

Elko County Agricultural Association, District #4

Aka Elko County Fair Board

P.O. Box 2067, Elko, NV 89803

775-738-3616 Office Phone 775-397-2769 cell 775-778-3468 Fax

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

Wednesday March 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

NEW MEETING PLACE:

Elko County Nannini Administration Building Suite 102 540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada 89801

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-Kimberly Johnson
Stockhorse Committee-
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 February 9, 2022, 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.
- **2022 Elko Co Fair Planning-monthly update:** *For Possible Action Item*
Discussion and planning on all events for the 2022 Elko Co Fair. Having a band at the cowboy bar and additional events like the t-rex races.
- **Fairgrounds Improvements:** *For Possible Action Item*
Discussion and consideration on planning/starting the improvements for the Elko Co Fairgrounds bathrooms from the ARPA monies.
- **Grounds Report:** *For Possible Action Item*
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 Item*
 - Office: JJ Roemmich
 - Home Arts/Vendors: Katie Upshaw
 - Stockhorse: 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 reporting items.
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
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.

Next Meeting dates: April 13, 2022

Elko County Nannini Administration Building Suite 102 540 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801

This Notice is posted pursuant to NRS 241 as amended by the 2017 legislature and is to be posted at the following places no later than three full working days before the meeting:

Elko County Managers Office bulletin board, Elko Post Office, Elko County Fairgrounds office & Barn Area bulletin board

REQUEST FOR AGENDA INFORMATION:

The public may acquire this agenda and supporting materials, pursuant to NRS 241 by contacting JJ Roemmich, Executive Assistant, at (775)397-2769 or via email: ecfbsecretary@gmail.com or on the website www.elkocountyfair.com

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday February 9, 2022

5:30 pm

Towne Place Suites Marriott Conference Room

2625 E Jennings Way

ELKO, NEVADA



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti Goivanni Puccinelli Justin McDermott
Kim Johnson Amelia Wakley

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Katie Upshaw Jay Dalton

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS:

Pat & Cathy Laughlin Casey Gallagher Brian McIntosh- NV Gaming Control Board
Allen Mariluch John Ross Chip Stone Ben & Kim McKnight

* * * * *

Elko County Fair Board Chairman Tony Buzzetti called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes:

Action Item

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting January 12, 2022. Giovanni Puccinelli moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Justin McDermott seconded the motion. All others approved.

Public Comment:

Information Item

No Public Comment.

Board, Staff & Committee Appointments:

Action Item

John Ross has been recruited to the open board position for Stockhorse area. The county will be notified on the selection for final approval. Staff and committee appointments-Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion for the chairman to remain as Tony Buzzetti, Justin McDermott seconded all approved, Vice Chairman Tony Buzzetti nominated Giovanni Puccinelli to the position, Justin McDermott made the motion to leave Giovanni Puccinelli as Vice Chairman Amelia Wakley seconded all approved. Executive committee nomination is Justin McDermott-Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion and Kim Johnson seconded all approved. All committees will stay the same and John Ross will come on to the stockhorse committee. Staff remains the same as well.

New Event Center:

Action Item

Casey Gallagher representing the Boys and Girls Club, presented a packet of information on a new event center with a new aquatic recreation center. This is an old idea that they are just bringing new life into. They will have a Olympic size pool with an outdoor aquatic park. There will be a full-service commercial kitchen and will be able to be rented out. The event center will be around 100,000 square feet with a lot of grandstand capabilities. It will be versatile for all different types of events. It will have a cement floor to allow a bigger use of the facility. In the master plans there is an exit in and off the freeway right on Golf Course Road for closer access for the fairgrounds. Add somewhere to 1000-1400 parking lots. The parking at the fairgrounds is tough and the college owns the large parking lot. There will be a tunnel under the road from the fairgrounds to the new facility. The Boys and Girls club are there to serve the community and they are in the service business. This will not be under the encumbrance of prevailing wages, and they are looking at \$52,000,000.00 and with prevailing wage it does not make it feasible for the build. They will be getting a lot of donations to cover all costs. The location will be where the softball and baseball fields currently are right next to the fairgrounds. Pooch stated there are still questions by the city but there was a feeling that everyone thinks it is a good idea. Casey stated that they have done cash flow studies to get this to make money. This will fill hotel rooms and a lot of other things in this town we need to get people here. They will hire a director to run the facility that has a lot of experience and will work on making it go with a board. Tony reported he had been talked to twice and he was on board to support it. We could possibly work together with events even during the fair. There is a lot of opportunity for this to work. Pooch stated he really liked the project. They will have a big base of people to pull from for workers. They will work on money to fund this. Casey just needs support, so they know everyone is on board. The fairboard is in support of this project.

