

# 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:

**Wednesday March 11, 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/Stockhorse/Livestock-Tony Buzzetti  
Executive Paramutuel/Livestock-Goivanni Puccinelli  
Executive/Racing Committee- Justin McDermott  
Concessions/Vendors/Admissions-Dawn Leyva  
Stockhorse Committee- John Henry Roderick  
Stockhorse Committee -Millie Wakley  
Home Arts Chairman- Tera Hooiman  
Livestock/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 February 19, 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 Lions Club:** *For possible Action Item*  
Discussion and consideration on the Elko Co Fair Parade Funding.
- **Livestock Show at the Fairgrounds:** *For possible Action Item*  
Discussion and consideration of a livestock show at the Elko County Fairgrounds for youth in July.
- **Cattlemen's Stockmanship & Stewardship Event:** *For possible Action Item*  
Discussion and consideration of the 2020 Stockmanship & Stewardship Event Women in Ranching Education and Development at the Elko County Fairgrounds August 12-13.
- **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.
- **Admissions fees for 2020 Fair:** *For Possible Action*  
Discussion and decision on the 2020 Elko County Fair Admissions charges.
- **Grounds Report:** *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.
- **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: Angela Taravella, Katie Upshaw  
Stockhorse: John Henry Roderick, Tony Buzzetti, Millie Wakley, Jay Dalton  
Livestock: Jay Dalton, Tony Buzzetti, Goivanni Puccinelli  
Sponsorship-Promotions: Daryl Santos  
Racing: Goivanni Puccinelli, Justin McDermott  
Vendors/Admissions/Concessions: Dawn Leyva  
Other Committees
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**Next Meetings: April 8, 2020 Stockmen's Casino Upstairs @ 5:30 pm**

#### Meeting Adjourns

**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](http://www.elkocountyfair.com) Email: [ecfbsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ecfbsecretary@gmail.com)

**NOTICES: STOCKHORSE COMMITTEE MEETING-MARCH 9, 2020 5:30PM UPSTAIRS STOCKMEN'S CASINO  
HOME ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING-MARCH 18, 2020 5:30PM EXHIBIT BUILDING @ FAIRGROUNDS**

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday February 19, 2020**

**5:30 pm**

**The Stockmen’s Hotel Upstairs Meeting Room**

**ELKO, NEVADA**



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tony Buzzetti      Justin McDermott      Jay Dalton      Amelia Wakley

John Henry Roderick      Tera Hooiman

**BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:**

Dawn Leyva      Goivanni Puccinelli

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Aron Means- V-L Rodeo	Melinda Saruman	Chip Stone-City of Elko Liaison
Elaine & Chuck Cassell	Ben McKnight-Elko Co 4-H	Katie Upshaw
Dessa Williams	Jacque Sloan	Brianna Bright-Elko Grange
Paul & Anna Syme	Jaime Slagowski	Maria Harris
Marva Smith	Ashley Barnes	Paul, Michelle, Jesse Husbands
Susan Wright	Mary McDermott	Katie Wise
Kristi Tomera	Kaaren Ross	Jennifer Whiteley

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Tony Buzzetti called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Minutes:**

*Action Item*

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting January 15, 2020. Amelia Wakley moved to approve, and John Henry Roderick seconded. All approved.

**Public Comment:**

*Information Item*

No public comment.

**Elko County Fair Livestock Show and Sale:**

*For Information/Possible Action*

Discussion on the Livestock show and sale, the meetings we have been having with Cooperative Extension and the Sales & Grievance Committee. Jacque Sloan asked about the livestock sale, Tony stated the has been the Elko County Fair Livestock show n Sale and we are working on reimplementing the 2-year breeding rule but changing the wording to be experience. Ben McKnight stated the additional info he has received, if we open it up the 4-H has to have their rules or 4-H cannot show in it. He knows it will cause problems for this year’s fair if we don’t do the 4-H program rules. The whole point in 4-H is to teach children how to progress in life. We have problems with the extension office here in Elko and he feels if we change how things are going and we don’t know the right answer we are teaching children how we handle conflict. There is already an open show that they can show in which is the FFA show. Ben is frustrated in what the cooperative extension is doing, they are having a meeting with the heads of cooperative extension and the county commissioners next month. Tony stated we thought we had made a lot of headway in the meetings prior to this, cooperative extension has now drawn lines in the sand. We won’t abandon anything; we have 3 kids that want to show, Brianna Bright stated that they have up to 28 kids enrolled, several are dual enrolled in 4-H and do not want to show in 4-H due to the current cooperative extension. Susan Wright asked if the Fairboard is considered all 3 nationally recognized groups FFA, Grange and 4-H. Tony stated there are a couple of kids here we are talking about, we shouldn’t be dealing with all this any way, but the cooperative extension has brought all this on us to deal with. We do finance it, it is our event, we are going to have to resolve this and it is not going to happen tonight and through the meetings we have already had we thought it was all ironed out. Brianna Bright stated grange also follows the same rules as 4-H with the record keeping. They follow the same rules the show has in place. Jacque asked about the Grange having their own show and sale. Susan Wright asked about the fairboard hiring a livestock superintendent to run the show? 4-H would bring their awards, Grange would bring their awards, and FFA would bring their awards. Most county fairs have a livestock superintendent. Tony stated that is an option, but the board doesn’t want that to happen. Jacque asked about the rule changes are they in October or are these rules changed last minute. Melinda asked about when was the last time the cooperative extension came forward for rule change. Discussion on the communication between the 4-H and the fairboard and that nothing has been brought to us. The 2-year rule is why we have had to do something. The Fairboard has created a

livestock committee, they will be the ones in charge. Tony stated as the meeting we had on February 10<sup>th</sup> it was decided the 3 kids would be granted a waiver for this year. Ben McKnight talked about the power struggle, if we open the show cooperative extension isn't going to run the show. Brianna stated we must work together; this is about the kids not about other things. Susan asked it to be open to all 3 national youth groups. Ben McKnight stated we are coming back to we are going to have to have some rules to stick by this year. We should not allow anything but 4-H this year. This is not a good long-term fix and we are band aiding something that will explode later. More discussion on the sale and allowing FFA in as the High School loses money. The Grange was created because of the way they were treated with the adults in the 4-H program. Tony stated we have been working on this since November and suggested to table it to next month. Jay Dalton moved to postpone to next month John Henry Roderick seconded Tera wanted to add that all parties need to be involved need to be included in the decision. All approved.

### **Barn Sound System:**

*For Possible Action*

Ben McKnight stated we got another donation from 4-H club Elko Big E another \$500.00. Ben stated he thought they were up to about \$6,500.00. Jay Dalton will donate his auctioneer fee for the sound system this year. Anna stated that it needs to include the small animal barn. Ben stated they will put speakers in zone so each zone volume is done independently so they can turn up their area separately. We will have to split between them and maybe upgrade changes after it is initially done. No questions. Motion to move to provide \$7,118.78 for the sound system for the upgrade. John Henry Roderick moved to pay. Jay Dalton seconded. all approved.

### **Concert Kickoff for 100-year Celebration:**

*For Possible Action Item*

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> concert-Elaine has been talking to Chip and the stage would be \$4000. The rooms are donated for the band and the meals dressing room and has a opening act so there is not out of pocket on that. The Free Press will trade out for the ad. Tony stated he was confused that he thought that we were bringing in a bigger band.

Chip Stone stated Kim McKnight asked him to present that if we do want to go with a bigger name either Confederate Railroad, Cort Carpenter and Lacey Dalton. This will be about \$35,000. Tony stated we have already committed to higher race purses this year and when you start talking about getting more sponsors. Chip stated that \$5000 is already covered with the deal Elaine already has. Aaron stated the stage from Utah is pulled by a semi and out on the track. The tear down is way easier and could be done within 2 hours. No people will be on the track and a generator is going to need to be provided. Lacey will be \$5000 to bring Lacey and just guitar player is \$3500. Willie and friends opening. Total of Elaine's deal \$10,500 \$25-35 per ticket. Chip stated that your big draw will be Confederate Railroad. He feels the big show will be better and we need to get going. Tony stated he follows the numbers and he wants to do that, and we need to have rain or shine insurance. They will require a down payment, they want offers and they will want half down. Chip felt we will do fine with taking all the stuff. Angela will get with Chip and we need to get the event insurance will cost us and what the other ones will cost us. Confederate Railroad will be \$10,000.00-12,000.00, Cort Carpenter will be \$5,000, Lacey J will cost \$5000. Stage could be \$18,000. We will also need a generator to rent. \$2000-\$2500 will be the rain insurance. Tony asked about the games in Elko or Spring Creek and will there be a game that night? Aron asked about the track and getting it prepped before the horses want to breeze that morning. More discussion on costs each thing will require the 50%. Jay Dalton moved approve up to \$40,000 to see what we can do with Confederate Railroad, Cort Carpenter and Lacey J Dalton and Amelia Wakley seconded. all approved. We are responsible for the advertising for the concert. Chip, Kim McKnight and Angela Taravella to have a title for the concert and they will get that to us.

### **Grounds Report/Fairgrounds Improvements budget requests for 2020:**

*Action Item*

Grounds Manager JT Taravella reported from our standpoint nothing is changed, the big projects can wait except when it gets warmer, we will run a natural gas line to the exhibit building instead of using propane. Discussion on the use of the exhibit building by Event Source in February for the Baby N Me Expo being canceled but no notification to JT. We could have rented the building that weekend for a baptism party but turned them down. Nothing else to report.

### **Treasurers Report:**

*Action Item*

JJ Roemmich presented the report from January 15, 2020 thru February 19, 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 \$ to the improvement fund. Jay Dalton seconded, Tony Buzzetti abstained, all other board members approved.

### **Committee Report:**

*For Possible Action Item*

- **Home Arts-** Tera Hooiman reported been working on sponsorship in Spring Creek. We are trying to finalize the premium list and figure out what we are going to need to generate. The premium list is going to be finalized the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Angela asked about the new program and doing it now. \$750.00 up to 3000 entries and would like to get going with it. No begin date or cutoff date with this program either it is available all year long. They have gotten all the posters out at the schools and hopefully going to get some back. Nothing else to report.
- **Stockhorse-** John Henry Roderick reported having a stockhorse committee meeting Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Stockmen's Upstairs.

- **Marketing & Promotions-** Daryl Santos, has been mailing, emails, face to face, meetings ect. He has contacted 471 entities so far. The rancher's race is already coming in. He went to a meeting with Nevada Gold and getting an understanding on what we will need to do. He has a sponsor letter that he has been giving out to the sponsors. He has been getting a lot of positive results. He is also hitting more restaurants too. He has the marine color guard out of Salt Lake will be presenting the colors. They only do fly overs on patriotic holidays. Discussion on the party and putting the brand on the bar or having a wall with small plaques to identify the ranch.

**Public Comment:**

- ❖ Melinda Sarman from the Nevada Cattlemen's just had the national cattlemen's conference and one of the programs is Women in Ranching and education program. They are seeing a need for specialized training for ladies with hands on training. They have had about 3-4 events each year and they want to have one in Elko Nevada. Elko County was selected due to cattle numbers, we are 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. She was asked to be a liaison to get the ball rolling the week of August 10th like the 12<sup>th</sup>--13<sup>th</sup>. Would do the cattle work in the morning, meet in the Home arts building and arena. Use the college for classroom setting during the day. She would like to see if the Fairboard would be on board. They would need some pens set up they would bring in a hydraulic chute. Jay encouraged everyone to attend. It is funded by Merch and the beef check off. Don't need many cattle and working with heat and needs to have those programs are ready to roll and soon as they are done, the cattle are watered, rested and hauled out that afternoon. The board stated they would table to next meeting but block out the dates for this event.
- ❖ Chip Stone stated he got the sponsor for Cort Carpenter for \$5000.
- ❖ Anne Syme stated she wasn't trying to cause conflict, she wanted clarification. She feels like things are blowing up with Cooperative Extension and wants things with the 100 year to run smoothly. Tony suggested there are parents, leaders and others that are disgruntled with cooperative extension. We must deal with the consequences now as those people aren't even here after what they have started.

*Next Regular Meeting Date: March 11, 2020 Stockmen's Casino 5:30 pm*

*Meeting Adjourned.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*JJ Roemmich*

**Jennifer JJ Roemmich** *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*