

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 February 19, 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 January 15, 2020 meeting minutes. *Action Item*
- **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.
- **Elko Co Fair Livestock Show and Sale:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion of the proposed changes to the procedures and new committee for the 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.
- **2020 Fair Celebration Monthly Planning Update with Kickoff Concert:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and Consideration of the upcoming 100-year celebration.
- **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: March 11, 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 January 15, 2020

5:30 pm

The Stockmen's Hotel Upstairs Meeting Room

ELKO, NEVADA



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti Justin McDermott Amelia Wakley
Dawn Leyva John Henry Roderick Goivanni Puccinelli Tera Hooiman

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Jay Dalton

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer Angela Taravella
Jonathan Taravella, Grounds Manager Daryl Santos, Marketing

GUESTS:

Aron Means- V-L Rodeo	Brian McIntosh-NV Gaming Control	Chip Stone-City of Elko Liaison
Elaine & Chuck Cassell	Ben McKnight-Elko Co 4-H	Katie Upshaw
Nene Knudsen	Candi Kevan	Brenda Craven
Laurel, Mackenzie, Madison Wachtel	Jill Tingey-Cooperative Extension	Liz Barry-Cooperative Extension
Laura, Zayd, Layla Tinnin	Elise & Savannah Benzley	Brianna Bright-Elko Grange

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Tony Buzzetti called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes:

Action Item

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting November 13, 2019. Dawn Leyva moved to approve, and Justin McDermott seconded. All approved. No one abstained.

Board, Staff & Committee Appointments:

Action Item

Tony Buzzetti stated all board members will stay with the committees they have been serving. We are adding the livestock committee which will consist of Jay Dalton, Giovanni Puccinelli and Tony Buzzetti. Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion to leave the committees, board and staff present in their assignments. Dawn Leyva seconded all approved.

Public Comment:

Information Item

Chip Stone wanted to introduce the himself as the new City of Elko liaison. He will help when or where needed. Katie Upshaw is on the home arts committee and they thought it would be fun for a new logo for the fair 100 this year for a competition. They would give \$100 in cash, \$100 in admission tickets and get to ride on the fair float. Put this logo on the hats, t-shirts and merchandise during the fair. The home arts people would all wear the same t-shirts during fair, so they are easily spotted for people to get help. Tony suggested to put everything together and let the board know for sure so they can vote on it. Brianna Bright, we have a newly formed grange program in Elko County. She introduced the youth that were attending. They meet once a month and thank the fairboard for allowing them the meeting room. The president asked the fairboard to let them show at the Elko County Fair. All the kids introduced themselves and asked to be able to show at the fair. No other public comment.

Standard Bred Horse Racing:

For Information/Possible Action

Tables until contacted by person requesting or further notice.

Motorcycle Jamboree:

For Information/Possible Action

Secretary JJ Roemmich reported she contacted Jolene Stone and they said they couldn't not get anything going and was canceling the event.

Internet Provider:

For Information/Possible Action

Tabled till further notice.

4-H Livestock Show and Sale:

For Information/Possible Action

There have been several meetings with the 4-H/Cooperative Extension. They are establishing some rewording of the rules in keeping the 2-year breeding program. The sales and grievance committee will deal with problems and they will bring it to the Elko Co Fairboard livestock committee. We will need to meet with the Grange and go over things with them to get things lined up. Jill stated they are already getting ready for this year's fair and it takes time to get a show up and running. Giovanni-yes, we need more information and it is hard to get an answer until then. Tony -we need more information from Grange on who is dual enrolled and how many people are in the club. Brianna stated they can get that information to the fairboard. There are counties out there already working well with Grange and we can get information from them on how it all works and be successful. Tabled to February meeting.

Barn Sound System:

For Possible Action

Ben McKnight stated they sent an email to the 4-H clubs for more donation money as they are sitting at \$5,000.00 right now and Tony asked if they talked to FFA to help. Time frame for getting started on putting it in was discussed. JT stated if we could do it in the slow season that would be best for more help. They need to make a couple of more changes for being able to turn off certain areas. JT discussed on the speaker placement and to save trenching and installing more wire. Discussion on what it will be working like and having a couple of tv's for that area too. They are in the works. Grange stated if there are things that need fundraising for, they would like to help out too. Ben stated he would get her number. Tabled to February meeting.

Concert Kickoff for 100-year Celebration:

For Possible Action Item

Dawn reported that in talking with the public and after some thought they have decided to relook at doing a Lacy J Dalton concert. Dawn stated if we want someone that is even up and coming, we need at least \$25,000.00 to do a concert. She has been looking at different people and the money is just the band it doesn't include the stage and lighting. Ben stated Kim sent an email, there are some cheaper options and it breaks it down better. JT stated that some of the names your looking at we need to go all in and bank on concessions and bar. Elaine stated that the fee for Lacy J Dalton was donated if that would keep her in. Elaine stated she can reach out to someone and find out if someone is going to be close then we can get them to come here. Tony stated here is the thing we must keep in mind; we will have to run the horse racing and still have to keep the track open. It will take a lot to get that cleaned up before the next day. John stated that \$30,000 would work better in another area than just a concert. Tony talked about the mine expo concert and why they do so very well with it. Justin stated if we spend \$20-30 thousand and lose out then we are out. Chip Stone stated that maybe Cort Carpenter could come too. JJ stated they would do better to do something like the mud bog did with the stage on the grass and standing room only. On Thursday there are only stockhorse classes and it would be the cleanup that would be the problem. With Lacy J Dalton and Cort Carpenter they would be in about \$10,000. They would do an opening act that is Willie and Friends. Elaine Cassell talked more about them opening. Dawn suggested to the board that Elaine Cassell would get Lacy J Dalton with Chip Stones stage and sound and Cort Carpenter for another act. She will come back to us on who what where and when to get approval. Chip stated 2 will be better but not 3 as it takes too long to tear down and set up. Tony suggested that Chip to get involved in this. Best Western has donated the rooms for Lacy J Dalton, and she will get with Chip on what his group will need. Tabled to February meeting.

2020 Fair Celebration Monthly Update on Planning:

For Information / Possible Action Item

JJ & Dawn want a dinosaur race. We would charge like \$25.00 to race and offer. The costumes would cost like \$300.00-\$400.00 dollars and run it when the race gate is at the 100-yard dash. Put the gate at the water fountain to cut it down to a shorter race. They did it in Ely and ran like 30 people and they paid to nominate to run it. They donated the money to charity of their choice. Run it after just before the losing ticket draw. Like Friday, Sat and a final on Sunday. They liked the idea to donate to charity. Dawn stated they can do one of each color 10 costumes.

JT was thinking of redoing the bar top at the cowboy bar. The rancher's race and who every donates can come in an put the brand on the bar with a BBQ. He will put a sealer on it and that allows the ranchers to get involved. Daryl stated he is working on a couple of things; the Marine color guard to present the colors and maybe a fly over on Labor Day. We will get it advertised on the website and through word of mouth, radio and advertising. He is also working on an Indian Relay Race, PBR bull riding velocity tour or PRCA event. The bull riding would be the weekend prior to Labor Day and do the Indian relay races on Labor Day weekend. Tony stated that we can't run them over Labor Day weekend as we have so much going on that weekend. Daryl stated we can do all the weekend before. Pooch stated the fly over maybe not a good idea when they horses are on the track or in the paddock. We need to do it earlier like noon. The board would like to get the color guard and flyover and if we can see the cost of it to put it on.

Racing-Stakes Races:

For Possible Action

Secretary JJ Roemmich discussed the stakes races and whether we run the appaloosa / paint futurity. They wanted to run it again to see if it would fill. JJ asked can we advertise we are going to run \$5,000 bottoms. It was stated to do \$5,000.00 bottoms on 6 horse starting fields. Justin McDermott made the motion to put the bottoms at \$5,000 and we will determine the races ran each day. John Henry Roderick seconded. all approved.

Grounds Rental Rates, Contracts, Arena Signs and Banners:

Action Item

Dawn reported they had Mike Fauci come look at the building. We should not be renting the building in the wintertime as the heat is just going out the ceiling and it is costing us to have events in there. Normally we go through only about 2 tanks for the winter, JT reported they had it turned up as they polished the floors. Dawn stated all rentals needs to be paid in full at least 30 days before the event happens. We had a conflict in Nov with dual booking. We are going to sit down next week to be finalized on the procedure of booking the grounds. Dawn made the motion to keep all the prices the same as last year except change the procedure to have a \$300 deposit at time of application and paid in full 30 days before event. Justin McDermott seconded, all approved.

Grounds Report/Fairgrounds Improvements budget requests for 2020:

Action Item

Grounds Manager JT Taravella reported they want to do some improvements to the exhibit building which would cost approximately \$85,000. That would include insulating the building and changing out all the heaters. He wants to improve the exhibit building to natural gas from propane. He will look at the cost and permitting procedure. He would like to be notified of any other improvements to do for this year. Giovanni asked about the pari-mutuels in the bank room, the counters need to be replaced or repaired. JT will walk through it with Giovanni to get an idea of what all needs to be done. Dawn asked about the county requests can it be for equipment. Tony stated yes it could be. John Henry and Tony wants to put a couple of round troughs in the pens. JJ stated we need to put a window in the front middle of the announcer stand. Dawn has some windows she could donate for the ticket booths for bigger windows there. He will talk to Rob and get that done. Dawn wants to move the container from the barn area to behind the exhibit building and use it for storage. Also tear off the cold storage thing on the back of the exhibit building. JT stated we need more connectors for the aluminum rail. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

Action Item

JJ Roemmich presented the report from November 14, 2019 to January 15, 2020. The bills those that have been paid, and those that are still owing. Justin McDermott made the motion to approve the report, paid bills, paying the bills still owed and claiming \$1,824.74 to the improvement fund. Dawn Leyva seconded, Tera Hooiman abstained, all other board members approved.

Committee Report:

For Possible Action Item

- **Home Arts-** Tera Hooiman reported they did the meeting last night and one idea would be having a float to have all previous board members to ride on an additional float in the parade. They are doing a class on a new software program they are looking at. We need to have a premium printed this year. And Dawn will talk to Everything Elko to see if she will donate some of the printing. Registration will be the first 10 exhibits is \$5 and a \$1 for each one after that. There will be \$100 award in each depart. Nothing else to report.
- **Marketing & Promotions-** Daryl Santos, has finished delivering thank you notes and pictures. He has a new letter for invitation for new sponsors and has a thank you and request for old returning sponsors. He has been working on people who are setting budgets for now. Dawn created a new letter for the rancher's race and put on the rancher's race if they donate \$100 or more, they get admission tickets and will include the brand on the cowboy bar.
- **Racing-** Goivanni talked to Markita to do the book for cash handling and has the computer he is donating. He has a friend that does scrap for Nevada Gold like conveyor belting, pipe and whatever else they can donate instead of scraping. Nothing else to report
- **Admission/Vendors/Concessions:** Dawn reported, next week we are going to start calling Carnivals to get something scheduled. The college is going to pave the lot this year. She already has a band for the cowboy bar. Nothing else to report.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 19, 2020 Stockmen's Casino 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ Roemmich

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*