

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Dave Louk, Becky Hill and Fergus Laughridge

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Brown and Chantelle Nielson

**Staff Present:** Kim Petersen, Darrel Field and Holly Gallian

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the West Hall Convention Center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MINUTES CORRECTION-APPROVAL**

Dale moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018. The motion passed unanimously with Becky abstaining since she was absent from the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

None.

**EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

a. SSIR

Dale reported there were 370 contestants, 30 more than last year, and even though the event and facilities were not full, the rodeo went well.

Dale commented there would have been more contestants if not for the Junior High National Finals event being scheduled on the weekend before SSIR.

No action was taken.

b. Tri-County Fair

Kim reported staff is working on some small alterations to the Fair: moving the entertainment stage outside; covering the entertainment area with a 30' x 60' tent for shade; and, adding free entertainment on stage and some free live music.

Kim reported staff is working with the stock contractor to improve the Great Basin Youth Challenge; there will be added events with preliminary rounds to be held Friday night on the track in front of the grandstand. Events will include: Stick Horse and Lead Horse Barrel Racing, Mutton Bustin', Calf Riding, Mini-Bucking Horses, Mini-Bull Riding, Dummy Roping, Junior Barrel Racing and a Wild Pony Race.

Kim and Manuel will set the events up to run concurrently, dividing the track into three sections.

No action was taken.

Trevor Baker addressed the board on behalf of the Tri-County Junior Livestock Show and Sale and asked the board to consider a Champion Drive during the Rodeo. The top two contestants in each Show and Sale class will drive their entries in front of the grandstands while being judged by the Show and Sale representative. Each class may take up to 15 minutes providing they are properly organized. Classes will most likely consist of beef, swine, lambs, sheep and possibly goats.

Kim commented the safety of the animals is a concern, but problems can be eliminated with the proper organization.

Members of the board noted that performing in front of the rodeo crowd will be good for the contestants and for the program.

The consensus of the board is that the Show and Sale group should proceed with the plan. Trevor said he will work with staff to see that the event is well coordinated and will be safe for the animals and contestants.

No action was taken.

Fergus asked that a schedule be prepared for the times an ambulance presence will be needed at the Labor Day events. Humboldt General Hospital EMS will also be involved with the Burning Man event during the same time period.

Ken Tipton agreed to serve as the 2018 Parade Grand Marshall.

- c. Ranch Hand Rodeo  
No report.

No action was taken.

- d. New Years Eve Events

Kim introduced Jess Jones who produced a Bronc Bash on New Years Eve last year. The event was well received in Winnemucca, having moved from an Elko County venue to the Events Complex facility. On January 3, 2018, Jess requested to book the event for New Years Eve 2018.

Kim reported that Mitch Pollock had asked to be heard by the board about possibly booking the facility for another event on New Years Eve 2018. The Director noted the policy clearly grants preference to existing or previously held events if the promoter requests rescheduling the event in a timely fashion.

Chris commented that the policy is clear with regard to this matter and the Jones Bronc Bash event should have preference.

Dave moved to authorize staff to continue the reservation process with Jess Jones for the 2018 New Years Eve Bronc Bash event. The motion passed unanimously.

**WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

New swamp coolers will be installed in the Exhibit Hall next week.

- a. RV spaces and covered stalls

Kim noted that the project is complete, and staff is compiling reports on the project and will have a full report at the next meeting.

No action was taken.

**2017–2018 BUDGET REVIEW–MODIFICATION-APPROVAL**

No report.

No action was taken.

**2018–2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Staff is working to compile reports on future capital projects. Kim will have a full report at the next meeting.

No action was taken.

**FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS-MAINTENANCE**

Dale commented that the event center roping box needs some work. Kim said he will see that it is repaired.

Dale commented that the lighting in the warm up arena is not very good. Kim advised the lighting is scheduled to be upgraded to LED's.

Kim commented that more bleachers will be needed in the new pavilion. He is working on the cost and plans to include it in the 2018-2019 capital projects budget.

Becky commented that the small warm up arena west of the new pavilion is very rocky. Kim said picking up rocks is scheduled for next week.

No action was taken.

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**VOUCHERS-EXPENDITURES APPROVAL**

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:  
\$28,556.74 for the Indoor Event Center through July 11, 2018  
\$27,000.58 for Ag District #3 through July 11, 2018

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kent had questions about the 8-space calf sorter used at the 2018 SSIR event and if it should be obtained for permanent use at the facility. Dale reported that the equipment was purchased by SSIR in conjunction with the High School Rodeo Club. The board asked that the possible purchase of the equipment be added to the next agenda.

No action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field , Secretary