

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 October 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Upstairs at Exhibit Building Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, Nevada

All Public is welcome. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Elko County Fair Board by email: ecfbsecretary@gmail.com or by calling 775-397-2769

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.



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- Katie Upshaw
Livestock/Stockhorse Committee- Jay Dalton

- **Call to order:** Chairman
- **Prior Meeting Minutes-** *Action Item*
the approval of the July 29, 2020 and the special meeting on August 6, 2020 meeting minutes.
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
Pursuant to NRS 241 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.
- **2021 Fair Celebration with Kickoff Concert UPDATE:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and Consideration with the current situation in proceeding with the 100-year celebration.
- **Grounds Report:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of the projects that have been done, going to be done with the improvement and upkeep of the Elko County Fairgrounds.
- **Treasurers Report with 2020 No Fair 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
Livestock: Jay Dalton, Tony Buzzetti, Goivanni Puccinelli
Sponsorship-Promotions: Daryl Santos
Racing: Goivanni Puccinelli, Justin McDermott
Vendors/Admissions/Concessions: Dawn Leyva
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Next Meeting NEW DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2020 Exhibit Hall at the Elko Fairgrounds @ 5:30 pm

SEE YOU ALL JANUARY 13, 2021 TBD

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**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday July 29, 2020 5:30 pm
The Exhibit Hall, Elko Co Fairgrounds
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer Angela Taravella
Jonathan Taravella, Grounds Manager Daryl Santos, Marketing
Katie Upshaw Yolanda Duran

GUESTS:

Brian McIntosh Aron Means Ben & Kim McKnight
Jim Meeks Jill Tingey Tony Milano-Elko Daily Free Press
Jon Karr- Elko Co Commissioner

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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 June 10, 2020. Giovanni Puccinelli moved to approve the meeting minutes; Dawn Leyva seconded the motion to approve. All approved.

Public Comment: *Information Item*

Giovanni Puccinelli read a text from Pat Laughlin on behalf of the Silver State Stampede. The Silver State Stampede will support us in moving forward with the fair. Jon Karr reported as a county commissioner, doing a roll out based on zip codes, Elko County is in a red zone with covid-19. His understands the OSHA people will be more in the area now. On the fair he stated we have to be very proactive on it have the event safely with social distancing ect.

ATM Contract: *For Possible Action Item*

Tony asked to table to August meeting.

Board Position: *For Possible Action Item*

Dawn Leyva reported she has Tera Hooiman's resignation letter. Dawn Leyva moved to accept the resignation as home arts director. John Henry Roderick seconded; Tony read the resignation letter that Tera sent in. All Approved it will be on the commissioners meeting next week and Katie Upshaw will fill in that position for Home Arts Director.

2020 Fair Celebration Monthly planning update with kickoff concert: *For Possible Action Item*

The concert has been canceled and Parmalee will hold the date for next year. Lacy J Dalton is going to send the deposit money back to us for the cancellation. They will send a new contract to be signed for next year for the fair. The sound guy is set for next year too. Fair- Tony has been called by Commissioner Steninger and they do not want us to cancel the fair. He has been in contact with White Pine, Eureka, Humboldt county to get the fairs to keep going. We are currently on the agenda for next week to discuss the fair with the commissioners.

Tony talked to JJ Goicoechea today and his committee is having a committee meeting with state gaming commission about reopening too. Tony read the email from Brian McIntosh that he sent out for the board to have for reference in decision making on the fair itself. (Email read into the minutes). Brian stated the whole thing hinges on is the governor's orders. The other events mentioned are a different situation than the fair itself. He talked about wanting the fair to go this year for him as we need things to go and the next year horse racing licensing will be a nightmare. The governor has changed the stuff to be from phases to a different approach. He will roll out a new program on Monday. There are cases where employees, employers have not been wearing masks. If we run this week the governor can pull our license and revoke our race dates. His concerns are we cannot police the masks and we cannot really socially distance for betting. Post parade cannot exceed 12 minutes for social distancing betting lines. Yolanda reported on the betting windows, people in the windows for selling tickets we would have to only put 3 sellers in the satellite and reduce our sellers in the main booth. We have so much expense up front and if we cannot pack those stands, we will not be making enough

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Yolanda Duran

GUESTS:

Aron Means Lina Blohm Anthony Mori Kim & Dayton McKnight
Kathy & Pat Laughlin Jill Tingey- 4-H Nene Knudsen Lon Upshaw
Brian Daley Colt Sudder

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

Public Comment:

Information Item

No Public Comment

2020 Elko County Fair:

For Possible Action Item

Tony Buzzetti reported on the commissioner's meetings and recommended the Elko Co Fair 2020 100th celebration be postponed due to the difficulties with the governor's office mandates. The expenses of the track work, staff and just to have our governor revoke our gaming license is too much to risk. We will still have a gathering of the branding, roping and stockhorse events. We can keep a little bit of the fair going with having a Labor Day weekend gathering. Goivanni Puccinelli further explained the racing days and the licensing. They can take our license away and revoke any further years. Brian McIntosh explained the situation to the commissioners on what can happen or will happen. Lina Blohm have you evaluated the cost analysis of putting on the horse racing and what we are losing. On what premise is the horse racing being canceled. Tony explained the social distancing with the parimutuel betting, state stewards and betting window people do not want to work. Justin explained the races have to run in 30-minute windows. Dawn explained we pay over 100 people that work. Some of the organization will not work either, Choraliers, Cadets ect. Jay stated one big problem we have is we will lose our gaming license and it will ruin the future fairs that we know. Tony reiterated even though we are postponing the 100-year celebration we are still going to have some events for a Labor Day weekend gathering and have the livestock show and sale. Discussion on the carnival coming and Goivanni checked into the cowboy bar and concessions stand. Tony stated we can get some food trucks possibly. Goivanni will work on getting that done. Goivanni Puccinelli made the motion to postpone the Elko Co Fair races till next year. Dawn Leyva seconded all approved Goivanni added to the motion to go ahead with the livestock shows, and the stockhorse events. Dawn Leyva seconded the amended motion. All approved no opposition. No further discussion Jill Tingey asked about the premiums for the 4-H kids and she needs more information for those kids. The \$7.00 entry fee is waived. There will be tons of room now for the kids to social distance. Dawn asked about days for vendors and options for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Justin McDermott made the motion to refund the money for the race nominations that have been paid in. John Henry Roderick seconded all approved. Sponsor/vendor money it was stated to give them the option to have a refund, move over to the stockhorse and the vendor money that has been collected. Jay Dalton made the motion yes give them the option. Dawn Leyva seconded. all approved. Box seats-obviously not taking away the box seats away but maybe to donate all or a portion to the fairboard. Goivanni made a motion to give 3 option to take the refund the money back donate a portion or all to the fairboard for events this year. Justin seconded all approved. Kathy Laughlin asked about the parade and if there is a decision tonight. There is a discussion on the parade with social distancing and how that will work.

Public Comment:

No other public comment

Next meeting October TBD @ Exhibit Building, Elko County Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ Roemmich

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*