

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13
MINUTES OF July 8, 2020

| Members Present | Members Absent | Guests Present |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kathryn Brunson (Chairman) via phone | Sterling Wines | Kayla Couch (Secretary) |
| Bill Panagopoulos (Co. Chairman) via phone | | Ben Noyes |
| Martin Troutt | | Cody Coombs |
| Karen Wines | | Carol Gardner |
| Travis Godon | | Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host) |
| Jimmy Jordan | | Marietta Henry |
| Danielle Foley | | |
| Pete Mangum | | |

A. Call to order-- Called to order at 6:05 pm by Board member Martin Troutt

B. Pledge of Allegiance-- 6:05 pm

C. Public Comment Period - None

D. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda -(for possible action)-- A motion was made by Jimmy Jordan to approve the agenda/flexible agenda, Karen Wines seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

E. Review and Approve Minutes (for Possible Action)--- A motion was made by

Kathy Brunson to approve the minutes for the **June 3, 2020** meeting. **Jimmy Jordan** seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

F. Payment of Bills (For Possible Action)-- \$150.00 for secretary services (Kayla Couch) for the month of July. A motion was made by Pete Mangum to pay the invoice, Karen Wines seconded the motion and motion was carried.

G. Ag. District Board Member Attendance (for possible action)--Kathy expressed her concerns on the attendance of the Ag. Board members. Kathy mentioned she has kept track of the attendance records and feels that attending only 7 out 12 meetings a year is unacceptable. She also voiced that no member should miss more than 3 meetings and if they do they should address a letter to the Board with the excuse of their absence. Martin agreed and let the Board know that they should take consideration of excusable absences such as fire season and other primary job related reasons. Martin used Bill Panagopoulos as an example. When Bill became Vice Chair he made it clear that with his job he may be absent to the meetings during fire season. The Board agreed that those reasons would be acceptable. Kathy would like the Board to coordinate dates ahead of time to avoid missing meetings. Martin also shared that there is a process in which a member can be removed from their seat for their attendance record. The Board discussed the possibility of having video meetings such as Zoom. Martin and Kathy agreed to have possible Zoom meetings as an agenda item for the next meeting in August.

H. BLM Butler Building Lease (for possible action)--Cody Coombs announced that he had tried reaching out to the person in charge. Cody said that this person was supposed to have sent something to the County in regards to the lease agreement. Cody said in the meantime he will continue to reach out to her and collect information to present at the Ag Board's next meeting. Cody also shared that the current contract is expired and that the BLM still has stuff inside of it.

I. Future agenda items (For Possible Action)--

*Discussion on Zoom meetings (for possible action)

J. Correspondence- Financial statements were emailed to the Board from Courtney Thornal. The Gaming Board Commission sent a letter that was attention to Marietta Henry.

K. Social Media (for Possible Action)--Bill Panagopoulos took the liberty of

leaving Josh Nichole in charge of the website until the Board has come up with a decision on their social media plan. The Board discussed the different options from the past few meetings. One of the options was to have a professional (Kathy Long) create and manage a website for the fairgrounds. There were divided feelings on spending a large amount of money to have a professional take over or saving costs with a free design managed by the Board. Marietta stated that Kathy Long in her opinion was very talented and has a lot to offer. She also said that Kathy Long's pricing may be able to be negotiated, as they use her for the White Pine County Horse Race Committee's site. Pete suggested inviting Kathy to the next meeting so she could provide and answer questions to the Board to help decide on a social media plan. The Board tabled this item until they could invite Kathy Long to the next meeting.

L. Reports--

a. Financial Statements- No new reports

b. Budget- The County Commissioner's ruled that in the event of another COVID related shut down that the Board would have to decrease the budget spending by 10% and 20%. Martin passed a sheet of paper that noted what the Capital Improvements budget would look like if the percentage cuts were made. He also mentioned that the Ag. Board voted to suspend all Capital improvement projects except the south arena, due to possible SNPLMA funding.

c. Updates from Tour and Rec.- Jimmy mentioned that he has been in contact with Kyle from Tour and Rec. and that he still anticipates and would like to put on the bronc and bull riding in September.

d. Updates from Commission Liaison- Travis reported nothing new, except that the County has received funds through the "cares act", and that they are able to help with sanitation stations, masks and COVID related items for the white pine county fair and horse races.

e. Updates from White Pine Horse Races- Marietta handed out rules and regulations that Dr. Byun the County Health Officer suggested the white pine county horse race committee follow. Marietta briefly went over other county's strategies for the safety of the community such as coordinating wrist band colors for the date in which a person's temperature has been taken. Marietta stated that this is a challenging time, as things could change overnight. Things like the bar

caterer hired, has not placed orders in case the races are cancelled in an instant. She mentioned she has suggested more time between races because of the amount of windows to bet at due to social distancing. Mariette let the Board know that weather protected speakers would be installed throughout the fairground at the expense of Tour and Rec. Board.

f. Updates from Beta Sigma Phi- Carol Gardner announced that she was under the impression that each individual was required to sign a waiver before entering the fairgrounds, according to the Lund rodeo association. Members of the Board mentioned looking into other events outside the county to see what they are doing as far as COVID waivers and other liability issues involving crowds of people over 50. Carol mentions her concerns pertaining to vendors and that she has only received 3 applications. She expressed concerns regarding social distancing in the small area they have for projects and judging. Cody relayed that the BLM can move stuff out of the butler building to provide more space if they needed it. Carol said she spoke with the warden and was told that no inmates will be available for help during the COVID crisis. Cody Coombs confirmed this statement and added that inmates were only available for fires and priority projects, but that if the Board or other entities are desperate for help that fire crew bosses may be available if a list of priorities and time frames were provided.

g. Updates from White Pine Ranch Rodeo-Ben Noyes reported that they are moving forward whether or not the races move forth. He said in the event that the horse races were cancelled the Ranch Rodeo team would like to move their event to Saturday instead. Ben asked if they could get a couple of wash stations and masks to show hygiene responsibility due to COVID

h. Fireman's Dinner-Pete reported that as long as the Races were still going to happen, they still anticipated hosting the fireman's dinner.

i. Updates From 4H- Alexandre Santaella sent out an email that contained information on who to contact for fair questions and decision making. The email also contained an estimate of livestock and small animal entries such as beef, lamb, pigs, goats, etc. She conveyed that there will participants for horsemanship and other showmanship classes. Pete announced that the state will be testing the scales next week.

M. SNPLMA (For Possible Action)-- Martin announced that Basin Engineering completed the cost estimates. Martin would like to get the SNPLMA committee together to write the proposal within the next 60 days. He briefly went over the committee's plans and ideas for the proposal. The estimated total came to a rounded 13 million dollars.

N. Capital Improvements (for Possible Action) --

- a. South arena improvements-** Martin reported the 6ft gates and panels have been ordered and should be in. Pete suggested putting sides on the loading chute, such as the black belting.
- b. Highway signage-** Martin relayed information regarding the location of the highway signage from Bill Calderwood. Pete inquired about a location further up by the DMV. Martin's research contained the possibility of sharing the sign with the golf course and having power run from the golf course.

O. Next meeting date (for Possible Action) Anticipating the next meeting to be scheduled on the date of **August 5, 2020**

P. Public Comment Period-None

Q. Adjournment--(for possible Action) Martin Troutt adjourned the meeting at **7:10 PM.**

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D. Review and Approve Minutes (for Possible Action)-- A motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2020 meeting by Kathy Brunson, seconded by Pete Mangum, and the motion was carried.

E. Correspondence--None

F. Future Agenda Items--None

**G. Ratification for the reduced cost of the arena rental for Martin Troutte/
Roping Clinic-**Martin announced that he is no longer requesting the reduced cost and that he has made payment for the facility. Kathy thanked Martin for sharing the facility with the Paint Horse Club.

H. Reports (for Possible Action)

- a. Update on High/ Jr. High School Rodeo--** Due to COVID, high school rodeo was moved to April.
- b. Update from the Maintenance Department-** Shane reported that he has kept up with weeds and lawns. He also said he maintains the track as well as catching gophers and other maintenance repairs. Martin shared that the rock picker the Wheeler donated was not the machine they had participated in receiving and will look at getting something closer to what he had expected.
- c. Safety Issues-** Martin looked at different ride at your own risk signs and got with the district attorney. He selected signage that pertained to inharetting risks and equestrian atmosphere.
- d. Special Events--**Martin asked if anyone received more information on the free movie night in the park. Kathy reported she has not heard anymore from Luke on hosting this event for the community.

I. Public Comment Period- None

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