

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022

Present:

Kathryn Brunson (Chairman) – (Via Phone Call)

Tabatha Hamilton (Co. Chairman)

Martin Troutt (Board Member)

Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)

Pete Mangum (Board Member)

Cory Lytle (Board Member)

Travis Godon (Board Member)

Ben Noyes (Board Member)

Kayla Couch (Secretary)

Absent:

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)

Rope Ashworth (Board Member)

Guests Present:

Michael Couch

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

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 Martin Troutt 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 Martin Troutt to approve the minutes for the March 9, 2022 meeting. Pete Mangum

seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

F. Correspondence (for possible action) – No correspondence.

G. Monthly Boarding and Temporary Stall Rentals (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton explained that a stall was set up for a temporary tenant, however there were concerns from the maintenance department. The concerns included the abundance of other tenants inquiring about temporary stall arrangements and having to tear the stalls down before large events; No power, lack and hassle of personal storage space. Kathy Brunson stated that she contacted Courtney Thornal and asked the maintenance department to hold off on the temporary stall set-up until the Board could discuss the concerns and contracts. Bill Panagopoulos expressed his confusion with the last meeting's discussion on the topic. Bill's impression was that the tenant would have to agree to vacating the temporary arrangement during large events noted in contract. Kathy voiced that even though noted in the contract, tenants may not abide by the agreement. Martin Troutt stated that by allowing one tenant, the Board would have to allow others and it would be a hard line to draw if problems occurred during event time, etc. Pete Mangum asked if Shane Parman recommends the City Corrals for boarding. Tabatha and Martin believed there is lack of livestock boarding there as well. Bill expressed his frustration with items on the Board agenda being discussed and agreed upon and then revisited. Bill stated he would like the Board to make a decision on the item and commit to the action made. Tabatha stated she was glad the concerns were brought up as she was unaware of the lack of power and potential issues that were not brought up in the last discussion. Martin explained that the fairgrounds is not the only place to board animals, there are other facilities that can cater to the needs of livestock. Bill Panagopoulos made a motion to reject temporary stall rentals and arrangements due to the concerns discussed. Travis Godon seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition. Bill recommended that if the topic is brought to the Board's attention, that the answer be "No", to avoid revisiting the subject. Martin also suggested informing Courtney Thornal and Shane Parman, so that they can also relay the information. Ben Noyes brought to the Board's attention the visibility of the visitor's board. Ben stated that people cannot read it nor are they aware of the drop box for fees. Ben stated he would like to see a more user friendly and visible information board and drop box with envelope slips. Tabatha asked if a work order could be submitted to the maintenance departments.

Kathy said she would contact Courtney Thornal and Shane about upgrading the information board.

H. Reports -

1. Financial Statements – Tabatha Hamilton emailed the Board the “Monthly Town Report” on April 4, 2022 at 9:14am. Courtney Thornal emailed the Board the “Monthly Summary” for the month of February on April 6, 2022 at 10:01am.

2. Budget –Bill Panagopoulos asked if the Board has heard or seen anything from the state gaming commission. Kathy Brunson suggested contacting the Race Horse Committee on information pertaining the gaming license.

3. Updates from Tour and Rec. – Tabatha Hamilton reported that she submitted a list of current events scheduled for the fairgrounds to add to Tour and Rec’s calendar of events in White Pine County.

4. Updates from Commission Liaison – Travis Godon reported that preliminary budgets have been approved, but could possibly be changed.

5. Updates from White Pine Horse Races – Bill Panagopoulos reported that discussed in the last Race Horse Committee meeting, the ability to host a sponsored race by the AQHA would be hard to meet requirements and qualifications, due to costs of DNA testing. The Committee agreed to host a non-official quarter horse race in place of the sponsored AQHA race. Bill explained that the purses will still remain high and appealing to racers. Bill stated that the committee has received sponsorships, funds are in order and that invites have been sent out. Kathy Brunson stated that the Race Horse Committee are welcome to request funds from the Ag. Board, to be considered; along with any other entity interested in requesting funds. Travis Godon stated that Marietta Henry has always contacted him well in advance for funding information and request, but has not heard from her yet this year. Bill reported that he was not under the impression that the committee was avoiding request of funds but aware that they would not receive the amount of funding allotted last year.

6. Beta Sigma Phi- Kathy Brunson reported that she had been in contact and that Beta Sigma Phi asked where that Board stood with accomplishing the

staining around the base of the building and water system. Kathy stated that she had informed them that the Board has budgeted for the items in the 2023 budgets. Pete Mangum recalled a discussion on forming a committee to accomplish the suggested projects. Tabatha Hamilton suggested placing a committee formation on the agenda for next month's meeting.

7. Updates from White Pine Production – No new reports.

8. Fireman's Dinner- No new reports.

9. Updates for 4H – No new reports.

10. Updates for Jr. Livestock-Pete Mangum reported that he presented Michael Couch's report to Courtney Thornal. Pete stated that there will likely be no costs to the County for the minor repairs and maintenance as it will come out of the Jr. Livestock's budget with the exception of the use of equipment.

I. SNPLMA (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton reported the SNPLMA team and project manager will be doing a walk through for projects from round 18 which includes the fairground project, on May 3, 2022. Tabatha stated she will be attending and suggested that another member attend as well. Tabatha reported that she has been inquiring about a time frame on available funds and believes they will be available on July 1, 2022.

J. Fair Weekend (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton reported funding options for the potential firework show for fair weekend. Tabatha stated that she has worked with Tour and Rec along with Michael Couch and agreed to apply for a \$5,000.00 grant through the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership grant program. Tabatha stated that Tour and Rec would sponsor \$2,000.00 for the display. Tabatha suggested that remaining funds be sponsored by the Ag. Board. Martin Troutt asked where in the budget could the funds be pulled from to make up the remaining \$5,000.00. Michael Couch presented the Board with packages and pricing options. Michael explained that the packages do not include the shells donated by Great Basin Pyrotechnics as a contribution. Michael stated that the figures are not set in stone and can be adjusted to cater to available funding. Ben Noyes asked Michael how far in advance he would need an official answer to prepare and order product. Michael responded that a month's notice at the latest would be acceptable. Ben stated he would like to see if the grant is awarded before

making an official decision on the firework display. Tabatha based her application on the amount funded for the show last year, applying for the max amount of \$5,000.00 in addition to Tour and Rec's contribution of \$2,000.00 in hopes that the Board could sponsor the remaining balance by augmenting the budget but explained it would be up to the Board's discretion. Pete Mangum suggested reaching out to other entities of fair weekend such as 4H, Beta Sigma Phi, etc. for funds. Bill Panagopoulos strongly expressed that Board should be responsible for the remaining funds for this event, rather than ask the other entities for funding, as it is the Ag. Board's job to put on a "great" fair weekend. The firework show would be the only fully funded event sponsored by the Ag. Board. Bill stated that he is very sympathetic to the community at this time of year, businesses and entities are hit hard for donations. Michael Couch explained that there is a noticeable difference in the small affordable package versus the package selected last year. Michael stated that the Ag. Board may not receive the same feedback as before if a smaller display is decided and would recommend that rather than spend \$7,000.00 in a small display this year, recover the Ag. Board's budget and plan for the future. Pete stated that if the entities help fund it may help promote and attend the firework show. Ben Noyes expressed his concern with the show being held on a Sunday night, with the show starting at 9:00pm and parents getting their children to bed before starting the work week. Ben strongly recommended a Saturday night. Bill voiced that Sunday night was decided in consideration of Race Horse Committees concerns. Pete agreed with Ben and would even like to see the location moved closer. Bill stated he is in agreeance with hosting the display on Saturday, and believes keeping the location at the landfill would not impact the livestock at the fairgrounds. Tabatha thought that some of the concerns with hosting Saturday was that it may pull people away from the fairground to view. Ben explained that most of the attendees of the fair are gone or leaving White Pine County, Sunday night. That hosting on a Saturday would be appreciated by so many other people who are already attending the event that weekend. Martin Troutt stated that he agrees that Saturday would be the best night and believes the Board should have a say on which night to host the firework event, rather than cater to the needs of the Race Horse Committee. Pete asked if the golf course was considered. Michael responded that the concern would be that the location and noise would be much closer to fairgrounds. The Board expressed that with feedback from the community the landfill was the best location. Bill stated that the

Ag. Board should take a stand and host the show on Friday or Saturday night. Pete asked about JCR gravel pit. Michael voiced he would select the landfill over the gravel pit. Bill stated he agreed with Michael from a firefighter point of view and voiced the brush and fire hazards near the gravel pit. Tabatha asked if the Board would like her to apply for the grant first before moving forward. Cory Lytle made a motion to support Tabatha Hamilton's application as drafted, for the heritage grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the firework display for fair weekend. Travis Godon seconded the motion and the motion carried. Martin believes if awarded the grant there should be no issues augmenting the budget to fund the remaining balance.

K. Payment of Bills (for possible action) – Secretary services for the month of April in the amount of \$150.00. A motion was made by Ben Noyes to pay the secretary bill, Pete Mangum seconded the motion. Tabatha Hamilton abstained and the motion was carried.

L. Social Media (for possible action) – No new report.

M. Capital Improvements (for possible action)

1. Highway Signage- Pete Mangum reported that he has been in contact with Terrae Trask and the golf committee has not met. Pete forwarded information from Stewart Signs to Mike Wheable to review as he is the county manager and is able to make decision on the behalf of the County. Pete said that Mike would like to individualize each recreation with it's own signage, such as the golf course, Marich fields and the fairgrounds - each having their own sign. Pete said he was unsure what Mike envisioned as far as electrical or stationary signs but reported he would reach out to him again before the next meeting.

2. Multi-use Livestock Barn/Pig Barn- Martin Troutt reported that Roper Buildings contacted him with a quote of \$77,615.00 that would be honored once the contract was signed. Martin stated that once the contract is locked in the construction time frame could possibility start late fall of 2022 or January of 2023. Martin also received a quote from Reck Brothers with a slightly higher cost of \$79,799.00 and is still waiting on an additional quote from JCR Development. Tabatha Hamilton asked about the dimensions of the building. Martin explained that the original dimensions were altered slightly to salvage the concrete that already exists. Pete Mangum explained that in the future when the livestock sale is

hosted in the event center the new pig barn could be used for panel and equipment storage. Ben Noyes questioned where the new pig barn would be built. Ben is opposed to having the new pig barn in the location of the old pig barn as it could impose on space around the new event center causing it to be in the way of access to other areas. Bill Panagopoulos explained if the new pig barn is not put in place of the old pig barn it would defeat the purpose of saving the concrete that is necessary. Ben stated he understands the concerns but highly recommends a long-term decision and feels the current location selected will impact the upcoming real estate. Martin understood that the reason the pig barn is located where it is, is due to the convenience of herdsman escorting their pig to the show arena through the already created alley way. Bill asked if the Board could lock in the quote as is and determine location later. Ben didn't see why they couldn't but advised the Board the cost of concrete in the new location is going to drastically increase the price of the new pig barn. Martin explained that the Board budgeted \$108,000.00 for the construction of a new pig barn and there would possibly be room to have the concrete poured if a new location was decided upon. Travis Godon made a motion to lock in price of the building by signing a contract with Roper Building and have the Board member discuss location and ideas for the permanent structure. Bill Panagopoulos seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ben stated he would like to see a layout of the master plan with a mapped-out area of all the structures and future structure to review at the next meeting. Bill said that he would forward the most updated master plan to those who need it.

3. 4H Arena Cover- No new reports.

4. 4H Ground Material- No new reports.

N. Review Contracts and Forms for the use of the Facility and Hosting Events (for discussion/possible action) - Currently waiting to hear from the district attorney.

Q. Future Agenda Items (for possible action) – Formation of a committee to complete the Beta Sigma Phi requests. Firework display under fair weekend item.

R. Next meeting date (for possible action) Next meeting is anticipated to be Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00pm located at the White Pine County Library.

S. Public Comment Period –None.

T. Adjournment (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:02PM.

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FAIR AND RODEO GROUNDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022

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Travis Godon (Board Member)

Ben Noyes (Board Member)

Kayla Couch (Secretary)

Absent:

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)

Rope Ashworth (Board Member)

Guests Present:

A. Call to order - Called to order at 7:02 PM by Co. Chairman Tabatha Hamilton

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 March 9, 2022 meeting by Martin Troutt, seconded by

Pete Mangum and the motion was carried.

E. Long Term Stall Rentals and Overflow (for possible action) – No New Reports.

F. Reports (for possible action) -

1. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo – Ben Noyes reported September is the anticipated month to schedule dates.

2. Update from the Maintenance Department – Martin Troutt reported that JCR is currently work on the outside fencing of the race track. Martin stated that Great Basin Engineering, engineered and surveyed the fencing project as a donation and suggested that the Board send out a thank you letter. Tabatha Hamilton stated that the horse race committee agreed to hang a sponsored ad banner for Great Basin Engineering during fair weekend to promote their business for the generous donation.

3. Copper Days Rodeo - No new updates.

4. Safety Issues - No new safety issues.

5. Special Events – No new updates.

G. Future Agenda Items – No new agenda items.

H. Public Comment Period – No Public Comment.

I. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) – Next meeting is anticipated to be Wednesday May 4, 2022 at 6:00pm located at the White Pine County Library.

J. Adjournment (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:07PM.