

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2023

Present:

Tabatha Hamilton (Chairman)

Ben Noyes (Board Member)

Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)

Stefanie Backhaus (Board Member)

Cory Lytle (Board Member)

Pete Mangum (Board Member)

Janet Vancamp (Board Member)

Ginger Rick (Secretary)

Absent:

Martin Troutt (Co. Chairman)

Rope Ashworth (Board Member)

Guests Present:

Ylva Ernstson

Courtney Thornal (WPC Maintenance)

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds)

A. Call to order - Called to order at 6:00pm by Ben Noyes.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00pm

C. Public Comment Period: None

D. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda (for possible action) - A motion was made by Ben Noyes to approve the agenda/flexible agenda, Stefanie Backhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition

E. Review and Approve Minutes (for possible action) A motion was made by Janet Vancamp to approve the minutes from the February 8th, 2023 meeting, Stefanie Backhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

F. Correspondence (for possible action) – Tabitha stated that the Ely Lions club would like to borrow some fence panels and gates to create a makeshift arena for the Pumpkin Chunkin event in October. Janet states she spoke with Judge Bishop and that they will need between 10 to 15 panels to separate the public from the ax throwing and sword fighting events. Ben states that as long as they come get them and set them up as well as take them down and return all the panels, then he does not see an issue with it. Tabitha suggest someone from the board be there to inspect the panels before and after for any damages.

G. Approval for an Equestrian Trail System with Obstacles at the East/Northeast area outside of the racetrack. (for possible action)- Lots of discussion on whether the trail system should be on the inside of the track or on the outside in the sagebrush. Ben Noyes states he would like it to be on the inside of the racetrack with the other 4H trail obstacles. Ben also would like to see more interest in something like this first because right now only the 4H kids use what is there now. Ylva Ernstson would like to have the trail system on the outside of the track in the sagebrush so that it is more of a natural trail. Ylva states she will build all the obstacles and pay for all supplies herself, she would like to try it out for 2 seasons and see if she can get people interested in using it. Tabitha Hamilton states they should let Ylva build her trail system where she wants it and leave it there for a year to see if people will in fact use it. Stefanie Backhaus states that if the trail system was outside the track, then she would not feel comfortable taking the 4H kids over to use it because it would be a safety issue. Bill Panagopoulos

states he does not see a problem with letting Ylva make her trail system, he does not see any downside to for the board other than its location. Bill states, why the board could not pay for informational kiosk sign that advertises the trail and to come try it out. Janet Vancamp makes the motion to table the approval for an Equestrian Trail System with Obstacles at the East/Northeast area outside of the racetrack. Seconded by Bill Panagopoulos. No action was made and it will be on the next agenda for more discussion.

H. Reports

1. Financial Statements – Courtney Thornal sent out the financial summary via email on March 8th, 2023.

2. Budget –Tabatha Hamilton stated that she sent out the monthly budget via email on March 6th, 2023.

3. Updates from Tour and Rec. Tabatha states that she spoke with Kyle about the grant application. Kyle explained that if the Board were to return the funding that it would not penalize them in any way, and that the Board could still have a fair chance at grants in the future. Bill states he recalls being told last time that they do not have that kind of flexibility with it. Janet States that yes they do and that they just have to go to them and say, this is the problem. We do not want to use for this but rather that. Tabatha states Kyle said we could talk about moving it to a different project. I am sure the money could be used for something that the SNPLMA project has not already covered.

Janet Vancamp states she also has something from Tour and Rec, they have asked if the AG Board would like to host some sort of event during the Eclipse on October 14th, 2023 down at the fairgrounds. Janet states the Eclipse is at 9:30 am the morning of October 14th so they would have all day to do something, she suggested maybe the motorcycle rodeo or something like that since there will already be a captive audience down there. Ben Noyes states it's something to capitalize on. I don't know if this board wants to put something together, but I could bring it up with the White Pine Productions Board to put on some kind of event.

4. **Updates from Commission Liaison-** No New Updates.
5. **Updates from White Pine Horse Races-** No New Updates
6. **Beta Sigma Phi-** No New updates.
7. **Updates from White Pine Production** – No New updates.
8. **Fireman’s Dinner** – No new updates.
9. **Updates for 4H** – Pete stated that the Community Base Instructor position is still open, if anyone is interested. No other New updates
10. **Updates for Jr. Livestock** – No New Updates.
11. **Miscellaneous Updates-** No new updates.

I. SNPLMA (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton states she has been working with the subcommittee, which consists of herself, Ben Noyes, Martin Troutt and Cody Coombs to develop an RFP and decide what our delivery method would be. We finally decided we're going to go with Design Bid Build, which is our normal process, just because it's the most familiar so we feel like in the long run, it'll be faster not having to ask questions and figure out how to do the process. Therefore, I should have the RFP on the website and posted in the paper next week. Hopefully, by May, we will have an engineer on board and they can start designing.

J. Fair Weekend (for possible action) – Approval of the Southern Nevada Horseshoe Pitch Series to host a Horseshoe Tournament during fair weekend. Tabatha states she talked to the person hosting this event and he explained that he wants to do it on the Saturday of fair weekend at our Horseshoe pits that we have at the facility. It would be 10am signups and 11am start, they do not need any volunteers. They just maybe ask us to find a sponsor for \$250 or less just for their prize plaques and patches for first, second and third places. It would be \$10 per team for the doubles teams. It's a series so he does these tournaments all across the state and in Arizona he said it brings a lot of people like up to 50 teams in some of these events. The average for these tournaments would be around four hours and they said they could do a round robin. Or if there were more than 17 teams, they would do a double elimination. It sounds like they talk to Shane, and he explained our facility and what we have and it sounds like it works for him. I think it would be a good addition to the fair it sounds like he does not need anything from us, they

run it all themselves. So the only thing I would say is it runs in line with the horse races, I would prefer more of an evening thing, I see more people participating that way. Shane states that the only thing the person is really requesting was some fresh sand in the pits and some fresh paint on the stakes. - A motion was made by Stefanie Backhaus to approve the Horseshoe terminate to run during fair weekend, Ben Noyes seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition

K. Payment of Bills (for possible action) Secretary Service's bill for the month of March 2023 for \$150.00 was presented. A motion was made by Ben Noyes to pay the bill. Bill Panagopoulos seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition. Bill Panagopoulos stated he received a bill from Go Daddy for the use of the website URL. Bill was not sure on the exact amount but thought it was around \$20. He will bring in the bill on next meeting so that the board can sign off on it and then he will take care of the rest.

L. social media (for possible action) – Tabatha has been posting/updating via Facebook.

M. Capital Improvements (for possible action)

1. Highway Signage – Tabatha stated she talked Mike Wheable and asked him what his plans were on if he is still wanted all the county design to be the same. Mike explained that he is still working on it to all be a standardized sign throughout the county for all the different facilities. Mike says it is not a problem if we still want to buy it this year, it just will not be the same as all the other signs in the county. Therefore, if we want to buy it before the fiscal year ends, he does not care. However, it is not going to be part of his master plan for the counties. Pete states He will work on it and see where he is at and needs to talk to Jake about power. Tabatha asked about power that will be ran that is part of the SNPLMA project. Pete states he will talk to Jake and bring some info back to the next meeting.

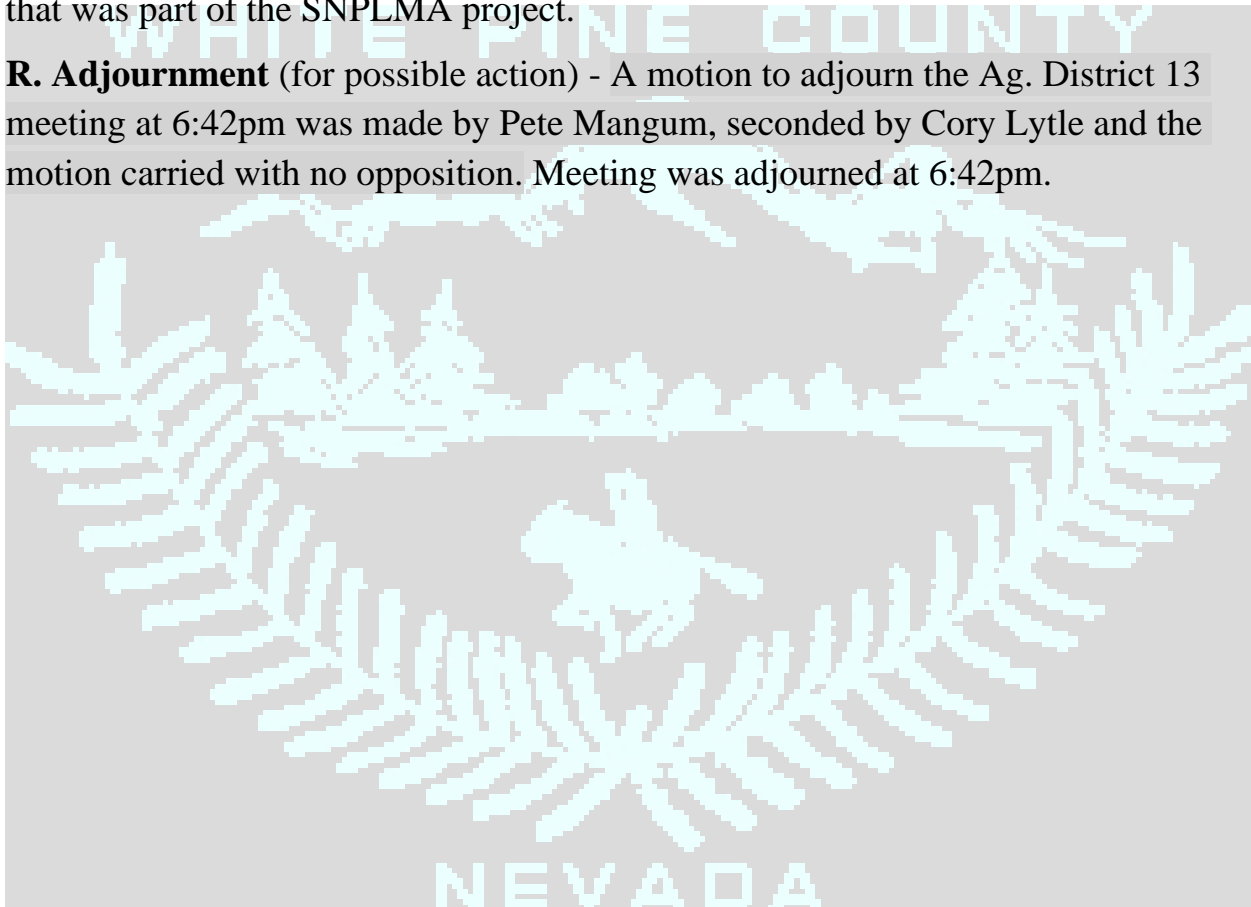
N. Review of Contracts and Forms for the use of the Facility (for possible action) - Nothing New

O. Future Agenda Items (for possible action) - Approval for an Equestrian Trail System with Obstacles at the East/Northeast area outside of the racetrack.

P. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) - Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Library on April 5th, 2023.

Q. Public Comment- Ylva Ernstson asked if there was any way to get power to the people that stay at the fairgrounds over night for their trailers. Tabatha stated that was part of the SNPLMA project.

R. Adjournment (for possible action) - A motion to adjourn the Ag. District 13 meeting at 6:42pm was made by Pete Mangum, seconded by Cory Lytle and the motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.



WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA FAIR AND RODEO GROUNDS BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 8th, 2023

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Ben Noyes (Board Member)

Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)

Stefanie Backhaus (Board Member)

Cory Lytle (Board Member)

Pete Mangum (Board Member)

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Absent:

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Guests Present:

Ylva Ernstson

Courtney Thornal (WPC Maintenance)

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds)

A. Call to order - Called to order at 6:43PM by Tabitha Hamilton.

B. Public Comment Period – No Public Comment.

C. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda (for possible action) - A motion was

made by Cory Lytle to approve the agenda/flexible agenda. Ben Noyes seconded, and the motion was carried.

D. Review and Approve Minutes (for Possible Action) - A motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 8th, 2023 meeting by Stefanie Backhaus, seconded by Janet Vancamp, and the motion carried with no opposition.

E. Reports (for possible action) -

1. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo- No new updates.

2. Update from the Maintenance Department- Shane Parman states that the water in the overnight stalls are frozen somewhere underground so nothing can be done about it right now, so they have been letting renters use water from the monthly stalls to fill their buckets. Shane also wanted to let everyone know that Cal Ranch donated a bunch of paint and paint supplies. Shane put all of it in the shop so that it does not freeze. Shane also states another request is with all the snow that we've had. We might want to think about how to make a run off system to go down because it is puddling up bad, just with all this snow that we have it is all going to melt and have to have somewhere to run.

Courtney Thornal states she is to formally introduce myself as the new parks and building maintenance superintendent. She will be taking over for Bill, and he will be done the beginning of April.

3. Special Events-

- a) Eclipse event October 14th, 2023
- b) High school Rodeo 2nd weekend in September.

F. Future Agenda Items – None.

G. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) – Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Library on April 5th, 2023.

H. Public Comment – None

I. Adjournment (for possible Action) A motion to adjourn the fair and rodeo grounds meeting at 6:51pm was made by Ben Noyes, seconded by Cory Lytle, and the motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

