

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
January 8, 2025**

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher, Dave Louk, Dale Owen, Becky Hill and Fergus Laughridge.

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa, Tom Brown and Ginny Hawkins.

Staff Present in Person: Kim Petersen, Charlene Fetterly and Darrel Field

Staff Absent: None

Others Present in Person: None

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Jeremy Lutz of Nevada Department of Wildlife

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented at the meeting.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Fergus moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2024 as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

- a. Review and approval or rejection of bids to provide and place base rock in campgrounds E and B.

Kim presented a summary of proposals received for the project. Curtis Machinery bid \$190,000 for the project. Hunewill bid \$72,763 for the project. Our budget for the project is \$71,000. Kim notes that we have unspent capital projects funds in our budget to accommodate the \$1,763 difference.

Kim notes that the project will help control dust in campground E and raise the lower portion of campground B which will control flooding and help us keep up with the weed problem.

Fergus moved to accept the Hunewill bid of \$72,763 and reject the Curtis Machinery bid of \$190,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Jeremy Lutz of Nevada Department of Wildlife – Request to purchase Ag District #3 property.

Kim introduced Jeremy, asking the board to consider his request.

Jeremy comments that the Department of Wildlife has purchased a 30 acre pasture to create a feed lot for wildlife and livestock. He notes that they have spent some money on improving water sources. He asked the board to consider loaning the wheel lines and hand lines to his organization.

Kim notes that we did use the irrigation equipment to attempt to prove up usage of our water rights but with new construction he does not foresee using the equipment in the future.

Kent asked how much the equipment is worth.

Kim replied that he will get the answer, probably from Agri-lines.

Kent asked that the item be placed on the agenda.

No action was taken.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

- a. Labor Day Rodeo

The board renewed the discussion for improving the Labor Day Rodeo.

Becky commented that competing rodeos offer \$6,000 to \$10,000 added money per event.

The Director notes that we have five events during our rodeo so added money would need to total \$30,000 plus \$20,000 to our stock contractor.

Becky suggests that it will take a few years to get the attendance back up and maintains that we should be able to find sponsors.

No action was taken.

2023 - 2024 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the budget report as of 1-7-25. At approximately 60% of elapsed time, tax revenue is at 37.0% and room tax revenue is at 32.3%.

Ag District #3 revenue is at 78.2%, wage and benefit expenses are at 39.7%, service and supply expenses are at 55.2% and capital outlay is at 29.63.%.

Event Center revenue is at 109.0%, wage and benefit expenses are at 58.1%, and services and supplies are at 30 and Capital Outlay is at 94.%.

Kim notes that our Temporary Employees and Service and Supplies expenses are a bit high.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of the following:

\$65,006.51 for Ag District #3 through December, 2024

\$14,258.71 for the Event Center through December, 2024

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations since his wife 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

Kim reports that we have removed the old bucking chutes from the main arena and are working to install the new chutes.

Kim reports that Ramon will be retiring by the end of the month, having served 28 years at the fairgrounds.

Fergus asked if we could take some time to honor Ramon during the Ranch Hand Rodeo. The board agreed that we should make some time to do so.

No action was taken

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary