

Elko County Agricultural Association, District #4 Aka Elko County Fair Board

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Elko County Fair Board will meet in a regular Monthly meeting on:

Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Upstairs at Stockmen's Casino, Elko, Nevada.

All Public is welcome. Call 397-2769 for special needs to attend.

Fairboard Members

Chairman-Tony Buzzetti
Vice Chairman/Admissions-Dawn Leyva
Paramutuel-Executive Committee- Goivanni Puccinelli
Stockhorse Committee- John Henry Roderick
Stockhorse Committee -Millie Wakley
Home Arts Chairman- Tera Hooiman
Racing Committee- Justin McDermott
Stockhorse Committee- Jay Dalton



The Chairman reserves the right to change the order of the agenda and if the agenda is not completed to recess the meeting and continue another specified date and time. The public can comment on any agenda item by being acknowledged by the chairperson while the fairboard considers that agenda item.

- **Call to order:** Chairman
- **Prior Meeting Minutes-** the approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes. *Action Item*
- **Board, Staff & Committee Appointments:** *Action Item*
Appoint board members to the positions that resigned at the last monthly meeting and appoint staff/committee to various positions.
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
This time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.
- **Standard Bred Horse Racing:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of a Standard Bred Horse Racing event in Fall of 2020.
- **Motorcycle Jamboree:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of a return of the motorcycle jamboree to be held at the Elko County Fairgrounds.
- **Internet provider:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of a proposal by White Cloud Internet.
- **4-H / Elko Co Fair Livestock Show and Sale:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of the 4-H livestock show and sale.
- **Barn Sound System:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of replacing the sound system in the barn area by the 4-H groups.
- **Concert Kickoff for 100 Year Celebration:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of the upcoming 100-year celebration with a kickoff concert.
- **2020 Fair Celebration Monthly update on Planning:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and Consideration of the upcoming 100-year celebration.
- **Racing-stakes races:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and decision on the 2020 race dates, added money to advertise for the 2020 stakes races.
- **Grounds Rental Rates, Contracts, Arena signs and Banners:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of any changes to the contracts or grounds rental rates, arena signs and banners for 2020.
- **Grounds Report & Fairgrounds Improvements budget requests for 2020:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of the projects that have been done and going to be done with the improvement and upkeep of the Elko County Fairgrounds. Budget requests for improvements 2020.
- **Treasurers Report:** *Action Item.*
Discussion and consideration of the monthly financial report, present bills needing to be paid/and bills already paid.
- **Committee Reports:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration on reports from the: Office: JJ Roemmich
Home Arts: Tera Hooiman, Dawn Leyva
Stockhorse: John Henry Roderick, Tony Buzzetti, Millie Wakley, Jay Dalton
Marketing-Promotions: Daryl Santos, Dawn Leyva
Racing: Goivanni Puccinelli, Justin McDermott
Vendors/Admissions/Concessions: Dawn Leyva
Other Committees reporting
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Next Meetings: February 12, 2020 Stockmen's Casino Upstairs @ 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourns

Closed Personnel Session

AGENDA PUBLICLY POSTED AT: Elko County Managers Office, City of Elko City Hall, Elko Post Office, Elko County Fairgrounds main office board www.elkocountyfair.com Email: ecfbsecretary@gmail.com

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday November 13, 2019

5:30 pm

The Stockmen’s Hotel Upstairs Meeting Room

ELKO, NEVADA



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti Justin McDermott Jay Dalton Amelia Wakley
Dawn Leyva John Henry Roderick Goivanni Puccinelli

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Tera Hooiman

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer Angela Taravella-Home Arts Assistant
Jonathan Taravella, Grounds Manager Daryl Santos, Marketing

GUESTS:

Aron Means- V-L Rodeo Brian McIntosh-NV Gaming Control Jolene Stone-Motorcycle Event
Elaine Cassell Heather Gonzalez Denise Goff-Motorcycle Event
Chris Estridge-Motorcycle Event TJ Woodhall-Motorcycle Event Laura Moser-Motorcycle Event
Dale Lotspeich-White Cloud Ben & Kim McKnight-Elko Co 4-H Kaaren Ross- Elko Co 4-H
Julie Nelson-ECVA Amber Merz-ECVA

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Tony Buzzetti called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes:

Action Item

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting October 9, 2019. Jay Dalton moved to approve; Amelia Wakley seconded all approve. No one abstained. Julie Nelson stated in the meeting minutes that the ECVA was stated they would put on a BBQ; it was just a suggestion not a statement. Jay Dalton moved to accept that it was a suggestion Dawn Leyva seconded all approved

Public Comment:

