

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board
Agricultural District #3 – Regular Meeting
August 12, 2026**

Board Members Present in Person: Kent Maher, Chris Bengoa, Dale Owen, Dave Louk and Fergus Laughridge

Board Members Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

Board Members Absent: Becky Hill, Ginny Hawkins and Katie Nuffer

Staff Present in Person: Mike Mieras and Darrel Field

Staff Present Teleconference or Videoconference: Charlene Fetterly

Staff absent: None

Others Present in Person: None

Others Present via Teleconference or Videoconference: None

CALL TO ORDER

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MINUTES CORRECTION - APPROVAL

Chris moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026 as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)

- a. Temporary space rental by contractors
Mike explained that staff is receiving several calls per week from contractors requesting to rent long term RV spaces at the Events Complex, they claimed that there are no available spaces at private RV parks and the waitlists are months overbooked.

He approached the RV parks and the County Manager with the idea of renting 20 spaces at the Events Complex with the caveat that we would remove spaces from the park as spaces open up at the private parks.

The County Commissioners discussed the proposal at a recent meeting, tabled the discussion and asked Mike not to return the item to the next agenda.

Kent asked Mike to let the matter drop and remove any currently rented spaces.

No action was taken.

b. Information regarding Main Arena cattle pens

Mike presented photos of the completed capital project redoing the pens on the north side of the Event Center.

No action was taken

c. Acceptance and/or rejection of proposals:

i. Light Towers

Mike presented proposals from Empire Equipment for \$41,000 and United Rental for \$29,350 for 4 used light towers. By way of comparison, he also presented estimates from United Rentals for 62,169, Grainger for \$59,996 and Empire Equipment for 66,500 for 4 new light towers.

Mike recommended spending \$41,000 with Empire Equipment since they have a better product, a local vendor, a savings of over \$20,000, compared to new equipment, and a warranty of up to 250 hours.

Fergus moved to accept the proposal from Empire Equipment for 4 used light towers at a cost of \$41,000.00

The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Mini-loader

Mike presented proposals from Pape Machinery for \$124,400, Empire Equipment for \$119,601 and Bobcat Reno for \$118,077.

Kent asked if the Director had advertised the request for proposals

Mike answered that he had not.

Kent commented that if the project budget is over \$100,000 we must advertise the request for proposals.

No action was taken.

iii. Telehandler

Mike presented proposals from Cater Agriculture for \$163,000 and Empire Equipment for \$156,450.

Kent asked if the Director had advertised the request for proposals

Mike answered that he had not.

Kent commented that if the project budget is over \$100,000 we must advertise the request for proposals.

No action was taken.

iv. Barn Stall Doors

Mike presented proposals from Silver State Welding for \$112,854, Lucas Equine Equipment for \$178,334 and Classic Equine Equipment for \$181,970.

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No action was taken.

EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING

a. Tri-County Fair

Darrel reports that the schedule is up and stage entertainment has been booked with the exception of the Saturday night concert

No action was taken.

2025 - 2026 BUDGET REVIEW – UPDATE

No report is available at this time.

No action was taken.

2026 - 2027 BUDGET REVIEW – UPDATE

Charlene presented the budget report as of 8-10-26. At 10% of elapsed time, Ag District #3 revenue is at 35.81%, wage and benefit expenses are at 10.40%, service and supply expenses are at 15.29% and capital outlay is at 0.00%.

Event Center revenue is at 25.79%, wage and benefit expenses are at 10.48%, services and supplies are at 10.37% and Capital Outlay is at 0.00%.

Tax revenue is at 9.55% and room tax revenue is at 11.58%.

Charlene pointed out the Ag District #3 expenses in contributions are at 88% and the first line of Event Center service and supplies are at 52.52%. She notes that Shavings are quite high and the unexpected expenses of catwalks for the swamp coolers and \$14,000 for elevator and fire systems throw these numbers off.

The board commented that there was nothing we could do about or budget for these expenses.

Kent notes that we can always transfer budget items between lines and if the budget is over, we can apply for augments from the Comptroller. He advises keeping an eye on these numbers in case we need to take these steps at the end of the fiscal year.

No action was taken.

VOUCHERS – EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Fergus asked about the \$18,150 expense to James Vetter.

Charlene replied that this is the new panels on the north side of the Event Center. She notes that the payouts are made to the name of the person or organization for which we have W-9's on file but would be happy to list the project in parentheses for future voucher cover sheets.

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

\$53,574.34 for Ag District #3 through June, 2026.

\$10,887.06 for the Event Center through June, 2026.

\$72,228.13 for Ag District #3 through July, 2026.

\$2,090.53 for the Event Center through July, 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

Mike presented the final financial report for the 2026 Ranch Hand Rodeo. The event netted \$25,548.74 this year. Mike commented that staff is working to keep the momentum going with some changes and added advertising of the event.

No action was taken.

Charlene reported that we have completed preparations for the Tri-County Fair, including cleaning up some weeds and adding shade cloth to some of the outdoor pens.

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 6:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Field, Secretary