

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting
September 11, 2019**

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Dave Louk, Tom Brown, Becky Hill, Chantelle Nielson and Fergus Laughridge

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Darrel Field and Holly Gallian

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. at the West Hall Convention Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments; no public was present at the meeting.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the July 10, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

None

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Silver State International Rodeo

Dale submitted a financial report of the 2019 event which shows net gains of \$32,690.00. He also comments that the Canadian contestants are starting to bring more junior high school contestants.

No action was taken.

b. Tri-County Fair

Darrel reports competitive exhibit entries totaled 937 for 2019 compared to 813 for 2018. He also notes that the fair was a bit slow on Sunday but seemed to remain steady throughout the day.

No action was taken.

c. 2021 World Championship Horseshoe Tournament

Kim reports that we have received approval to host the 2021 National Horseshoe Pitching Association World Championship July 19–29, 2021. The tournament will host 1000–1100 competitors and their families. He estimates the event will generate \$3.5M in economic impact. Typical cycles will have 400–500

contestants rotating through every 3–4 days throughout the tournament. He notes that July is already a busy time in Winnemucca for lodging so he will urge competitors to book their rooms early.

Kim comments that each contestant only pitches about two hours per day so staff is working on additional activities such as mine tours, golf tournaments and other activities to entertain them during their stay.

Kim notes that the association also requires EMT's on-site during the event. Fergus asks that we contact the ambulance coordinator early.

Kent asked how many rooms we have in town. Kim reports that we currently have about 900. He comments that the Scott property just sold and there are plans to add another 77 rooms at the Park Motel location. He also notes that the construction of a hotel near Wingers has been delayed. He comments that many contestants will use RV spaces.

No action was taken.

2019 - 2020 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the updated budget for review.

Kim notes that at this early stage the budget numbers are in-line except for a \$6000 repair bill for our small well which went down just before the fair.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:
\$133,108.06 for Ag District #3 through August 14, 2019
\$31,318.49 for the Indoor Event Center through August 14, 2019
\$55,211.54 for Ag District #3 through September 11, 2019
\$7,556.70 for the Indoor Event Center through September 11, 2019

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

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

- a. Request to purchase cargo trailer to store the new floor for the Indoor Event Center.

Kim reports that WCVA purchased a new heavy duty floor for the Indoor Event Center for \$175,000. He asks that we purchase cargo trailers to store the floor.

Dave asked if the heat inside the cargo trailers will cause a problem.

Kim notes that the older floor is stored in a semi-trailer and does not seem to be affected by the heat.

Tom proposed purchasing semi-trailers instead so that they can be moved around the facility. The board notes that we will need some form of loading dock in order to move the floor in and out of the trailers.

Becky suggested painting the trailers with advertising for the Events Complex.

No action was taken.

- b. Proposals for placement of the cargo trailer used to store the event center flooring.

The board handled this item in the previous item discussion.

- c. Request to dispose of the old skid-steer equipment located at the Fairgrounds which is no longer required for public use.

Kim reports that the old skid-steer has become hazardous to operate since one of the drive gears is no longer functioning. A replacement gear would cost about \$4000, but since the skid-steer is only worth about \$3000 he feels that it is no longer needed for public use.

Kent moved to determine that the old skid-steer is no longer required for public use and authorize staff to dispose of the item by any means, with the idea of getting as much compensation as possible.

The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Review of proposals and award of contract for the 2019 WEC campsite water and sewer install project.

Kim presented the request for proposals as well as the only bid received from H.E. Hunewill Construction Co., Inc. for the purpose of installing water and sewer hookups for each space in the original RV Park located on the west side of the Event Complex. The bid totals \$98,971.00.

Chris moved to accept the bid from H.E. Hunewill Construction Co., Inc. and to authorize the project subject to confirmation by Humboldt County.

The motion passed unanimously.

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FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Kim reports that the 4-H wash racks were connected to City water on Thursday before the fair. The board notes that this solved the water pressure problem experienced last year.

Kim has offered the two indoor buildings to the ACTRA event next weekend in the hope of securing their national finals event. He notes that we may receive it by default since the Reno facility is undergoing an extensive re-model.

Fergus asked if the computer program used during the Ranch Hand Rodeo could be available for ACTRA. Kim notes that it would require our staff and possibly some additional training.

Kim reports that the entertainment tent blew down the day before the fair but with a work crew and some legs from Lazy P, we were able to have it ready for the fair.

No action was taken.

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 proposals were made by the board or staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chantelle comments that she will be resigning from the board due to her time constraints involved with returning to further her education.

The board thanked Chantelle for her time served on the Agriculture District #3 board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary