Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
February 11, 2026

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher, Dale Owen, Becky Hill, Katie Nuffer, and Ginny Hawkins

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Fergus Laughridge

Board Members Absent: Chris Bengoa and Dave Louk

Staff Present in Person: Mike Mieras, Charlene Fetterly and Darrel Field

Staff absent:

Staff Present Teleconference or Videoconference:

Others Present in Person: Brandon Nuffer and Cecil Shier

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference:

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026 as submitted

The motion passed unanimously.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

a. Review, accept or reject estimates for the stationary load out chute.

   Mike presented the two bids received. We received a bid from Hanssen C&C for 10,793.00 and a bid from Ackerman Distributing for $20,075.00.

   He notes that we have $16,000 in the budget for the project.

   Kent moved to accept the $10,793.00 bid from Hanssen C&C and to authorize staff to procure the chute at the next available opportunity.

The motion passed unanimously.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Staff reports that the women's and men's teams are full, we also have 20 bronc riders and 30 sale horses.

Mike comments that he is working to improve the horse sale. He sent Jacy to the Red Bluff event to try to get some added ideas to possibly include a dinner for consigners and buyers. We are working to get through this year and hit the ground running to bump up the horse sale for 2027.

No action was taken.

2025 - 2026 BUDGET REVIEW – UPDATE

Charlene presented the budget report as of 2-9-26. At 70% of elapsed time, Ag District #3 revenue is at 124.24%, wage and benefit expenses are at 47.31%, service and supply expenses are at 76.37% and capital outlay is at 39.84%.

Event Center revenue is at 67.20%, wage and benefit expenses are at 51.29%, services and supplies are at 81.32% and Capital Outlay is at 0.00%.

Tax revenue is at 48.05% and room tax revenue is at 63.89%.

Kent asked about Event Center Contracts and Agreements.

Charlene answered that these are amounts paid to promoters from event revenue. This amount will be better anticipated for 2026 – 2027.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Becky moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of the following:
$58,609.38 for Ag District #3 through February, 2026.
$52,687.56 for the Event Center through February 2026.

The motion passed unanimously with Kent abstaining on items from Communication Creations since his wife operates the business and Katie abstaining on items from Nuffer Fencing since her husband 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

Mike notes that our budget is due on March 4, 2026 and asked the board about proposals for capital projects during the next budget cycle.

Mike comments that he is working on the north end arena and access to the swamp cooler units.

Katie asked that projects in the 4-H barn be advanced such as moving the Hydrant and adding more water access throughout the barn. She would also like additional electrical circuits and access throughout the barn.

Kent comments that we have outgrown the 4-H barn and we should work to add a facility but projects to improve the existing facility should also be advanced.

Becky asked about the concrete walkway between the Event Center and Pavilion.

Charlene commented that we have leveled the dirt around it to hopefully prevent trips and falls but we will need to keep it on our watch list.

Becky mentioned landscaping noting more weeds than normal around the Barns and back arena.

Mike replied that he is working with the County Building and Grounds department to improve our landscaping.

Mike also mentioned improving communication all the way across the grounds noting that blue tooth technology has probably improved enough to add speakers for better event communication.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon commented on the loading chute purchase. He notes that he has seen a few and notes that the approach rails are too short to be safe so we will likely need to do some modifications.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary