

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
June 17, 2026
Winnemucca Convention Center
50 West Winnemucca Boulevard
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

The meeting was held at the date and place described above at the time scheduled on the posted meeting notice and agenda. The attendees in-person and via remote technology and absences were as follows:

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Present:

Brian Stone, in-person	Chair and Hotel Representative
Terry Boyle, in-person	Motel Representative
Jesse Hill, in-person	County Representative
Melissa Munro, in-person	Business Representative
Abram Swensen, in-person	Board Administrator
Kent Maher, in-person	Board Counsel

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Absent:

Theresa Mavity	City Representative
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Staff Members Present:

Mike Mieras, in-person	WCVA Director
Shanna Dangel, in-person	Administrative Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Brandon Nuffer, in person	Western States Ranch Rodeo Association
Kaite Nuffer, in person	Western States Ranch Rodeo Association
Alejandra Sanagun, in person	St. Paul's Catholic Church
Ellie Sandoval, in person	St. Paul's Catholic Church
Phillip Arguello, in person	Koyote Kruisers
Michelle Hammond, in person	Murals and Music Committee

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, the board members in attendance constituted a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Nuffer commented on the need for weed control at the Winnemucca Events Center. Director Mieras stated that he was aware of the issue and was actively working on fixing the problem.

3. MEETING NOTICE REPORT

Chair Stone reported that the meeting notice and agenda were posted by staff prior to 9:00 am Friday June 12, 2026, at the Convention Center East Hall, the Convention Center West Hall (the place of the meeting), online at notice.nv.gov, online at winnemucca.com, and online at humboldtcountynv.gov. No persons have requested mailed notice during the past six months.

No action taken.

4. BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

After review and consideration of the effect each item could potentially have on a "business," as the term is defined by statute, the board agreed there is no impact.

Melissa Munro moved to make a finding that no item on the agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or to directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion carried, 4-0.

5. CLAIMS REVIEW

The following claims were submitted in list form to the board members with the meeting notice and agenda; there was the opportunity to review and obtain further information before or at the meeting:

<u>BANK ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Nevada State Bank	28828-28886	\$238,332.91

Chair Stone moved to approve all claims submitted for June 17, 2026. Motion carried, 4-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1) Accommodation Tax 9-month refund requests as follows: Brown (\$531), Frye (\$624), Guzman (\$459) and Timmer (\$837).

Melissa Munro moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried, 4-0

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Natalie Betschart, Euskaldunak Danak Bat, 46th Annual Winnemucca Basque Festival, June 13-14, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request of \$150 for the East Hall Lounge which is in addition to the \$2,000 Cooperative Funding facility fee for the West Hall approved on 5/20/2026.

Natalie Betschart was not present. The request for the facility fee waiver for use of the East Hall lounge was not included on the agenda with the prior request for the West Hall facility fee.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for use of the East Hall not to exceed \$150. Motion carried. 4-0.

7.2) Michelle Hammond, Murals and Music Committee and the Winnemucca Rotary Club, 2026 Winnemucca Murals and Music, May 28–31, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request East Hall main floor and lounge \$3,000.

Michelle Hammond presented the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for the Murals and Music Committee, thanked WCVA for the continued support and gave kudos to the WCVA staff for their great work. The event was well received, and Winnemucca now has 53 murals in 37 locations.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for use of the East Hall not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried, 3-0 with Munro abstaining.

7.3) Phillip Arguello, Koyote Kruisers, Koyote Kruisers Show & Shine, June 20, 2026, Cooperative Funding grant request \$500.

Philip Arguello for the Koyote Kruisers requested funding for the annual Show & Shine car show event. The popular event held at Vesco Park has been supported by the WCVA for several years. Attendance is always good and the event is enjoyed by the community. All funds raised from the event remain in Winnemucca.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Cooperative Funding grant request to the Koyote Kruisers for \$500. Motion carried 4-0.

7.4) Maria Hernandez, St. Paul's Catholic Church Marriage Crusade Ministry, Marriage Re-encounter, September 11-13, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request West Hall and Kitchen \$2,300.

Alejandra Sanagun and Ellie Sandoval presented the request for Cooperative Funding facility fees for St. Paul's Catholic Church's Marriage Crusade Marriage Re-encounter which will be held in September. The group is expecting above average attendance for this first-time event and has been marketing throughout Northern Nevada. Director Mieras inquired about additional sponsors for the event that the organization may have. There are currently no additional sponsors for the event.

Melissa Munro moved to approve the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for St. Paul's Catholic Church Marriage Re-encounter for the Convention Center West Hall and Kitchen not to exceed \$2,300. Motion carried, 4-0.

7.5) Angie Van Drielen, Winnemucca Witchy Market, Winnemucca Witchy Market & Witches Ball, October 23-25, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee grant request West Hall and Kitchen \$2,500.

Angie Van Drielen requested Cooperative Funding facility fees for the Witchy Market and Witches Ball which will be held on October 24, 2026. This is the second request for funding and the third-year for the event which, according to Van Drielen, brings attendees and vendors from throughout Northern Nevada, Utah and California. The event features vendors, food trucks, and entertainment.

Terry Boyle moved to approve the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for the 2026 Winnemucca Witchy Market and Witches Ball not to exceed \$2,500. Motion carried 4-0.

7.6) Eric Silva, Western Mine Rescue Association, Nevada Safety Olympiad 2026, July 8-10, 2026 Cooperative Funding facility fee request Winnemucca Events Complex \$4,800 and WCVA West Hall \$800.

No Rescue Association representative was present at the meeting. The Board discussed that the event was successful in the past and it is anticipated the upcoming event at the Winnemucca Event Center will be well attended. WCVA has historically supported this event which brings up to 12 teams of eight persons each to the community for three days, with many of the teams coming from out of the area.

Terry Boyle moved to approve the request for Cooperative Funding facility fees for use of the Winnemucca Event Center to hold the 2026 Nevada Safety Olympiad not to exceed \$4,800 and for use of the WCVA West Hall not to exceed \$800. Motion carried, 4-0.

7.7) Katie Nuffer, Go West Productions, LLC DBA Western States Ranch Rodeo Association, Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) National Finals, October 28-31, 2026. Cooperative Funding grant request \$20,000, Cooperative Funding facility fee request WEC \$7,200.

Katie Nuffer and Brandon Nuffer presented the request for the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) for a Cooperative Funding grant request and the WEC facility fee. This event is well attended and continues to grow each year. WSRRA hires the WCVA each year to perform their video production at a cost of \$11,000 and returns over half of the requested grant money to the WCVA for this service. The organization is requesting facility fees this year which they have typically paid to the County. Chair Stone inquired about previous equipment problems at the Event Center. Nuffer stated that all issues have been taken care of to their satisfaction.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Cooperative Funding grant for \$20,000 and the Cooperative Funding WEC facility fee not to exceed \$7,200 to the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association for the 2026 Western States Ranch Rodeo Finals. Motion carried 4-0.

7.8) Proposals to adjust the current fiscal year (FY 2026) budget prior to the end of the fiscal year, including budget augments and funds transfers.

Board Administrator Swensen presented a revised revenue and report schedule and explained the need for a budget augment primarily due to the increase in room tax revenue for fiscal year 25/26 which was budgeted at \$2.5M and was increased to \$3.7M. There was a \$5,000 deduction in the area of economic development, a \$50,000 increase in charges for services and an \$80K funds transfer was made from project reimbursement to miscellaneous interest and investments. There was an adjustment of \$1.245M to total revenue and an \$85K adjustment to expenditures.

Chair Stone moved to approve the WCVA FY 2025/26 budget augments and funds transfers and to authorize submission of these changes to the state. Motion carried 4-0.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mieras reported: (i) on the progress of the kitchen remodel proposed for the East Hall and West Hall, quotes have been received and the East Hall will also need a new hood system to satisfy State Fire Marshall requirements; (ii) quotes have also been received for new equipment in the concession stand at the Winnemucca Events Complex; (iii) asbestos testing was completed at the East Hall and no asbestos was found; and (iv) quotes for repairs to the ceiling areas as needed are in the process of being obtained.

9. COUNSEL REPORT

Board Counsel Maher reported: (i) two fraudulent room tax rebate claims were submitted and the matter has been turned over to the Winnemucca Police Department for investigation; and, (ii) the room tax delinquency by the proprietor of the Scottish Inn Motel is being pursued and an update on progress will be provided at the next meeting.

10. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1) Board Administrator Swensen noted that the Local Government Investment Pool continues to outperform the investment account. Room tax revenue continued to outpace last year.

11. OTHER REPORTS

No reports.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Dangel
Administrative Clerk

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APPROVED: July 15, 2026

VOTE: WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY BOARD

AYES: Stone, Boyle, Hill, Munro

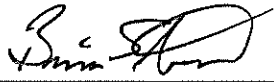
NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: Mavity

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Brian Stone, Chair



Shanna Dangel, Administrative Clerk