilion and Event Center. Kim comments that recent lighting upgrades have greatly improved lighting at the events complex and is interested in continuing to upgrade facility lights.
9. \$25,000 for a side by side UTV. Kim notes that we need this second side by side for stall management and campground spaces.
10. \$50,000 for rubber stall mats in the concrete box stalls. Kim comments that adding mats will help staff to prepare stalls more quickly.
11. An unknown amount to install large fans like we have in the Event Center.
12. An unknown amount to install a sprinkler system for the trees on Fairgrounds Drive. Kim comments that the current system is not ideal for the trees or for saving water.
13. \$5,000 for a new flag pole at the Event Center. Kim notes that our current flag pole is not usable in its current state.
14. An unknown amount to install an electronic sign near the Maverick Entrance. Kim would like to upgrade facility signage to advertise special events.
15. \$65,000 for new portable bucking chutes. Kim comments that the board asked to upgrade existing bucking chutes at a prior meeting. The price is for Prefert chutes.
16. An unknown amount to cover the warm up arena on the east side of the Pavilion.
17. \$125,000 for a wall around A-1 towing. Many people have commented on the unsightly wrecking yard near our facility.
18. An unknown amount to replace the Junior Livestock Barn. Kim comments that he is working with a committee who notes that the show has outgrown their current facility. He would like to work with the committee so that we can also schedule events at the facility when not in use by the Junior Livestock committee.
19. Dale suggested revisiting upgrading the exhibit hall restrooms to be ADA compliant.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Fergus moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of the following:
 \$13,597.45 for Ag District #3 through November 29, 2022
 \$33,733.49 for the Event Center through November 29, 2022

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

Chris comments that the McDermitt Rodeo Board asked about buying used panels from the Winnemucca Events Complex.

Kim notes that by the time we are done with panels they typically are not in good shape.

Kent replied that if we have extra panels, we would first need to declare them no longer needed for public purposes then we could dispose of them as seen fit by the board.

Kim will ask Ramon if we have any to spare.

Kim reports that he is speaking with a promoter to bring a California Big Loop event from its former Fallon home to Winnemucca. They are considering the week after Western States in November.

Kent comments that it is a different kind of event from the Ranch Hand Rodeo since the events are not timed but judged on style. He notes that the customer crossover really cannot be determined at this time.

Kim also reports that we are working with a company bringing a Mexican Bull Riding and Concert event over Mothers Day Weekend. He notes that we are considering the same company to produce an event during Friday night of the Tri-County Fair.

Dale comments that rumors are spreading of SSIR returning to Fallon. He refuted the claim.

Dale also comments that LA County in California has ruled against hosting rodeos so many of them are moving to Las Vegas and the rest of Nevada.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary