

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13
MINUTES OF April 5th, 2023

Present:

Tabatha Hamilton (Chairman)

Martin Troutt (Co. Chairman)

Ben Noyes (Board Member)

Stefanie Backhaus (Board Member)

Pete Mangum (Board Member)

Rope Ashworth (Board Member)

Janet Vancamp (Board Member)

Ginger Rick (Secretary)

Absent:

Cory Lytle (Board Member)

Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)

Guests Present:

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)

Courtney Thornal (WPC Maintenance)

Kyle Horvath (Tourism)

Kathy Workman (Finance)

A. Call to order - Called to order at 6:00pm by Tabatha Hamilton.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00pm

C. Public Comment Period: None

D. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda (for possible action) - A motion was made by Martin Troutt to approve the agenda/flexible agenda, Rope Ashworth seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition

E. Review and Approve Minutes (for possible action) A motion was made by Martin Troutt to approve the minutes from the March 8th, 2023 meeting, Stefanie Backhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

F. Correspondence (for possible action) – None

G. Approval for an Equestrian Trail System with Obstacles at the East/Northeast area outside of the racetrack. (for possible action)-A motion was made by Martin Troutt to Not approve the trail system with Obstacles at the East/Northeast are outside of the racetrack, Stefanie Backhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried with Janet Vancamp in opposition.

H. Reports:

1. Financial Statements – Courtney Thornal did not get them done, she will email them out on a later date

2. Budget –Tabatha Hamilton invited Kathy Workman to explain some budget information. Kathy states as far as Ad Valorem taxes is concerned, which is your net proceeds secured and unsecured property taxes, the county decides yearly, how to designate those funds and split those funds. These numbers have not been changed in a while. This year, we all know that we have some road issues going on. I will be presenting to my Board to change some of these numbers. If you look at the Ag district, I think it originally got point 035 I am asking that we change that to point 015, which is \$123,000 difference in revenue for the year. Tabatha asked where this funding would be moved to. Kathy states when I present it to the Board, they will have to

pick a fund. My suggestion will be that we create a new fund for this so that no other fund gets used to getting this extra funds. Therefore, we might create a fund called BOCC projects then they will decide whom to give that money to. Such as the Road Department or the RTC or to Public Transit. Janet Vancamp asked if every department was going to put into this pot. Kathy states only certain ones will be affected this year. Some of these are set by voter registration and some of these are set by different NRS's. I cannot change them all I only have access to change a few because of the legalities of it. On the ones I changed, this is the formula that NRS suggests that we use to calculate every year. Tabatha asked if this new percentage be just this year or would it be every year? Kathy states I would like to start looking at these every December and decide which funds need it or if we need the extra funds for another project or something else going on? Or to continue funding extra road projects. Tabatha states she is against the idea because that is the AG Board's budget money and does not like to see it being decreased. Janet Vancamp states especially with where they have done their due diligence and not spending. I just do not like the idea of being penalized on a regular basis. Kathy states I do not disagree with that I was just trying to find extra money for roads and other projects that we are going to need it for this year. It is just something that I chose to present. Kyle Horvath asked if the \$123,000 were to be reduced, what operations would have to be reduced or cut out from. What is that \$123,000 going to affect? Like on the ground? Kathy states absolutely nothing; they will still have over \$100,000 in revenue, which is what is budgeted to be spent this year. Ben Noyes states the reason why we decided not to do any major capital improvement this year is because we are holding that off knowing that the SNPLMA money that we have put into the facility itself is not going to cover what we really have envisioned for in our plans. We decided not to do any big capital improvement projects holding that money so it can be put into the SNPLMA project that we know we are going to have a big shortfall. We decided not to invest in a new tractor, or not invest in a lot of different equipment and upkeep of the facility itself, which could have been \$100,000 easy because we know that the SNPLMA project coming on is going to fall short. Martin Troutt states we could have replaced the rest of the existing wooden horse barns and put up new barns but we decided not to do that,

because that's part of the SNPLMA whole plan. However, knowing we're going to have shortfalls and then once everything is said and done, its things that we didn't anticipate that we're going to need so we wanted to build our fund to cover that type of thing. Ultimately, it is going to be a county commission decision. Tabatha asked if Kathy was just wanting their comments at this time. Kathy states you can write them, and I can present them to the board but I think it would be better if you guys present something in writing, or you guys came and spoke during public comment time. Kyle Horvath states I guess this would be a good time to make this point, I do not want to give fuel to the county to take your money any more than they already have. However, we do have capital improvement grant that is opening up next month. The Fair Board has been awarded money in the past for different capital projects. So, if it is looking like this is going to happen, and there is project probably not a \$200,000 Tractor, but making sure the barns are painted and whatever repairs need to be done. Repairs to the track, anything to support the horse races. I know Marietta will be on top of whatever the horse races need. But if there's other stuff the fairgrounds need, and mainly because we're going to be wrapping up this horse, visitor, horse lover campaign, with all of this information, which is you know, is going to be directing people to their grounds for boarding their horses and things like that. I want to make sure, if you know that if you need to hot Walker, if you need to paint if you need to do stuff to the bleachers that there is tourism money available for that. You know, it is a pot that everybody like the golf course will be coming for it. It is for capital improvements. Then I also have an outdoor recreation facility grant as well open at the same time. Therefore, since you are also a recreation facility as well you are eligible for that. Tourism is there to help with projects that you need. So, considering that we usually have about \$70,000 in both of those grants that can be awarded.

3. Updates from Tour and Rec. Tabatha Hamilton states I would like to open item **P** as it pertains to Tour and Rec as well if that is okay with everyone. It is the new project to utilize tourism and recreation grant funds. Therefore, since Kyle's here, we can ask him any questions if we open that up. Is everyone okay with that? Yes. Okay. So, like we discussed, we are

probably not going to do the grandstands project, and we have discussed requesting a different project. Therefore, I put an agenda item on so that we can decide whether we are going to do a different project or just give them money back. Having said that, I asked Marietta for some updates. She explained that they needed to update some cameras and stuff. She talked about the Hot Walker so I think that that might be a good project. We had said we would pay for a portion anyways. We could pay for some and Tour and Rec could pay for some. That would help the horse races not have to pay for as much so that they can update the cameras or whatever they need to do.

Kyle Horvath states it is totally reasonable to reallocate those funds for different projects, we prefer you not give the funds back and use them for something else. Tabatha states I am in favor of if its \$8,000 we have \$3,000 match then we know it is covered. Then the horse racing committee does not have to worry about it and we are using our grant. Ben Noyes states I would definitely be in favor of that. A motion was made by Ben Noyes to move the grant money over to the Hot Walker. Stefanie Backhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

Kyle states another project I was thinking of, was signage for the boarding. The last meeting I came to, you were talking about how it was like only 60% or something that pay because the sign is kind of under a tree. I would be down on getting a nice big sign with all the information about boarding your horses, the right contacts, feed or whatever information people would need. Just doing something that makes sure that you guys are capturing all of the money that is coming in from people that are boarding their horses. Ben Noyes states I think that it is the sign on the road that I think a lot of people are missing. It is the one down by the fairgrounds that they are kind of passing by, because it is tough to see as they go in the gate. Kyle Horvath states we could work with the ESCO, you are probably looking at about \$4,000 to \$6,000 for something that is going to be big, visible and new. Tabatha states it sounds like we want to apply for next year for signs possibly. We could put an agenda item on the next meeting to come up with the project.

Kyle Horvath states October 14, is going to be an eclipse and we are identified as a premier destination for this thing to happen. It could bring in

many people, it could bring in a manageable amount, or it could bring in a huge amount. The reason that the fairgrounds has come up is through talking with the Fire Department and Sheriff office, they're like, hey, if we just say it's a free for all across the county, and let everybody just go wherever they want to go, that's going to stretch our resources really thin. It would be beneficial if the Eclipse group could identify certain locations that already have amenities like bathrooms and parking and things like that, where we could focus our resources, such as putting a couple cops down their or whatever. We've kind of just been bringing more and more people in to try to capitalize on this, one make it as efficient, safe, and low impact on everybody in the community but also to make it as profitable for everyone in the community. You are going to have people that are going to want Ely stuff and they are going to want national park stuff; they are going to want things with bristlecone they're going want Eclipse things. This is an opportunity for everybody to merchandise the heck out of it. White Pine Main Street got a grant that was to come up with the artwork, the branding, the logo, a poster. Like I was saying before the meeting, that is all open source. Therefore, everybody and anybody can use this to put on whatever they want to use it as a fundraiser. So that is kind of the idea is that we want to throw a community wide festival that every group and organization gets a chance to showcase to this captive audience what they do. I know the Trails Alliance is going to be doing guided bike rides, the Museum is going to be doing talks on UFO history and having a party the day before. The Lions Club is doing their Pumpkin Chunkin following the Eclipse and so that's pretty much turning into like this renaissance fair thing. Then the Chamber's is doing a Pub Crawl, we are booking a band and it is going to play all Eclipse set list downtown. People are going to be here for multiple days, so there is the day of the eclipse, but then there is stuff you can do leading into it, guided horseback rides, rodeos, group golf tournaments. Why would you not want to play a golf tournament at a place where this eclipse is going to be happening? The Eclipse only happens for five minutes so now what do they do. Therefore, we are trying to get everybody prepared for putting our best foot forward. Essentially the fairgrounds were identified by all the first responders as you guys already have facilities down there, you've already got the bleachers that are facing east so why not throw a party? I think an

opportunity is allowing RVs to park there and charging them. There is an opportunity to make money on this, so that is kind of, where we are putting our resources and thought for the next couple of months. So hopefully, you guys are cool with us sending a bunch of horse people down to the fairgrounds.

Ben Noyes states my personal opinion is somebody needs to spearhead a group or talk to white pine productions or somebody rent the facility and take it on. Otherwise, it is going to be a free for all and it is just going to be mucked out mess. Therefore, I think you are right, but we need to organize the chaos down there. 100% everybody needs to be on the same page, so that when we get all the RVs that want to come park, and say we have 200 spots for RV's and when it's full, it's full. Whoever takes on that responsibility and wants to oversee that project rather it be a member of the board or someone in our community, I think that would be a great idea, but it needs to be organized and somebody needs to take that on.

Courtney Thornal states they are in the process of getting an RV waiver with the County Manager for all of our facilities just in case.

Kyle Horvath states that is what we are trying to work out now. We are trying to have these conversations eight months ahead of time, as opposed to a couple of weeks ahead of time. So that land managers are on board and know what they are dealing with. Which campgrounds they want to send people to, which other sites would be better for them, which places they do not want people to go. All of that will be communicated in our marketing.

4. Updates from Commission Liaison- No New updates, but Janet

Vancamp states I think everyone should go to the meeting on next Wednesday, or at least send a letter stating your case. A motion was made by Ben Noyes for Tabatha to write a letter with the approval of a subcommittee to be presented at the Commission meeting. Martin Troutt seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

5. Updates from White Pine Horse Races- Tabatha states they had a meeting last week. I was not able to attend but I asked Marietta and she said the condition book has been printed and it will be on the internet and Facebook shortly. They received \$20,000 from Tour and Rec aid organization, which is usually received, and then she talked about them needing to replace two cameras and a new setup off the grandstand and the other side of the Para mutual building facing the paddock per State Nevada Stewart Doug Ray. Therefore, they may take us up on paying half of the Hot Walker.

6. Beta Sigma Phi- Stefanie Backhaus states Murlynn Williams is now going to be the chairman this year. She just wants to let everybody know and she also would like to be added to the agenda. I also have their budget; they are asking for more money. They are asking to see if they can get an approval of getting 25,000. I asked for a breakdown to see where everything was going and the reasoning behind why they're asking for more money.

Tabatha Hamilton states, we currently still have \$23,000. We paid them \$17,000, so we do have the ability to pay them more this year. I think we budgeted next year for the same amount which was \$23,000. We might have to do a budget adjustment next year, but I think for this year we could. Martin Troutt States it would have been nice on this breakdown to see what their end fund balance was in 2021. A motion was made by Stefanie Backhaus to table request for more money so she can get more information to bring back to the board. Ben Noyes seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

7. Updates from White Pine Production – No New updates. Ben Noyes states they will be moving forward with the Motorcycle Rodeo.

8. Fireman's Dinner – No new updates.

9. Updates for 4H – Pete Mangum stated that they are still looking for Community Base Instructor, if anyone is interested.

10. Updates for Jr. Livestock – Pete Mangum stated Kayla is still working

on funding, I know she is working on a grant for portable pens. We figure we need about \$20,000 to get portable pens to start this year and then continue on when the event center gets going.

11. Miscellaneous Updates- No new updates.

I. SNPLMA (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton states not a lot of progress there. We are still waiting for the notice to proceed from the BLM archaeologist.

J. Fair Weekend (for possible action) – No new updates

K. Payment of Bills (for possible action) Tabatha states we are going to have to table the Go Daddy one because Bill is not here with the invoice. A motion was made by Ben Noyes to table the Go Daddy Bill. Pete Mangum seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

Secretary Service’s bill for the month of May 2023 for \$150.00 was presented. A motion was made by Pete Mangum to pay the bill. Ben Noyes seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

L. social media (for possible action) – Tabatha has been posting/updating via Facebook.

M. Capital Improvements (for possible action)

1. Highway Signage- Pete Mangum states I have made a little progress. I have shown Jake Brunson the new engineer at Mount Wheeler the plans. He says he thinks we can make that happen but I have not met with him but plan to next week. I want to talk to him about power without digging up roads. No other updates on signage.

Martin Troutt states I want to propose to the board tonight, I know that I was doing the pad. We spent the money for all the material for Reck Brothers to deliver it to the fairgrounds. Part of it I got down the other part I did not get done due to the weather we've had, and equipment shortage at the road department. I do not see myself getting the pad done in time. I do not want to cause any delays. Therefore, I have a quote from Reck Brothers to come in and finish the pad for \$8,514. I think we have the money in this line item. That is what I would propose tonight, that we go ahead and hire Reck Brothers for the quoted amount to finish the pad. A motion was made by Ben Noyes that we hire Reck Brothers to finish the pad. Stefanie Backhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

N. Review of Contracts and Forms for the use of the Facility (for possible action) - Nothing New

O. Approval of Special Rental Agreement Requests: Courtney Thornal States the Little League is very limited on where they can practice. So, they've been trying to do everything indoors. Tonight, the high school was overbooked, and have a scheduling conflict. So, I had a team reserve, the blue building, just to do like drills catch whatever. And they wrote the check and everything for the payment for \$100. But wanted to see if they could get the fees waived. It's a onetime thing they're hoping with the whether they will have to do it again.

Ben Noyes States I think it's a good idea to let him use it. The more we can use a facility the better. However, I would like to see a deposit of some kind just because if they're throwing balls in there, we got windows, we got doors, we got lights, there's a pretty good chance kids are kid and something is going to happen so there needs to be a deposit of some kind or some accountability, if something like that happens. A motion was made by Martin Troutt to waive the fees for the Little League just this one time. Rope Ashworth seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

P. Future Agenda Items (for possible action) Tabatha states we just have one and that is to develop a Tour and Rec application.

Shane Parman states someone from Las Vegas air streams called today and they were looking for a place that their club could possibly rent out to park 120-150 camping rigs. Tabatha states we ca put it on the next meeting agenda to discuss more in detail how something like this would go.

Q. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) - Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Library on May 3rd , 2023.

R. Public Comment- None

S. Adjournment (for possible action) - A motion to adjourn the Ag. District 13 meeting at 7:26pm was made by Ben Noyes, seconded by Pete Mangum and the motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA FAIR AND RODEO GROUNDS BOARD
MINUTES OF April 5th, 2023

Present:

Tabatha Hamilton (Chairman)
Martin Troutt (Co. Chairman)
Ben Noyes (Board Member)
Stefanie Backhaus (Board Member)
Pete Mangum (Board Member)
Rope Ashworth (Board Member)
Janet Vancamp (Board Member)
Ginger Rick (Secretary)

Absent:

Cory Lytle (Board Member)
Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)

Guests Present:

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)
Courtney Thornal (WPC Maintenance)
Kyle Horvath (Tourism)

A. Call to order - Called to order at 7:26PM by Tabitha Hamilton.

B. Public Comment Period – No Public Comment.

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

D. Review and Approve Minutes (for Possible Action) - A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 8th, 2023 meeting by Pete Mangum, seconded by Stefanie Backhaus, and the motion carried with no opposition.

E. Reports (for possible action) -

1. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo- No new updates.

2. Update from the Maintenance Department- Shane Parman states This is my first week back full time. I've been writing projects down to do. One thing that I have on here is in the overnight stalls, the horses dig out big holes. I was going to see if we could get some material to fill those holes. Then work on that fencing and gate, one of the plow truck drivers or the greater drivers hit the fence so I'll be working on that. I don't know if we can bend that pole backup or if we have to replace that whole pole. I'm just going to try to bend it back. Then cleaning out the manure at the pens down by the arenas. I was going to see if we could use the bobcat from the road department and clean out the steer pens. Ben Noyes states I would suggest you wait until about the week of the 17th sometime, that will give it a week to dry out because right now it's really wet. That would be my suggestions like the weekend of April 17th. Martin Trout states he will check and see if the bobcat is available. Shane states another project he would like to do is change out the carpet in the house, Shane states he would like to change it out with the snap together vinyl flooring. There was discussion on cost of materials and then Shane would install the flooring himself. - A motion was made by Pete Mangum to approve a PO not to exceed \$5,000 for the replacement of the carpet in Shane's house. Ben Noyes seconded, and the motion was carried.

3. Special Events-

a) Roping clinic first weekend of June 2023

b) Motorcycle Rodeo June 17th, 2023

c) High school Rodeo 2nd weekend in September 2023

d) Eclipse event October 14th, 2023

F. Future Agenda Items – None.

G. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) – Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Library on May 3rd, 2023.

H. Public Comment – None

I. Adjournment (for possible Action) A motion to adjourn the fair and rodeo grounds meeting at 7:41pm was made by Pete Mangum, seconded by Ben Noyes, and the motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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