

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 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Building Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, Nevada

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Fairboard Members

Chairman/Stockhorse/Livestock-Tony Buzzetti
Executive Paramutuel/Livestock-Goivanni Puccinelli
Executive/Racing Committee- Justin McDermott
Concessions/Vendors/Admissions-Kimberly Johnson
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 August 18, 2021, meeting minutes.
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
Pursuant to NRS 241 this time is devoted to comments by the 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.
- **Improvements:** *For Possible Action*
Presentation by Silver State Stampede/Cathy Laughlin working in conjunction with the Fairboard on obtaining funds for improvements for the fairgrounds.
- **2021 Elko Co Fair Discussion:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of the 2021 Elko County Fair pros and cons. What to do with excess alcohol that is being stored, so it is not in a easily obtainable space where it is now. Adding in Handicap accessible seating for adults and children.
- **Grounds Committee:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration to form a grounds committee which would include a general contractor, Electrician, and an Architect to start the process of refurbishing the fairgrounds. Also, to assist/facilitate in the items needing done each month for the grounds manager.
- **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. Also a concessions stand checklist and \$1,000 cleaning deposit required at time of rental.
- **Treasurers Report with Preliminary 2021 Elko Co Fair Report:** *For Possible Action.*
Discussion and consideration of the monthly financial report, present bills needing to be paid/and bills already paid.
- **Committee Reports:** *For Possible Action*
 - Discussion on reports from the: Office: JJ Roemmich
 - Home Arts/Vendors: Katie Upshaw
 - Stockhorse: John Henry Roderick, Tony Buzzetti, Millie Wakley, Jay Dalton
 - Marketing-Promotions: Daryl Santos
 - Racing-Pari-mutuel: Goivanni Puccinelli, Justin McDermott, Yolanda Duran
 - Admissions/Concessions: Kim Johnson
 - Livestock Show & Sale: Jay Dalton, Tony Buzzetti, Giovanni Puccinelli
 - Other Committees reporting
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
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**Next Meeting dates: NOVEMBER 10, 2021 Exhibit Hall at the Elko Fairgrounds @ 5:30 pm
JANUARY 12, 2022**

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**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday August 18, 2021

5:30 pm

Exhibit Building, Elko County Fairgrounds

ELKO, NEVADA



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti Goivanni Puccinelli Justin McDermott Amelia Wakley
Kim Johnson John Henry Roderick Katie Upshaw Jay Dalton

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Daryl Santos, Marketing

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer JT Taravella, Grounds Manager
Angela Taravella, Assistant Yolanda Duran-Parimutuel

GUESTS:

Kim McKnight Chip Stone Neem Knudsen Dawn Leyva
Brian McIntosh-NV Gaming Sheriff Dep. Ana Bribiesa Andrew Knudsen

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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 July 14, 2021. Jay Dalton moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, John Henry Roderick seconded the motion. All others approved.

Public Comment:

Information Item

No Public Comment.

2021 Fair Celebration Monthly Update:

For Possible Action

Kim McKnight reported on the concert sales, they are a little slow right now. Chip Stone need to do some things locally and do some different avenues for advertising. Discussion on the advertising going on with our advertising agency and where they are advertising. Tony Buzzetti also reported they did a tv segment on the Road Trippin with Channel 2 KUTV.

Vendor Booth Space Approvals:

Action Item

Katie Upshaw reported on several vendors wanting approval for booth space. She originally only wanted food and retail. The Bureau of Land Management Fire Prevention, NNRH (wants to give water and free popsicles, which she is against that as they are directly affecting the sales of someone selling), Substance Abuse, VFW Lifesaving health care, Salt Lake Express, Dance Anex, 4-H, Political Booths and firemen with boots collecting funds.

John Henry Roderick stated if they want to pay, they can come but not for free. Giovanni Puccinelli stated the water and popsicles if they are for the kids he is for that but not for giving to everyone. She originally had thought they could be in one area for a community area. Millie moved to accept the vendors want a booth, that are paying for this but not political and in the future, we need to set guidelines for the vendor person and have it in the vendor application. They should not be giving anything away when they are in direct competition with other vendors. Kim Johnson seconded John Henry opposed the motion all other board members approved. The firemen and the boot which goes to anyone affected by fire. They want to be here right after the parade and another day. Pooch didn't have a problem for raising money for people in need. They may need to be on the grass with the food tables. Katie suggested they walk up and down the vendor area and maybe be on the grass. Wells Rodeo club is going to raffle off a beef and sell tickets inside the arena area. Giovanni Puccinelli moved to allow the firemen to have a little table on the corner with their boot. John Henry seconded. all approved.

Concessions:

Action Item

Kim Johnson reported there is some confusion on the new schedule and she has it figured out. Also, we are needing to pay all the concessions people more due to another day added on. Add on \$350 for the beer wagons, Cadets \$350.00, and the big concessions will be \$2,000.00. Goivanni Puccinelli moved to raise the beer wagons to \$350 and cadets \$350 and the big concessions \$2,000.00. John Henry Roderick seconded all approved.

Racing-Stakes Race Reports, Race Announcer, Track Stewards, Paddock Weight Off Judges, Stalling, Registry and Starting Gate:

Action Item

Justin McDermott reported the starting gate, and all their people are lined out. Changed the syndicate to a stakes race and entries start this next Tuesday and Wednesday. Giovanni will do the weigh off judges. We will need to get a new phone for the satellite. John Petti is coming to announce. Giovanni is trying to get ahold of Tony Harris.

Racing-Stakes Race Reports, Race Announcer, Track Stewards, Paddock Weight Off Judges, Stalling, Registry and Starting Gate (continued):

JJ reported on the numbers on the stakes races the Futurity has 14 paid in and the Derby has 9. Boss Tanks and Battle Born Trailers will do the horse ambulance. We are still trying to do the Dinosaur race but we will see.

Livestock Show & sale:

Action Item

Tony Buzzetti reported that they had a meeting last week Kim reported 125 exhibitors, 49 beef 73 sheep, 64 goats, poultry 30. Overall the numbers are up from last year. Beef and sheep barn is super full. Lots of market animals as well. Angela reported we keep getting money every day. The Livestock board discussed having a turkey auction to keep people there and the funds are going to go to a memorial scholarship for Walter Winchell. Jay reported one of his guys backed out for the ring and he needs another one. Justin will do it.

Security:

Action Item

The Sheriffs Department will have everything handled. The ATM guy will need assistance and Giovanni Puccinelli will coordinate those time.

Losing Ticket & Cowboy Bar:

Action Item

Giovanni Puccinelli reported the bar is ready to go and the booze is being delivered tomorrow. Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion to have the losing ticket each race day. Justin McDermott seconded all approved.

Grounds Report:

Action Item

JT Taravella reported he appreciates all the help, and we are all on the same team. He doesn't appreciate the paint being colored over and he wants to have the red, green the white. Tony isn't sold on the green and white as it makes it too close to other entities colors. Everything has been touched up at this point. In the fall we will decide on the colors at another dates. John Henry Roderick suggested waiting till October to decide on the colors of the fairgrounds. Jay Dalton seconded. all approved except Katie Upshaw opposed. JT also would appreciate more communication on anything going on with the property. Tony stated from here on and to get through the fair whenever some board member needs something for their department he is to be called and he will communicate to JT on what needs to be done. If you can't get ahold of him then it goes to Pooch and Justin. Kim suggested a priority list for the fairground's caretaker. There just needs to be a chain of order for calls and situations so there is more control over who is being ordered where. Volunteers have cleaned up the area and they are going to seal the asphalt all around the grandstands, to the cowboy bar and the parimutuel area. We are going to have to change our travels patterns through the grandstands now as no driving through constantly. Touching up the paint and cleaning up all the areas. The new tractor is here and working. There are about 19 loads of sand on the track and in the arena. Katie reported the pillars should be done right to the deadline, but they will look awesome. Millie stated she could bring in her Kiser drag but it would need a bigger tractor which they could bring in.

Treasurers Report:

Action Item

JJ Roemmich presented the report from July 15, 2021, to August 18, 2021. John Henry Roderick made the motion to approve \$119,813.65 for unpaid and paid bills. Justin McDermott seconded; Giovanni Puccinelli abstained from voting. All other board members approved.

Committee Report:

For Possible Action Item

- **Office-** JJ reported the Fair Office is selling tickets although it has been slow so far.
- **Home Arts/Vendors-** Katie Upshaw reported they had a meeting with all the superintendents, and she has over 30 vendors setting up the Tuesday/Wednesday before. The fire chief is going to hold to the 20 feet between the food booths. Retail booths don't matter. ATM guy when he drops off his machines and Pooch can be there. The banners on the corner were donated by Dawn Leyva for the 100 Year Anniversary. Nothing else to report
- **Stockhorse Committee:** John Henry Roderick asked if any friends or family wants to come help bring cattle in during the branding contest. The Youth and the draw pot no limit on the number of teams. We will have cattle for 70 teams. All set up for trucking and waiting for cutting entries for amount on them. Millie will be here for the branding. Nothing else to report
- **Marketing/Promotions:** Daryl Santos not in attendance.
- **Racing Committee:** Giovanni Puccinelli reported on supplies needed for the money room. Need ideas for guest announcers on second weekend. Nothing else to report.
- **Admissions/Concessions-** Kim Johnson cleaned out the bug concessions and had a youth group clean everything. The beer wagons are now figured out and admissions is covered. Nothing else to report.
- **Livestock Show & Sale- Committee** Jay Dalton reported everything is coming together due to a lot of volunteers. Nothing else to report.

Public Comment:

Tony Buzzetti stated due to stuff not being done last year, as a board he is really proud on how things are coming together, and we are going to have a great fair. We will have hiccups along the way and thanks everyone for their support and time. He hopes everyone will have time to enjoy it and not just stress about it all.

Next Regular Meeting Date: October 13 2021, Exhibit Building, Elko County Fairgrounds 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ Roemmich

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*