Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
March 12, 2025

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher, Dave Louk and Dale Owen

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Chris Bengoa, Tom Brown, Becky Hill and Fergus Laughridge.

Board Members Absent: Ginny Hawkins.

Staff Present in Person: Kim Petersen and Darrel Field

Staff Absent: Charlene Fetterly

Others Present in Person: Cecil Martin

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cecil suggested booking the Jeff Palmer band to play during the Ranch Hand Rodeo Weekend.

No action was taken.

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Dale moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025 as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

Kim reports that a Fire Marshall recently inspected the facility. He notes that we had two failures including the emergency exit lights and the emergency fire alarm voice announcement but otherwise, we did very well.

No action was taken.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Kim thanked Tom for a great job in organizing the Rodeo and Judges. He also thanked Dale for being on hand for any other assistance during the event. He reports that we did have two injuries, a broken jaw and a spinal injury. He comments that we will be sending a check to the Cowboy Fund to help the injured athletes. Kim also reports that we had a good horse sale with decent prices, a very successful dog trial event, a good ladies ranch Rodeo and great weather until Sunday. He notes that we should have some basic financial information at our next meeting.

No action was taken.

2024 - 2025 BUDGET REVIEW – MODIFICATION

Kim presented the budget report as of 3-11-25. At approximately 65% of elapsed time, Ag District #3 revenue is at 86.98%, wage and benefit expenses are at 55.33%, service and supply expenses are at 60.85% and capital outlay is at 51.74%.

Event Center revenue is at 143.70%, wage and benefit expenses are at 62.29%, services and supplies are at 42.55% and Capital Outlay is at 94.96%.

Tax revenue is at 47.87% and room tax revenue is at 49.70%.

Kim notes that our Temporary Employees and Service and Supplies expenses are a bit high. But overall our budget is in good shape.

No action was taken.

2025 - 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Kim presented the proposed 2025 – 2026 budget. He notes that he has increased items we have learned are higher in recent years. He also summarized the proposed capital projects budget. His list follows:

Fairgrounds
1. $6,500 for power distribution boxes and cords.
2. $16,000 for the Events Complex website
3. $12,000 for Special event tent replacement parts.
4. $16,000 to construct a livestock loading ramp
5. $50,000 for Exhibit Hall Exterior Door / Emergency Exit Hardware retrofit.
6. $6,000 for privacy screen for livestock arena setups
7. $46,000 for a new arena groomer.

Indoor Event Center
1. $25,000 for Event Center overhand livestock holding pens retrofit.

Dale moved to approve the proposed budget for approval by the County Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Dave moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of the following:
$3,299.43 for Ag District #3 through February, 2025.
$92,863.29 for the Event Center through February, 2025

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

No information, proposals and or requests were presented at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary