

Elko County Agricultural Association, District #4

Aka Elko County Fair Board

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Chairman/Stockhorse/Livestock-Tony Buzzetti

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Executive/Racing Committee- Justin McDermott

Concessions/Vendors/Admissions-Roy Elsner

Stockhorse Chairman- Jon Ross

Stockhorse Committee -Millie Wakley

Home Arts Chairman- Cori Rainwater

Livestock/Stockhorse Committee- Jay Dalton



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Building Elko County Fairgrounds 1090 13TH St, 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.

- **Call to order:** Chairman.
- **Prior Meeting Minutes-** *Action Item*
Approval or changes to the July 12, 2023, 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.
- **2023 Elko Co Fair planning:** *For Possible Action*
Update on progress with 2023 Elko Co Fair planning and events and YEDA doing a 50/50 raffle at the Elko County Fair.
- **Concessions and Cowboy Bar:** *Action Item*
Update and discussion on schedule for the concessions stand and contracted amount paid. Cowboy bar, beer wagons operations report.
- **Racing- Stakes Race Reports, Race Announcer, Track Stewards, Paddock, Weigh Off Judges, Stalling, Registry, Starting Gate and losing ticket barrel:** *Action Item*
Updates on the stake's races, race announcers selected, track stewards selected, paddock & weigh off judges, stalling and starting gate operations at the Elko County Fair scheduling times to give out service awards (2). Approval to spend the money on the losing ticket barrel.
- **Livestock Show & Sale:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration on the upcoming Livestock show and sale section of the Elko County Fair.
- **Security:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of the security handling of the Elko County Fair with the Elko Sheriffs Dept and other entities that are affected. Back gate security schedule.
- **Grounds Report and ARPA Improvements Update:** *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. Discussion on where we are with ARPA funds bathroom project.
- **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 on reports from the: Office: JJ Roemmich
 - Home Arts/Vendors: Cori Rainwater
 - Stockhorse: John Ross, Tony Buzzetti, Millie Wakley, Jay Dalton
 - Racing-Pari-mutuel: Goivanni Puccinelli, Justin McDermott, Yolanda Duran
 - Admissions/Concessions: Roy Elsner
 - Livestock Show & Sale: Jay Dalton, Tony Buzzetti, Giovanni Puccinelli
 - Other Committees reporting
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
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Next Meeting dates: October 4, 2023, Exhibit Hall at the Elko Fairgrounds @ 5:30 pm

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**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday July 12, 2023

5:30 pm

**Elko County Fair Grounds Exhibit Building
1090 13th Street
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti Giovanni Puccinelli Justin McDermott Jay Dalton
John Ross Roy Elsner Amelia Wakley

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Cori Rainwater

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS:

Tabatha McGarr -Yeda
Leena McGarr-Yeda

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Tony Buzzetti called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes: *Action Item*

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting May 10, 2023. Jay Dalton moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Roy Elsner seconded the motion, all board approved.

Public Comment: *Information Item*

No Public Comment.

Elko Lions Club: *Action Item*

Danny Benson representing the Elko Lions Club reported on the Elko Co Fair parade. The Grand Marshall this year is Dawn Leyva. He is asking for funding in the amount of \$1,800.00 to cover all advertising expenses. Millie Wakley moved to fund the parade advertising for this year's parade. Roy Elsner seconded all approved.

Insurance Policy 2023-2024: *Action Item*

The Nevada Insurance pool renewed on July 1st. There was an 18% increase in the rate to \$32,310.46. It will be claimed to operating fund. Jon Karr County Commissioner reported on the increase to the county, they are asking some questions as to why it is increasing as we have not had any major loss to anyone. Discussion on the insurance and cost of it. Giovanni Puccinelli moved to approve the payment to the Nevada Insurance Pool Renewal in the amount of \$32,310.46 Justin McDermott seconded all approved.

Liquor Tax and Grounds Concessioner's requirements: *For Possible Action Item*

Jon Karr restaurant owner ran the concessions for the Boys and Girls Club concert and the tractor pulls. His experience is the Sheriffs Department is there doing security. His experience is he is running the concessions for the truck pulls and a guy calls him and states he doesn't have a permit. He was hired to run the concessions stand and the guys states he needs a special permit. He already has a catering license, catering permit and a liquor catering permit why does he need another special permit? This is an event center, and all the events are special events. He is going to the City of Elko to work on getting this changed, if they already have a catering license for special events, you will not need another special permit. He also must get the City of Elko Police Chiefs signature for the liquor license when they do not do any of the security at the fairgrounds. The Elko County Sheriffs Department is the one that does the security, and they are fully involved in the events at the fairgrounds. Is there any logic in this at all. He would like to work with the city to streamline this. The Sheriffs Office spends about \$100,000.00 in overtime for security for events the whole summer. He was talking to the Sherrif and if they could impose a 4-5% liquor tax to cover those costs. He also has never felt that the fairboard charges enough on the concessions stand 5% gross on the concessions stands for the fairgrounds. Angela & JT reported when an event comes in from out of town, they must also have a traveling show permit saying it is ok for them to come into town to put the event on. Anything additional they must also get like special event, liquor and vendor permits that is on the event person to get all this done. Giovanni called the city license department and there are like 4 different things on just the liquor license. The way they separate it is if it is private, it is considered catering and if it is public, it is considered a special event. Most of the events here fall under special

Liquor Tax and Grounds Concessioner's requirements: *continued*

events. Jon Karr stated that if he already has the licenses for catering at events, he should not have to get anything additional and why does the City Police Chief sign off on a license that they really have nothing to do with other than the signature. This is more of a discussion for us, and he is planning to talk to the city council to streamline the permitting process/policies. Discussion on the security at the fair with the city of Elko Police and what it was and how it is being done today. The Sheriffs department stated they are doing the security and are funded for the extra for events they need. Discussion on the staffing and where they need people. Discussion on the concession stand and a 5% gross sales charge in addition to the rental charge on the concessions stand. He stated he pays the city 10% on the golf course for the concessions stand there. Tony stated it is needed to sit down with the city and work with Jon on getting the permitting process for events streamlined. As for the concessions, we also may need to raise our rates or look at a percentage. More discussion on security at the fair. This will be tabled to the October meeting for the concession stand charge and the City of Elko permitting process. Jay Dalton moved to table to October meeting. Roy Elsner seconded all approved.

2023 Elko Co Fair Planning: *For Possible Action Item*

Yeda Tabatha & Leena McGarr did a presentation on YEDA. They are asking to be able to sell raffle tickets for a 50/50 raffle at the fair. This will raise funds to go to the National show. The board asked this to be tabled till the August 9th meeting for more information on their plans. Goivanni Puccinelli moved to table till August 9th meeting. Millie Wakley seconded all approved. Nevada Gold has proposed a Miners Day at the fair. Daryl Santos reported on meeting with them tomorrow to go over the requests and sponsorship from Nevada Gold. Tony reported the day this year is Sat August 26th. That is the day of their 1st inaugural branding contest. Tony will work with Tami and Daryl on the requests. The T-Rex races are on that same day. Daryl reported the Elko Fire Department has given the flag we hang from the lifts for fair. They need recognition for this at fair time.

Grounds Reports and ARPA Improvements Update: *For Possible Action Item*

JT Taravella reported we are starting back on the bathroom improvements in October. He would like to get more funds to improve the bathrooms like we had planned. We only have 25 toilets in both bathrooms, and they are not enough. We need more toilets. Goivanni stated we must do the roof on them first. JT reported we replaced 18 toilets as the plumbing is not like it was in the 90's and it had to be moved to get toilets installed. The old Dodge has a flat tire and gets new tires for the dodge, the welder has shorted out on them. The bridge replacement has not been a good project, but it is done nicely. The sheriffs dept give us an F250 and it is throwing a spark plug constantly. One trough is in and looking to get the other 2 done between Stampede and Fair. Tony asked about the track worker from the county that has it been resolved. Dennis did not want to let his guy work more than 40 hours each week. Alfonso stated there is no way Dennis can tell his worker that he can't work on his days off. Discussion on meeting with Dennis and understanding what we need. We are going to need some sand and we have some donated from NNE. That will go in the arena and put the same sand we already have on the track, so it stays consistent. JT would like to buy another small drag as he was trying to repair the old one when the welder broke. Roy has talked to Lostra and Ormaza and we will look at doing the stairs later in the year. We received an email from Janel Beck for railing in the grandstands for people with disabilities to get into the seats in the interior seating. Discussion on handicap seating and what we can do to make it better. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report: *Action Item*

JJ Roemmich presented the report from May 11, 2023, to July 11, 2023, bills paid, bills still owed and any for claims to the funds. Justin McDermott made the motion to approve the report with total bills paid in the amount of \$187,354.19. Roy Elsner seconded; all board members approved.

Committee Report: *For Possible Action Item*

- **Office:** Secretary JJ Roemmich reported the stockhorse book is at the printer. Box seat letters were set out today and the fair office opens July 31st. The secretary will be gone Aug 14,15,16 but the office will remain open during that time.
- **Home Arts:** Angela Taravella reported that in home arts we are missing one superintendent and the premium list is online and entries will be taken starting the 15th of July. Do not know where we are on vendors. Angela had the dance club in Spring Creek contact her they want to come dance and we don't know if they have contacted Cori.
- **Stockhorse:** Tony reported we met a couple of weeks ago and almost everything is coming together. The only thing is we do not have cattle for the cutting on the first Friday, we are waiting for an answer.
- **Racing/Pari-mutuel:** Justin reported everything is coming together we are good on head numbers. Yolanda is trying to get sellers and has been calling everyone that came last year. We will be a little short the first weekend but good the second weekend.
- **Admissions/Concessions:** Roy asked about the beer, and he sent a whole bunch of beer back last year and wanted to know if he could cut down on the kinds we offer. Angela reported she has worked on a lot of the events, and they sell other kinds of beer sometimes better. Discussion on the schedule of events and times. On the first Friday we do not start till 3pm but the cutting will start at 8am. Discussion on where he can park the trailers instead of where they have been. Giovanni will order ice and get a few more blocks of ice instead of crushed ice. Yolanda asked about getting cases of water for the parimutuel. Last year she bought cases of water for the workers, and she was told to get that from the concessions stand. He wants somewhere in the announcements that dogs are not allowed only service dogs. There are signs posted everywhere and they still do it.

- **Livestock Show & Sale- Committee**- met last Monday night. They have 23 sheep, 13 goats, and steers. There are no market rabbits this year. On cleanup day on the 19th to get a skid steer for filling in and repairing the barns. Shavings will be delivered after the 17th of July.
- **Additional reporting:** no other reporting committees.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday August 9, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Elko County Fair Grounds Exhibit Building 1090 13th Street, Elko, NV 89801

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ Roemmich

Jennifer JJ Roemmich

Elko County Fairboard Secretary