

**WHITE PINE COUNTY**  
**NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2022**

**Present:**

Kathryn Brunson (Chairman)

Bill Panagopoulos (Co. Chairman)

Travis Godon (Board Member)

Tabatha Hamilton (Board Member)

Martin Troutt (Board Member)

Pete Mangum (Board Member)

Rope Ashworth (Board Member)

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)

Kayla Couch (Secretary)

**Absent:**

Karen Wines (Board Member)

Corey Lytle (Board Member)

**Guests Present:**

None

**A. Call to order** - Called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Kathryn Brunson.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** - 6:00pm

**C. Public Comment Period** – No public comment.

**D. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda** (for possible action) - A motion was made by Travis Godon to approve the agenda/flexible agenda, Pete Mangum seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

**E. Review and Approve Minutes** (for possible action) - A motion was made by Tabatha Hamilton to approve the minutes for the November 3, 2021 meeting. Pete Mangum seconded the motion, Bill Panagopoulos abstained and the motion was carried.

**F. Nominations for Chairman and Co. Chairman of the Ag. District 13 Board.** (for possible action) – Martin Troutt moved to assign Kathryn Brunson as Chairman and Tabatha Hamilton as Co. Chairman of the Ag. District 13 Board. Pete Mangum seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**G. Delegation of Liaisons.** (for possible action) – Kathryn Brunson discussed what the liaison’s role, played in other entities. Martin Troutt voiced his opinion on the lack of communication between Beta Sigma Phi, 4H and a couple other entities. Kathryn announced that Beta Sigma Phi has a new chairman and has invited them to attend the Ag. Board meetings. Tabatha Hamilton stated if the Board wanted better communication, that it is important that representatives attend other entities’ meetings. Martin said he agreed, but doesn’t feel Beta Sigma Phi and others needs to be at every Ag. Board meeting. Martin also stated that requests need to come before the boards that they are requested from. The Board agreed upon the following delegations. Travis Godon moved to assign Kathryn Brunson for Beta Sigma Phi, Pete Mangum for Jr. Livestock and the alternate for 4H and Fireman’s Dinner, Bill Panagopoulos for White Pine Rodeo, Travis Godon for the County, Tabatha Hamilton for Tour and Rec and the alternate for White Pine County Horse Race Committee, Martin Troutt for White Pine Productions, Rope Ashworth for 4H. Martin Troutt seconded the motion and the motion was carried with no opposition. Corey Lytle and Karen Wines were absent and the Board agreed to see if they could help represent the Fireman’s Dinner and another entity.

**H. Reports -**

**a. Financial Statements** – No new reports.

**b. Budget** – Travis Godon stated that the County will do budgeting slightly different this year and described how the process would work. Martin Troutt

said that in the past, Bill Calderwood and himself would go through the majority of the budget for utilities and maintenance (including wages for the fairgrounds host) to determine an estimated figure for the upcoming fiscal year. Bill Panagopoulos recommended that a couple of members accompany Martin Troutt and Bill Calderwood on budgeting. Martin Troutt encouraged the invite. Tabatha Hamilton stated that she would be present during the discussion because she works closely with the County finance department and can relay information to the Board. Martin Troutt suggested going through the capital improvement items to get a good indication on where all the Board members stand for the purpose of budgeting. See agenda item K for more discussion (moved under flexible agenda) Martin Troutt said he would like the Board to invest in a snow plow attachment for the tractor and Black Widow track groomer. Martin Troutt stated that he would like to see these added as an item in the budget for fiscal year 2022, upon the Board's approval. Martin estimated \$7,000.00 for the snow plow which would include Carter Ag's services on hydraulic lines, and estimated \$11,000.00 for the groomer. The Board was in favor of adding the two equipment pieces to the future budget. Pete Mangum said he would like to budget for better pack material up at the 4H area. Martin Troutt said there is about \$5,000.00 - \$7,000.00 left out of the \$30,000.00 budgeted for material that the Board could allocate to the 4H area. Kathryn also advised the Board that this year they don't anticipate allocating \$55,000.00 to the Horse Race Committee like they did last year, and they can reserve funds from that item in the budget.

