

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2021

Members Present
Kathryn Brunson (Chairman)
Bill Panagopoulos (Co.
Chairman)
Pete Mangum
Tabatha Hamilton
Martin Troutt
Danielle Foley
Travis Godon

**Members
Absent**
Jimmy Jordan
Karen Wines

Guests Present
Kayla Couch (Secretary)
Shane Parman
Ben Noyes
Michael Couch
Beverly Cornutt
Suzie Godon

A. Call to order - Called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Kathryn Brunson.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00 pm

C. Public Comment Period - None

D. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda (for possible action) - A motion was made by Bill Panagopoulos to approve the agenda/flexible agenda, Danielle Foley seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

E. Review and Approve Minutes (for possible action) - A motion was made by Pete Mangum to approve the minutes for the April 7, 2021 meeting. Tabatha Hamilton seconded the motion, Travis Godon abstained and the motion was carried.

F. Reports -

a. Financial Statements – Financial Statements from Tabatha Hamilton sent out the monthly statements and Courtney Thornal sent out the fairground financial reports via email.

b. Budget – No new reports.

c. Updates from Tour and Rec. - No new reports.

d. Updates from Commission Liaison – Travis Godon announced that White Pine County is 100% open with no required COVID restrictions. He also advised the Board that due to the Gaming Board being a state entity, they may be required to follow state and governor directives.

e. Updates from White Pine Horse Races –Kathy Brunson called Marietta Henry so that she could report on the behalf of the White pine County Horse Race Committee. Marietta went over some expenses for the upcoming event this year. Items she requested assistants with were Gloves for the Para mutual cashiers, hand sanitizer, masks and restrooms cleaned 3 x a day per Darren Kunz as a COVID precaution. Travis Godon explained that the cleaning of the restrooms 3 times daily is not a requirement and Darren has no jurisdiction over the county directives for COVID precautions as the County has already reopened fully. Kathy let Marietta know that the expenses she requested assistance with needed to come from the addition \$25,000.00 allotted to their committee and that there would not be any extra funding. Marietta collaborated with Cody Coombs on the installation and location of the hot walker. Kathy Brunson went over the check list from the state Stuart so the Board could work on items that needed to be completed. Tabatha Hamilton mentioned the American relief act grant. She thought it may qualify for the Horse Races as the grand qualifies tourism events. Kathy said the White Pine County Horse Race Committee is open to other events and ideas for the fairground such as a carnival.

f. Beta Sigma Phi- Tabatha Hamilton gave a brief breakdown of the 3 accounts with Beta Sigma Phi and what was paid for in 2020 and their ending balance.

g. Updates from White Pine Ranch Rodeo –

Suzie Godon passed around a balance sheet containing financial information with the starting and ending balance of the Ranch Rodeo checking account. Suzie stated that since their establishment in 2014 they have increased the balance of the account by \$7800.00. Suzie filled out a check for \$6000.00 made out to White Pine Productions and signed the check along with Ben Noyes. Suzie then thanked the Ag. Board for their support and handed over the check book along with information including the tax ID number to Kathryn Brunson. Suzie said the Board would have to request a new signer's card through the First National Bank and that there is one check #1683 for \$170.00 and will be on the list of cancelled checks. Suzie also mentioned that donations from Tour and Rec. and Robinson Nevada Mining Co. would be likely be made out to Ranch Rodeo and wanted to know if those donations could be transferred to White Pine Productions. Kathryn advised Lori Wines (official for White Pine Productions) to keep those donations. Bill said he would follow up on the Robinson donation to make sure the change of organization name was made. Ben Noyes said that he was contacted by a gentleman that wanted to know if the Board would be interested in putting on a Mule team roping during the fair weekend. Ben understood it was a busy weekend and wanted to know the Board's thoughts. Bill Panagopoulos voiced that this may not be the year for it. Ben suggested that the gentleman put on the roping as a separate event maybe on the Thursday before fair weekend. Martin Troutt agreed that it should be a separate event and because they were likely not a nonprofit organization, fees and facility rental should apply.

h. Fireman's Dinner – Pete Mangum said that the dinner is no longer called the "Cow Bells" and they are moving forward as long as there continues to be a fair.

i. Updates from 4H - No new reports.

j. Updates from Jr. Livestock – Pete Mangum reported that they have already tagged a few steers and they are gathering pigs for weights and tags the weekend of May 8th.

G. ICS program held at the white pine county fairgrounds (for possible action) – Beverly Cornutt brought in a signed contract for the use of the south arena and the pavilion area. Kathryn Brunson briefly went over the contract with the Board and signed the contract as well as the agreement to waive all fees. Beverly asked the Board if they knew of anyone who may have 3 very gentle horse to use for the ICS program. Martin said that would assist in finding horses for the program.

H. Garden State Fireworks, entertainment for Fair and Horse race weekend. (for possible action) Michael Couch passed around maps of two locations he will receive permitting for. Michael explained that Cummins Lake did not meet the specifications for fire danger that time of year and permission was not granted. Michael said he was also denied permission for the GBC property and the WP high school football field. The two locations Michael presented were the old race track owned by JCR development and the city of Ely’s landfill. Michael shared is positive aspects of both locations and asked for the Board’s thoughts. Pete and Bill voiced concerns about the fire dangers in each location. Bill Panagopoulos suggested that the Board rank the locations and if one falls through then there will be a backup location. Travis Godon moved to rank the Ely landfill as location number 1 and the JRC property number 2. Danielle Foley seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

I. Cares act reimbursement (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton felt terrible announcing that due to untimely submittal of receipts the County cannot reimburse for the items purchased for last year’s fair weekend. Kathy explained that the Cares act reimbursement item has been on the agenda since last September and has been discussed on numerous occasions about the submission of receipts. Tabatha said she spoke with Elizabeth Frances to have Jimmy Jordan paid. Elizabeth responded that due to NRS 244.250 because the request is 6 months past due, Jimmy will not be reimbursed for those items.

J. Social Media Plan (for possible action) – No new reports.

K. Eastern Nevada land/ Tri county weed- approval for weed spraying. (for possible action)-Martin Troutt said he spoke with Mr. Ashworth about a grant through Eastern Nevada Land Coalition and Tri County weed control to maintain the weeds around the fairgrounds facility. Martin suggested that the Board keep up with the weed maintenance. Pete Mangum agreed and shared that it has made

things easier to care for the vegetation in the livestock areas. Bill Panagopoulos moved that the Board have Eastern Nevada land/ Tri county weed spray and treat for weeds with a budget not to exceed \$1200.00. Travis Godon seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

L. SNPLMA (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton reported that the executive meeting for the final recommendations of the projects will be held May 12, 2012. Tabatha explained that the committee (Elizabeth Frances and Tabatha Hamilton) will have 3 minutes to convince the Executive Committee to fund projects and answer questions about the projects in this meeting. She noted that Elizabeth will prioritize the projects as the County Commissioners have. This would put the fairgrounds project as last of the three projects to be funded. Tabatha said Elizabeth suggested that if the fairgrounds project is not funded this year that the Board should consider making it more of a trail and parks project by creating a trail that includes an underpass of the highway by the Golf Course, to the city horse corrals. Tabatha encouraged the Board to convince the County Commissioners to make the fairgrounds project #1 next year. July 14, 2021 will be the County's date to select and prioritize this year's projects for SNPLMA. Martin Troutt recalled from his understanding that if the fairgrounds project was not funded this round that it would be first in line to be funded in the next round. Tabatha explained that there was never an official motion made guaranteeing the fairground priority over another. Therefore the commissioners will view all the projects and prioritize accordingly. Tabatha mentioned how important she feels letters of support are and that all should be submitted with the application.

M. Payment of Bills- (for possible action- No new bills.

N. Correspondence- (for possible action) – No new reports.

O. Capital Improvements- (for possible action) -

- a. South arena improvements-** Kathryn Brunson gave kudos to Martin and his team for the dirt work they did for the high school event. She announced that there is now an alley way on the North end of the South Arena.
- b. Highway signage** – Pete Mangum said he was reaching out to get a quote on the annual power cost in the local area for the sign. He also reached out to

Chuck Sindlar to have the pedestal ordered and he said he would be willing to help the Ag. Board. Pete also mention they had adjusted the changes requested to the design and layout of the sign.

- c. **Multi-use livestock barn-** Bill Panagopoulos said he still work on getting the quotes.
- d. **Type 2 material for south arena and parking area-** Nothing New. Martin did mention he would like to do the parking area in phases. If time allows Martin he would like to start in July otherwise it will start in the fall.
- e. **Upgrades to the concession stand** – Item was tabled.
- f. **Discussion on upgrades to the upper corrals and continuous fencing around the area-** Item was tabled.

P. Future Agenda items (for possible action) –

Q. Next meeting date (for Possible Action) –

- a. Anticipating the next meeting to be scheduled on the date of June 9, 2021 at the fairgrounds.

R. Public Comment Period – Suzie Godon announced that mine donations were transferred to White Pine Productions.

S. Adjournment (for possible Action) - Kathryn Brunson adjourned the meeting at 6:56PM.

WHITE PINE COUNTY
FAIR AND RODEO GROUNDS ADVISORY BOARD
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E. Reports (for possible action) -

- a. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo-** Shane Parman has still been working on the stalls from the high school rodeo event. Kent and the rodeo team are still work on stall clean outs as well. Kathy

mentioned with so many people staying overnight. The team should be cleaning them out the day of the event so that others coming through aren't placed in a dirty stall. Tabatha agreed. Kathy mentioned that the state secretary was very pleased with the High school rodeo event and complimented their success. Kathy also wants to address the contract with organization asking for discount rates and waived fees. Kathy suggested that we go over contracts with organizations at meetings so that both they and the Board fully understand locations and agreements.

- b. Update from the Maintenance Department** – Shane Parman announced that he is still keeping up with all the watering and mowing of lawns. He also said he has been catching gophers. Shane mentioned that he is expecting his second child around August 27th this year and want to let the Board know that there is a chance that he will be absent during that time.
- c. Safety Issues-** No new reports.
- d. Special Events - Roping clinic the first weekend of June.**

F. Future Agenda Items - None

G. Public Comment Period – None

H. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) - anticipating the next meeting to be scheduled on the date of June 9, 2021.

I. Adjournment (for possible Action) - Kathryn Brunson adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.