Information Item

Jolene Stone, representing the event Rumble in the Rubies bringing back the motorcycle jamboree scheduled for Sept 11& 12. They have been in touch with JT and Angela and they would like to see what funds they need to pay for buildings and grounds rental. They want to try to bring in all the vendors and Dawn had stated she would help with their vendors as long as they split the money with the fair grounds. Tabled to January

Dale Lotspeich, representing the White Communications, based out of Twin Falls and Burley. They provide some kind of sponsorship like 2-way radios and wi-fi internet for the fairgrounds. They are purchasing Eagle Communications and he will be working for White Cloud. Tabled to January

Barn Sound System:

For Possible Action Item

Ben & Kim McKnight with Karen Ross has got a couple of bids for a new sound system for the animal barn area. It would be speakers inside and outside of all the animal barns, including new sound in the sale barn. It will have a switch board for turning only certain areas on. She presented a bid that they have received they have \$5,000 in donation and they have set up a fund-raising account at the EFCU for more donations. They may go to the county commissioners for any funds they fall short of. Tony stated we can put it on our wish list for the county budget requests. The bid was \$6,180.00 and they have about \$3,500.00 more in labor. The time frame to install was around this winter and when funding is all there. JT stated they will only have to go underground if they go to the new section where the goat prep area is at. Tony stated he agrees that we vote on in January and see what our out of pocket will be. Jay Dalton moved to send them forward with donations for the sound system; Dawn Leyva seconded all approved. Tabled again in January

Concert Kickoff for 100-year Celebration:

For Possible Action Item

Heather Gonzalez was able to make it tonight and has proposed some ideas for the coming fair. She explained getting the community involved is a great idea. Braemar Construction will do \$5000.00 in repairs so the board can put forth the money toward the concert money deposit. Smirks will make cups memorabilia, ect and is also working on donating product. The concert needs 5-6 box seats to auction off at \$500.00 apiece. They then raffle off each box seat. 2 for 10 or 5 for 20. She has hard numbers on the report attached. Carnival themed booths get tent donated for cover and businesses are to purchase each booth for advertisement and do carnival games. JT stated maybe that might cause problem with a new carnival. Both dates we discussed last meeting are open. Elaine is trying to get ahold of Chip Stone; he wants \$3,000.00 to rent the stage for one night. Tony stated the biggest concern

Concert Kickoff for 100-year Celebration: (continued)

For Possible Action Item

is the track minimizing the traffic? To get Lacy J Dalton here is \$5,000.00 4 rooms for 2 nights she will do a meet and greet. She can get the pre-sound check food for them donated. Either Thursday Aug 27 or Thursday Sept 3rd. Tony asked about set up time for Thursday and Elaine stated 2 hours maybe and that depends on stage setup. Kim McKnight asked about concert charge per person. Elaine stated \$20.00 a ticket. Julie Nelson stated they would need to do a lot of PR done to get a good draw on Lacy J Dalton. Kim McKnight stated she has done something like this, and we need a bigger name and charge more for the tickets. Julie Nelson stated getting with Rusty Barr and see the list they have and available. Heather Gonzalez stated we need to charge \$25-\$30 per ticket at least. We have our own stage and can use it just need to get lights and sounds.

Tony stated we need to decide on a date, and hard number from Chip Stone. Lacy J Dalton requires half down to hold the date \$2,500.00. Tony asked to discuss the dates first. They agreed Thursday Sept 3rd was a better date. Elaine will talk to him to see and Whiskey Flats would add to make it a longer concert. Tony stated giving the price it will fit more into our budget with Lacy J Dalton. More Discussion on the process. Justin McDermott moved to give the \$2,500.00 to hold Lacy J Dalton for Sept 3rd Giovanni Puccinelli seconded, Karen Ross asked about considered listening to more acts and get someone else? Tony stated maybe after this next year we will continue doing this, Millie stated with what Elaine brought it is excellent and after we see what kind of success it is we can go bigger next year. All Approved. no one abstained.

4-H Livestock Show and Sale:

Information Item

Tony Buzzetti stated the Executive members met with the Cooperative Extension Liz, Jill and Holly from Reno. Ben McKnight is also present from the Sale and Grievance Committee to answer any question. Ben McKnight stated they asked for an official document from them stating the breeding rule. Ben stated they must be member in good standing and intermediate kids only, so they are all the same age. We are trying to teach kids about the livestock industry. They think even if we take the rule out it will still be the same. Tony asked Holly the same exact question example if Justin takes a rabbit this year then comes the next year after only three online classes can he bring a steer. He feels the 2-year rule can stand as it needs to. He would like to see it stay a 4-H show & sale but Tony stated we may not have a choice going forward. The rule they have is only an interpretation by a couple of people within cooperative extension. There is going to have to be some accountability to some people. Kim stated you must be an intermediate and one year prior to and take classes. Tony in his opinion stated it is not your family or any one's family here it is affecting. It's the person that comes in and just wants to sell an animal. Karen stated it does discriminate against the ones that cannot afford to do breeding projects. Ben's argument the financial hardship as the animal can be sold a steer can be more expensive and cost a lot more than breeding. Karen also stated it is a catch 22 when kids start understanding the breeding, feeding program they become aged out of 4-H. With her own personal experience in 4-H she felt that is too long and missing the boat on teaching. More discussion and talk about tanking the sale. Going forward Tony stated the fairboard would have a voting member on the sales & grievance committee and the fairboard would govern the sales and grievance committee. Dawn read the email from Liz Barry. Dawn also stated that this is the Elko Co Fair and Livestock Show not the 4-H show and we need a person here from the 4-H at every fairboard meeting. Jay Dalton stated that our responsibility as a board is to put a fair together and we can change or get rid of whatever. 4-H has done a good job, cooperative extension is the problem. Kim stated that the program classes must be taken for the state level. We will build a livestock committee and get more involved. We will have another call with them before the next meeting. Tabled to January

2020 Fair Celebration Planning:

For Information / Possible Action Item

Some items other ideas were mentioned under the kickoff concert. Carnival themed booths and a dunk tank with the mayor, sheriff, ect, Petting Zoo, Memorabilia Booth having items, cups, shirts, hats, we are currently working on a book. We have our own apparel. Tony stated we had a suggestion of coins and Millie suggested on cups for the concert and beer booth during the fair. Hay Maze for people to go through for a scavenger hunt suggested in the street or behind the exhibit building. Dawn stated we have our people working on a logo for 100. Julie from the ECVA stated to piggyback on other things that are going on it will help. Involve the community with more people. Like cookoff contests.

Grounds Report/Fairgrounds Improvements Update/ Overnight Animal Requirements: *Action Item*

Grounds Manager JT Taravella reported they wrapped up safe grounds and we are now doing another event after Thanksgiving for Christmas. Requirements for animals coming through. A lot of the fairgrounds require paperwork on animals staying there. Angela stated we need to put them in a stall where they can be contained so we can disinfect the stall. Dawn stated when a horse is on the grounds without a vet check as the department of Ag confiscated a horse but will not send a vet to check the horse off. The horse has been there a month and a half and was covered in ticks. Millie stated on a health standpoint we need to protect us first as show horses don't want to come here and get sick. John Henry Roderick asked who there is at 4 am to check this. Dawn stated the problem is the Department of Ag dropping off horses without any vet clearance. JJ stated we have locks for all the stalls to control this they just need locked up except where we want overnighters to control where they stay and not let anyone put horses in the corrals without consent of the caretaker. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

Action Item

JJ Roemmich presented the bills and bills that have been paid, a fair financial report and a year to date profit and loss statement. An additional bill for the concert of \$2,500.00 was added to the unpaid bills to make the total \$49,464.53. Dawn Leyva made the motion for the paying the bills and accepting the treasurers report and Goivanni Puccinelli seconded all approved.

Committee Report:

For Possible Action Item

- **Office-** JJ Roemmich-discussed improving the website and the cost. Jay Dalton moved to pay to get a new website. John Henry Roderick seconded all approve. Nothing else to report
- **Home Arts-** Dawn reported on the meeting last month and we are having another meeting next week. They appointed some more superintendents. They will have more help and have rovers that just help during entry time. They want to scratch the \$500 award and put \$100 in each depart for an overall award and \$50 to adult and \$50 to kids. She stressed the amount of donations and what we paid out in premiums. Nothing else to report
- **Stockhorse-** John Henry we are having a meeting on Monday Dec 18th at 5:30pm at the exhibit building. Nothing else to report.
- **Marketing & Promotions-** Daryl Santos, working on getting donations. We are going to have a lot of people out there getting a lot of donation for a lot of stuff. We need to make sure that we have enough money to get racing money bottoms up for this year. Another thing he is working on is the Indian Relay Races with a 3-day deal with eliminations on the first 2 days and championship on the third day. He will print out and bring the stuff to the next meeting in January. The community loved it and wants it back. More discussion on the project and he will bring it more in January. Nothing else to report
- **Racing-** JJ Roemmich stated we need to get advertising for the stakes races out and advertising the bottoms raised for 2020. Nothing else to report
- **Chairman-**Tony Buzzetti-we need have some sort of checks and balances on grounds and building rentals. Who is booking it and the process that is taken? All rentals need to go through the fairboard. We will make a livestock committee they will be Jay Dalton, Goivanni Puccinelli and Tony to represent the 4-H. Nothing else to report
- **Admission/Vendors/Concessions:** Dawn sent out 36 carnival bids. Waiting to hear back from someone with a deadline for Jan 1st. Nothing else to report

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Next Regular Meeting Date: January 15, 2019 Stockmen's Casino 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ Roemmich

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*