**c. Updates from Tour and Rec.** – Tabatha Hamilton stated that she sent an invite to Kyle Horvath to attend the Ag. Board meetings. Tabatha stated he was excited about the event center funded by SNPLMA and can't wait to get the project started. He also mentioned to keep Tour and Rec. in mind and would like to look at possibility putting in some art pieces or sculptures near the new facility. Kyle also suggested having a carnival at Marich Fields during fair weekend.

**d. Updates from Commission Liaison** – No new report.

**e. Updates from White Pine Horse Races** – Bill Panagopoulos said not much new and that last year's event was a success and that the committee is

moving forward to the outside fence of the track. Martin Troutt stated that he has went ahead and order materials for the outside fencing around the track, due to costs rising. Travis Godon announced that the augmentation of funds for the outside fencing project is on the County Commissioner agenda for January 6, 2022 meeting.

**f. Beta Sigma Phi-** Kathy Brunson stated that Beta Sigma Phi's new chairman is Jennifer Lesher and will be in contact with her on their meeting dates. Premiums were just mailed out and are still look at the full installment by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**g. Updates from White Pine Production** – Martin Troutt stated that they are looking at hosting the motorcycle rodeo event again this year in June.

**h. Fireman's Dinner-** No new reports. Martin Troutt asked if they were charged for the facility during fair weekend. It was confirmed that they were charged. The Board agreed to make it right this year by sponsoring a portion of their event this year. The Board agreed upon taking extra precautions that non-profit events are not charged to use the facility during that weekend.

**i. Updates for 4H** – Pete Mangum stated that they are in the processing of hiring the 4H Director and plans to be in contact with them.

**j. Updates for Jr. Livestock-** No new reports.

**I. SNPLMA** (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton stated that she received an email from her contact announcing that the start of the project will be February 1<sup>st</sup> and the Board has 1 year to request funding and begin. She explained the steps and outlined the timeframe to request funding for priority items in the project. Bill Panagopoulos asked if she could forward a copy to the Board. Tabatha also passed around the priority deliverable ranking list, agreed upon by the subcommittee for engineering purposes. The top priority listed is the race track area (railing, grandstands, and concession stand). Power upgrade and Event Center as second, lighting to arenas as third, facility convenient stations as fourth, barns and structures as fifth, trail signage and horse shoe pit lighting as sixth. The last priority listed is the event center corrals (see attached subcommittee note). She also mentioned the County and a SNPLMA representative are going to do a pre-work site visit.

**J. Correspondence** (for possible action) – No correspondence.

**K. Payment of Bills.** (for possible action) – Secretary services for the month of January in the amount of \$150.00. A motion was made by Bill Panagopoulos, Travis Godon seconded the motion. Tabatha Hamilton abstained and the motion was carried.

**L. Social Media** (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton said she received photos of the winners from the Jr. Livestock show and anticipates posting them to the group Facebook page.

**M. Capital Improvements** (for possible action) – Kathryn Brunson asked if the Board would like to add any additional items to the capital improvements list. Tabatha Hamilton said she would like to see more playground equipment and the park area for children. Bill Panagopoulos asked if that was included in the SNPLMA grant. Tabatha confirmed that it was not a part of the grant funding for the SNPLMA project.

**a. Highway signage** – Bill Panagopoulos recalled from a previous meeting that the Board was waiting to hear from the golf course committee regarding the agreement to use the location decided by the Ag. Board. Pete Mangum stated that the last meeting the Ag. Board tabled the item, with a possibility of placing the sign on the new event center. Bill Panagopoulos favored keeping highway signage on capital improvements. Martin Troutt recommended that the Board budgets an additional 20%-25% with the increase of prices.

**b. Multi-use livestock barn** – Bill Panagopoulos mentioned that the last quote he presented was \$50,000.00 outside of the initial budgeted amount. Bill stated that the pig barn is in despite need of replacement. He explained that contractors have inspected the building for repairs and recommended the entire structure be replaced. Other inspectors have said that the beef and lamb barns are still functional and could use a few minor repairs. Tabatha Hamilton clarified if the new structure would replace only the pig barn or suit all livestock animals. Bill responded that the pig barn for sure has to be replaced. Tabatha asked if the new structure could be designed to add on to it in the future, so that it could replace the current pig barn but potentially become the multi-use livestock barn they envision. Bill voiced that a decent

sized building should go up in place of the pig barn, especially with the new event center for holding livestock. Martin suggested getting more quotes from other companies and budgeting for at least the pig barn replacement. Tabatha Hamilton entertained the idea of putting the ultimate structure in the Ag. Board's master plan and prioritizing realistic items to reach the goal of the master plan on the capital improvement in the budget. Pete Mangum said he would contact Roper Co. to get some quotes on the structures including the arena cover. Tabatha mentioned putting the beef and lamb barn repairs under facility maintenance and repairs budget.

**N. Master Plan** (for possible action)- Tabatha Hamilton handed out a previous year's master plan. Bill Panagopoulos stated that there is a more recent master plan and will email it to the Board. Martin Troutt moved to have the most recent master plan sent to the Board members to review in advance, prior to the next meeting and would like to table the master plan agenda item until then. Travis Godon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**O. Review Contracts and Forms for the use of the Facility and Hosting Events** (for discussion/possible action)- Martin Troutt moved to table the item until the Board hears back from the District Attorney. The motion was seconded by Rope Ashworth and the motion carried.

**P. Future Agenda Items (for possible action)** – No new agenda items at this time.

**Q. Next meeting date** (for Possible Action) Next meeting is anticipated to be Wednesday February 2, 2022 at 6:00pm located at the White Pine County Library.

**R. Public Comment Period** – Bill Panagopoulos stated that Copper Day's Rodeo plans to host a rodeo event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. He discussed their goal to meet PRCA standards and host more event such as Senior Pro Rodeo.

**S. Adjournment** (for possible Action) – Kathryn Brunson adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM

WHITE PINE COUNTY  
FAIR AND RODEO GROUNDS BOARD  
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**Present:**

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Bill Panagopoulos (Co. Chairman)  
Travis Godon (Board Member)  
Tabatha Hamilton (Board Member)  
Martin Troutt (Board Member)  
Pete Mangum (Board Member)  
Rope Ashworth (Board Member)  
Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)  
Kayla Couch (Secretary)

**Absent:**

Karen Wines (Board Member)  
Corey Lytle (Board Member)

**Guests Present:**

None

**A. Call to order** - Called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Kathryn Brunson

**B. Public Comment Period** – No Public Comment.

**C. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda** (for possible action) - A motion was made by Martin Troutt to approve the agenda/flexible agenda. Travis Godon seconded, and the motion was carried.

**D. Review and Approve Minutes** (for Possible Action) - A motion was made to approve the minutes for the November 3, 2021 meeting by Pete Mangum,

seconded by Martin Troutt, Bill Panagopoulos abstained and the motion was carried.

**E. Discussion on Possible Full Time Hours for Fairgrounds Host.** (for possible action)- Kathryn Brunson stated it will be budgeted for and approved through the finance department. Tabatha Hamilton said Elizabeth Francis is will need justification for hours. Discussion among the Board continued on the possibility of hours that the Fairgrounds Host could accompany the maintenance/road department during slower times of the year. Martin Troutt asked Travis Godon if he could take the action to speak to Elizabeth regarding the Fairground Host's hours.

**F. Reports** (for possible action) -

**a. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo-** No new reports.

**b. Update from the Maintenance Department** – Shane Parman stated that he forgot to shut off the water to the lower lane and a valve had frozen and broke causing an ice sculpture. Shane said that the water has been shut off and the valve will be replaced in the spring.

**c. Copper Days Rodeo-** Bill Panagopoulos stated his update during the Ag. District 13 meeting under public comment.

**d. Safety Issues-** No new reports.

**e. Special Events** – Roping clinic and motorcycle rodeo held June.

**G. Future Agenda Items** – No new agenda items at this time.

**H. Public Comment Period** – No Public Comment.

**I. Next Meeting Date** (for possible action) – Next meeting is anticipated to be Wednesday February 2, 2022 at 6:00pm located at the White Pine County Library.

**J. Adjournment** (for possible Action) – Kathryn Brunson adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM