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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT)

March 30, 2015

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MINUTES MARCH 30, 2015

1. Time, Place and Date. The Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority met in special joint session with the Humboldt County Commission, in full conformity with the law at the Humboldt County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Winnemucca, Nevada at 2:00 pm on Monday, March 30, 2015 with Chairman Terry Boyle presiding.

2. Attendance. *Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Present:*

Terry Boyle	Chairman and Hotel Representative
Don Stoker	Treasurer and Motel Representative
Ron Cerri	County Representative
Jim Billingsley	City Representative
Bill Macdonald	Secretary and Counsel

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Absent:

Herb Ross	Vice Chairman and Business Representative
Kendall Swensen	Board Administrator

Staff Members Present:

Kim Petersen	Director
Shelly Noble	Administrative Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

None

3. **Business Impact Determination.** After review of the March 30, 2015 agenda, and report by Counsel that he saw nothing in the Agenda requiring a business economic impact study or statement, ***Don Stoker made a motion that no proposed agenda item is likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restrict formation, operation, or expansion of a business. The motion carried, 4-0.***
4. **General Business.**

4.1 FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 HUMBOLDT COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOPS, Winnemucca Events Complex. For discussion only.

Before addressing the entire Ag #3 budget, Kim wanted to discuss an expansion to the Event Center that is included in the Ag #3 budget request. WCVA members are at this hearing today to show their support for this project. They voted at their last meeting to match the Ag #3 request, \$800,000, for a total estimated cost of \$1,600,000. Kim reiterated to the commissioners that the Event Center was constructed at a time when the local economy was suffering, much like it is now. But since its completion 14 years ago, the Event Center has been very good for the entire community and has exceeded expectations. Included in the WCVA Annual Report from two years ago are some statistics that show since the construction of the Event Center, the fairgrounds has contributed over \$5 million to the local economy and has attracted over 45,000 people per year. A lot of this is during the traditionally slow winter months. We are now at a point where we need to increase the size to accommodate larger events, as is seen every year during Ranch Hand Rodeo when there are problems as the concessionaire tries to handle the crowds. There would be an additional kitchen/bar area and ADA restrooms, as well as seating for approximately 230 people. The proposed design would be approximately 6,700 square feet, on the west end of the building and could be used in conjunction with large events but could also be rented as a “stand alone” facility for private parties. Having this additional space would allow us to seek new events that require private areas for meetings, hospitality rooms, etc. At the WCVA meeting last month there was a discussion about including showers in this expansion. Showers were included in the original building design but were eliminated to reduce costs. The WCVA feels that we need to include them in this expansion so that we can attract athletic tournaments who have a need for showers and private meeting space. Don Walton, Assistant Athletic Director at Lowry High School, John Brooks, Lowry Wrestling Coach and Jim Billingsley all spoke in support of this expansion and for the need for showers. Mr. Billingsley also noted that there has been some discussion at the NIAA about holding all the northern state wrestling tournaments here, instead of alternating with Reno each time the tournament is scheduled to be held in the north. It was noted that this request does not require Humboldt County General Fund monies. The funds would come from the Ag #3 ending fund balance that is funded

with room tax proceeds and other tax proceeds. Commissioner French made a motion to accept the Ag District #3's request for \$800,000 from their ending fund balance to be used for the expansion of the Event Center at the Winnemucca Events Complex. The commissioners all voted to approve.

5. Regular Business. Next Meeting. The Board confirmed the next regular meeting date of Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 4:00 pm.

6. Adjourn. *Jim Billingsley made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.* The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm to the next regular meeting, or to the earlier call of the Chairman or to the call of any three (3) members of the Board on three (3) working days notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Noble

APPROVED ON _____, 2015

As written _____

As corrected _____

Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority Board

TERRY BOYLE
Chairman and
Hotel Representative

RON CERRI
County Representative

DON STOKER
Treasurer and Motel Representative

JIM BILLINGSLEY
City Representative

ABSENT
HERB ROSS
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Attest:

BILL MACDONALD
Board Secretary and Counsel

ABSENT
KENDALL SWENSEN
Board Administrator