Grounds Rental Rates, Contracts, Arena Signs and Banners:

Action Item

JT Taravella reached out to different entities due to the inflation situation and local arenas raising prices and seeing the backlash on that he recommends the prices to stay the same. They want to change the Concessions deposit to \$1,000.00 and change the exhibit building winter rate to help with propane, Nov-April for winter rate. Made some other changes to the contract. All the events they are having to clean up and need to charge the fee for them cleaning up. All changes listed to rates and some changes to the contract. Each event will have to sign off with the ground's supervisor before and after the event. Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion to approve changes to the rates and contract and Justin McDermott seconded. All Approved.

Grounds Report-Fairgrounds Improvements Budget Requests for 2022:

Action Item

JT Taravella reported the new heaters for the exhibit building have been ordered, one is here but the other two are not here yet. Parker is going to put those in. The announcer's booth will get new windows in March along with the ticket windows. Waiting on phone calls for doors on the exhibit hall and the auction barn. Need to get cameras to put up for the points of interest so they can monitor the entrances. Will get 3-4 to make it sufficient \$800-\$1200. The entrance by the Basque house, by the barn area and Millie suggested the entrances be locked especially when there are no events. JT will get a price on a rolling gate for in front of the grandstands. Chip Stone suggested signs everywhere and they deter more than anything along with cameras. Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion to approve the cameras and tower for the grounds. (3) and a price for a rolling gate. Amelia Wakley seconded all approved.

Treasurers Report:

Action Item

JJ Roemmich presented the report from January 12, 2021, to February 8, 2022, bills paid, and bills still owed. Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion to approve the report with total bills paid. Justin McDermott seconded; All Board members approved except Tony Buzzetti who abstained due to a vendor relation.

Committee Report:

For Possible Action Item

- **Office-** Discussion on the concert for the fair. Chip Stone reported on Nesty is a large management company. They submitted an offer to them for a concert. They have offered them \$25,000 for Arron Watson. He has also submitted for Diamond Rio and they want possibly \$25,000 - \$30,000.00. There are other names as well that are possibly available and that is just the band and that does not include sound company's, stage ect. They are currently working on it. We can use the track and arena for the first Thursday before fair starts. We are waiting to hear back on bands. Kim would like to have a concert committee to have more people to help make all this go down.
- **Home Arts/Vendors-** nothing to report.
- **Stockhorse Committee:** Tony reported that John Ross will be on that committee, and we will try to have a meeting in March. Nothing else to report.
- **Marketing/Promotions:** Daryl Santos reported he is wanting to make changes for 2022 and would like the boards input. It was suggested removing the infield buildings off the premium banner so they can be placed anywhere we find room. Giovanni stated we could have about 38 signs above the parimutuel windows on the main building selling them for \$250.00 each. The satellite betting booth too would provide more signs. He discussed the rancher's race and bringing their branding iron to brand the wood for the barn. Millie suggested to the stockhorse donors bringing a brand iron or the livestock people too. Cathy Laughlin stated they want all the banners redone for their rodeo, so they look nice and sharp. Alkie stated since it is an annual contract with them, and the banners should be redone or kept good each year. Nothing else to report.
- **Racing Committee:** Justin McDermott reported he has talked to Jim Meeks about replacing Stewart Wilson. Jim thought George Kleeb would do it. Giovanni will talk to him. Bryan has received the application from the state and has been dealing with money the same as Elko. Ely will run \$6,500.00 bottoms. Discussion on the care's money through the county and state. Yolanda is worried about hiring enough people. Her biggest hassle was people asking questions not actually betting. She would like signs and have the runners change them with each race on placings. These people keep others from placing a bet. Also start advertising every August for tellers. Nothing else to report.
- **Admissions/Concessions-** Kim Johnson nothing to report.
- **Livestock Show & Sale- Committee-** Ben McKnight reported there is a meeting coming up on February 23rd and they have sent out all the letters, forms for their intent to sell animals. All is moving forward. JT reported Hought Atkinson is coming to look at the sound system we have and the sound system in the barn area to be installed. Nothing else to report
- **Additional reporting:** Tony reported he talked to Candace Roderick and donating to her family. Also, we will do some awards in the branding for John Henry. She will be involved with those decisions.

Public Comment:

No Public comment

Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday March 9, 2022 @ 5:30 pm Elko County Nannini Administration Building Suite 102 540 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, ***JJ Roemmich*** Jennifer JJ Roemmich ***Elko County Fairboard Secretary***