Humboldt County Rodeo Board Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting March 8, 2017

Board Members Present: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dave Louk.Tom Brown, and Chantelle Nielson

Board Members Absent: Dale Owen, Fergus Laughridge and Becky Hill

Staff Present: Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals, Holly Lyon and Darrel Field

Others Present: Jill Chatfield, Kassandra Salvino & Arlow Nielsen

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Winnemucca Events Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Kassandra Salvino and Jill Chatfield suggested the board consider coin operated lighting for the new indoor arena as a good way to promote local usage of the facility.

The board thanked them for their interest and comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Dave moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the minutes of February 8, 2017 because there was not a quorum of the board members who were present at that meeting present at this meeting. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS

Chris moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$3,721.45 for Ag District #3 through February 9, 2017

\$2,866.56 for the Indoor Event Center through February 9, 2017

\$6,253.45 for Ag District #3 through March 8, 2017

\$7,590.68 for the Indoor Event Center through March 8, 2017

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Director has received and approved Sheree's resignation, effective on Friday, March 10, 2017.

2016/2017 BUDGET REVIEW

Kim presented the budget report. At 66% of elapsed time Tax revenues are at 92%. Fairgrounds Revenues are at 85% and Indoor Event Center revenues are at 71% for a total of Event Complex revenues of 181%.

Ag District #3 expenses are at 38% and the Indoor Event Center Expenses are at 49%, for a total of Event Complex expenses of 40%.

The Director reports that we are working on some capital projects including the pole barn structure to be used as a shop, removing and replacing the covered arena and remodeling the Exhibit Hall restrooms to ADA standards.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. SSIR

No report at this time.

b. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Tom reports that the rodeo went well with no major problems or injuries. Kim congratulated Tom on a successful rodeo. He also reports that due to an outbreak of Strangles, our expenses were up by \$2000 but State, Local and Rodeo Vets handled the situation well with little to no risk of spreading the infection at our facility. He further notes that Saturday ticket revenue was good but Sunday was down a bit with no barrel race and snowy weather.

 Tri-County Fair Kim and Darrel are working on a monster truck show to replace the flagging truck pull event.

Tom has a contact for a Demolition Derby event.

Dave left at this time.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

- a. Covered Arena Structure Status The bid process to remove the structure close on Friday, March 17, 2017.
- b. Storage Structure

Kim presented an initial drawing detailing the proposed building. The board discussed placement and determined that placing the structure at the end of the track is the best placement available to us at this time. Consensus of the board is to proceed with the structure as planned.

FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Kim reports that we have been testing LED lighting in the Indoor Event Center. He notes that they perform very well and will place the re-fit on the next budget. Tom reports that the gates behind the Indoor Event Center will need to be replaced soon.

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

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Additional public comment included a discussion about local access to the Fairgrounds. The board notes that vandalism has increased over the past several years. The board will need a policy about accessing the events complex, especially the upcoming covered arena.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field , Secretary