Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
April 8, 2026

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Fergus Laughridge Katie Nuffer, and Ginny Hawkins

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

Board Members Absent: Dale Owen, Dave Louk and Becky Hill

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

Staff absent: None

Staff Present Teleconference or Videoconference:

Others Present in Person: None

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: Heather Nield

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

The board asked for corrections to the minutes, including: Correct the phrase on page 2 to “Red Bluff or the Van Norman sale”. Page 3: Correct the motion amount of $59,000 to $58,000.

Fergus moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026 as corrected.

The motion passed unanimously.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

Mike presented photos of work done at the Event Center, noting that we have installed The Nevada State flag and the United States flag on the Event Center. He noted that we will also be adding LED lights, shining down on the flags.

The pictures also showed the removal of the grass and replacement with ½ “ rock in front of the Event Center. Mike plans to keep the grass with better maintenance on each end of the building.

No action was taken.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Ranch Hand Rodeo

Mike presented the profit and loss statement for the event. He pointed out that the event netted $21,299.14, a $60,000.00 increase over last year.

Mike commented that he is working to improve future Ranch Hand Rodeo events concentrating on the Horse Sale. He is working to organize a dinner before the horse sale.

No action was taken.

2025 - 2026 BUDGET REVIEW – UPDATE

Charlene presented the budget report as of 4-7-26. At 85% of elapsed time, Ag District #3 revenue is at 131.17%, wage and benefit expenses are at 59.03%, service and supply expenses are at 85.32% and capital outlay is at 73.25%.

Event Center revenue is at 89.26%, wage and benefit expenses are at 60.06%, services and supplies are at 93.49% and Capital Outlay is at 0.00%.

Tax revenue is at 55.41% and room tax revenue is at 81.28%.

No action was taken.

2026 - 2027 BUDGET REVIEW – UPDATE

Mike presented the approved 2026 – 2027 budget. Capital Projects approved include:

Event Center	
Boom Lift:	$70,000.00
Tele Handler:	$170,000.00
Misc Upgrade inside Event Center:	$40,000.00
Ag District #3	
907 Mini Loader:	$115,000.00
Barn Doors 1A – 1C:	$125,000.00
Light Towers:	$48,000.00
Main Arena Grandstand upgrade	$40,000.00
Total:	$608,000.00

The board discussed the general budget as well, citing concerns over utilities for which, in the past, we have had spending overages.

The board noted that with the exception of trash removal, there is very little we can do to control utilities and insurance, since these are assigned by the Comptroller’s office.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Katie moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of the following:
$11,405.24 for Ag District #3 through March, 2026.
$9,955.79 for the Event Center through March 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Fergus asked about Charlene's job description which as of the last meeting was to be communicated to the board.

Mike answered that HR has written a job description but it has not been communicated to the board.

Mike reported that he is working with a consultant for commercial kitchens for the Convention Center and for the Events Complex.

He is considering turning the office on the north east side of the Event Center into a basic concession stand. He notes that we could get more use out of the space since it is currently only used in it's current configuration 2 or 3 times per year.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary