

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
May 12, 2021**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen and Ginny Hawkins

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Fergus Laughridge and Becky Hill

Board Members Absent: Dave Louk and Tom Brown.

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Charlene Fetterly and Darrel Field

Others Present: Brad Schultz, Sharon Barton and D'Ann Bidaurretta

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment on matters that were not on the agenda was presented at the meeting.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

No correspondence was presented.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Surplus property update

Kim reported that most of the items have been sold except for the two car toppers. He noted that most of the items have been picked up. The auction netted \$10,000 since we passed on fees to the buyers.

b. Box stall project update

The project is complete with some customer apprehension about the asphalt pavement.

c. Cover Barn #9 update

The project is complete. WCVA paid for a contractor to complete the project since staff was busy setting up events.

d. Walkway – Event Center to Pavilion update

No action was taken.

Becky arrived via teleconference at this time.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

Kim reports that Jess Jones' New Years Eve Bull Bash had to be canceled in 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions. He reports that the event or a portion of it was moved to Spring Creek due to our forced cancelation. Kim notes that the WCVA had underwritten the event up to \$20,000 but it seems that the money was spent in Spring Creek. The WCVA is working to recover their underwriting of the event. He notes that if legal proceedings are required, it is unlikely we will retain the annual event.

No action was taken.

Kim reports that he received a call last week canceling the Paint and Quarter Horse event scheduled for this weekend. The Paint and Quarter Horse association cited major medical concerns among their management with no available replacements to run the event. The association is planning to continue their event in September but noting WCVA and Ag 3 spending of over \$200,000 to get ready for the event and the very short notice of cancellation, the WCVA is requesting a firm plan from the association in order to continue our relationship.

No action was taken.

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim reports that the event went fairly well. He commented that our high selling horse broke all of our records at \$48,000, another horse sold for \$31,000.

Kim also reported that our attendance was down by 25%.

No action was taken

b. Event Center-Extension Office-Exhibit Hall complex, including the 4-H arena area, scheduling and use protocol and priorities

Brad Schultz and Sharon Barton addressed the board with concerns that 4-H events can be canceled due to the needs of other events booked by Ag District #3.

They cited a recent cancelation of a 4-H leadership and team building meeting.

Sharon noted that recent staff changes at the Convention Center seem to have reduced the ability of the two offices to work together in booking meetings at the facility.

Sharon also cited a problem where the small animal 4-H group is unable to meet on July 16, 23 & 30 due to the new Horseshoe pitching event. She comments that this is especially difficult since there are 30 kids, their chickens and parents who typically meet weekly to prepare their animals for the Tri-County Fair.

Kim noted that the horseshoe pitching association is interested in using the Exhibit Hall during the event as a place for their youth to gather. He also notes that the Exhibit Hall should be available on July 16th but the 23rd and 30th are during the event. He offered to contact the Horseshoe organization to confirm whether or not they will need the Exhibit Hall during their event.

Discussion of the board led to agreement that the offices will work together in scheduling events under the Director's authority.

Kent thanked Brad and Sharon for their time and invited them back if new situations arise needing the board's attention.

No action was taken.

2020 - 2021 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the recent budget including transactions posted as of 5-10-21. At about 85% of elapsed time tax revenues are at 78.26%. Ag District #3 revenue is at 166.33% with wage expenses at 87.94%, services and supplies at 68.09% and capital outlay at 56.89%, for a total of 56.89%. Event Center revenues are at 100.51%, wage expenses are at 76.11%, Services and Supplies expenses are at 51.09% and Capital outlays are at 110.63% for a total of 88.06%.

He notes that maintenance required two major purchases of a kitchen freezer and sound system repairs. He notes that we are still on track to stay within our budget for the year.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Chris moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$32,607.07 for the Indoor Event Center through April 1, 2021
\$32,785.52 for Ag District #3 through April 1, 2021
\$13,910.71 for the Indoor Event Center through May 1, 2021
\$227,405.64 for Ag District #3 through May 1, 2021

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

No items were presented by staff or board members for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment on matters that were not on the agenda was presented at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary