

**WHITE PINE COUNTY**  
**NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2022**

**Present:**

Kathryn Brunson (Chairman)

Tabatha Hamilton (Co. Chairman)

Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)

Rope Ashworth (Board Member)

Martin Troutt (Board Member)

Ben Noyes (Board Member)

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)

Kayla Couch (Secretary)

**Absent:**

Travis Godon (Board Member)

Pete Mangum (Board Member)

Cory Lytle (Board Member)

**Guests Present:**

Kent Lynsky

**A. Call to order** - Called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Kathryn Brunson.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** - 6:01pm

**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, Martin Troutt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

**E. Review and Approve Minutes** (for possible action) -Kayla Couch announced that the start time the fair and rodeo grounds meeting needed correction. Ben Noyes mentioned that the attendance does not view him as present. A motion was made by Martin Troutt to approve the minutes with correction for the May 4th, 2022 meeting. Rope Ashworth seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**F. Correspondence** (for possible action) – Kayla Couch announced that Savannah Jensen had sent an email regarding the anticipated pig barn structure. Kayla Couch read aloud the email that contained suggestions, concerns and input to the new structure. Savannah also apologized in the email, as she could not attend the meeting due to her son’s graduation.

### **G. Reports -**

**1. Financial Statements** – Tabatha Hamilton sent the monthly town report on June 1, 2022 at 10:04 am. Courtney Thornal sent a partial financial summary on June 5, 2022 at 5:02 pm.

**2. Budget** – No new report.

**3. Updates from Tour and Rec.** – No new report.

**4. Updates from Commission Liaison** – No new report.

**5. Updates from White Pine Horse Races-** Kathy Brunson reported that Marietta Henry thanked the Board for getting Turn 1 fixed around the track and wanted to know if the project was complete. Martin Troutt stated that they tore out the chain link that allowed manual exiting and entrance onto the track and slightly changed fencing plans based on the engineer’s recommendation. Martin had thoughts working with the horse race committee to update the area of the starting gate. Martin stated that he has done some grading around the track and would like to use the Black Widow arena groomer to determine if more material is needed in areas of the track. Marietta also asked Kathy if signs needed to be placed on the fence on turn 1, recommending parking at your own risk or no parking at all. Martin stated that in his opinion no, that the reason they put up a 6ft fence was to prevent horses from going over. Tabatha recalled the horse race committee wanting

to block off that area. Ben Noyes recommended putting up black netting to block spectators that bring in their own beer and park in that area. Bill Panagopoulos agreed that putting up something for the quarter horses see rather than watch them hit the fence would be a good idea.

**6. Beta Sigma Phi-** Kathy Brunson stated she will forward the invoice for advertisement and swamp cooler replacement (for the blue building) for Beta Sigma Phi. Kathy asked about the water system and what the plans were. Kayla Couch mentioned the item was table during the last meeting. Rope presented an aerial map of the location that was sprayed for weeds. Martin Troutt said that a work order can be submitted but the chances of getting the system is stalled this year is unlikely. Rope asked Shane how long it takes him to take care of that area. Shane recommended using timers for the sprinklers and would be the easiest way. Shane Parman said that he would put in a work order for the timer system and swamp coolers.

**7. Updates from White Pine Production** – Ben Noyes reported that motorcycle rodeo is anticipated for this upcoming weekend and that the bar and concession area needs to be cleaned. Shane Parman stated that he will have it ready and asked if they would like to have both bathrooms opened. Ben responded yes.

**8. Fireman's Dinner-** No new report.

**9. Updates for 4H** – No new report.

**10. Updates for Jr. Livestock-** No new report.

**H. SNPLMA** (for possible action) – Discussion on roof type to allow lighting was mentioned. Bill Panagopoulos said he would send out the original design for the Board to review. No other updates.

**I. Discussion on Grant Submission for Capital Improvements** (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton printed out a couple of copies of grant applications for capital improvements and asked the Board, if they would like to apply for the funding. Tabatha stated that the grants are due this week and stated that there is also limited funding. Martin Troutt asked what the cost would be to the Board if awarded the grant. Tabatha responded the grant would only cover up to 75% of the project and the Board would have to fund the rest. Tabatha also explained that

labor could match the 25% of the Board's responsibility. Ben Noyes suggested paint for the grand stands and concessions. A motion was made by Martin Troutt to apply for the capital improvement grant to upgrade the curb appeal and update the grandstand area in the amount of \$10,000.00. Rope Ashworth seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

**J. Fair Weekend** (for possible action) –

1. Great Basin Pyrotechnics- Tabatha Hamilton stated that they were not awarded the grant for the fireworks. Tabatha stated that she spoke with Michael Couch after the denial application and asked what he suggested. Michael said it would be up to the Board and the location of choice on how much to spend for a decent show. Michael had told Tabatha that if they were to host the show at the landfill, the minimum would be \$10,000.00 to make it visible for spectators. Tabatha stated that she has not spoken with tour and rec. on what contributions they could help with because she wanted the Board's opinions and price range. The Board discussed locations that were closer and where they would augment the budget. Kayla Couch asked who made the flyers for fair weekend because it advertises fireworks on Sunday of that weekend, when the Board hasn't made an official decision. Tabatha stated that Marietta had asked her about the fireworks but Tabatha had not given her any information and she must have just used last year's agenda of events for this year's fair. Martin Troutt voiced that he would like to be cautious with the budget this year. Kayla stated that Michael would not want the Board to be placed in a financial situation and would rather the Board save and budget for a grand show instead of a mediocre one. Ben Noyes stated that hosting the show on a Sunday night is inconvenient to most of the public and waste of time and money. Ben would recommend a Saturday night. The Board agreed to budget for the firework show in the future.

**K. Payment of Bills** (for possible action) – Secretary Services for the month of June in the amount of \$150.00 and the invoice for Beta Sigma Phi.

**L. Social Media** (for possible action) – Tabatha Hamilton has shared events to the facebook page and is happy to see public interaction.

**M. Capital Improvements** (for possible action)

1. **Highway Signage**- No new updates.

**2. Multi-use Livestock Barn/Pig Barn-** Rope Ashworth stated that in his opinion, the new event center will accommodate majority of the needs stated in Savannah's email, including sheep and beef. Rope feels there should be no conflict with how the pig barn is set up, if the show is held in the event center in the future. Bill Panagopoulos stated that regardless, the new pig barn will be built, and the last discussion was that if the livestock show was hosted in the event center, the kids still need something to hold pigs for the next 5-6 years while the event center is being built. Bill also recalled that the last discussion also mentioned that the new pig barn could become a storage area for panels. Ben Noyes voiced that the Ag. Board needs to be strategic about the location of the pig barn location and strategic about how it is built otherwise the purpose of storage for the future will be pointless and agrees with Rope, that the event center would be the best place to host the livestock sale during the fair. Kayla Couch mentioned that there were concerns about hosting the show in the event center due to the set up and not having enough volunteers. Ben stated that the kids showing animal should be responsible for setting up their own crates and panels not the volunteers. Ben recommended that people should view a show hosted in an event center and how it is run and set-up, especially before making big decisions. Ben voiced that many of the larger livestock shows hosted in event centers are organized and came across very well put together. Rope agreed with Ben, that the kids would only have to set up 3-4 panels and should be the responsibility of the showman. Martin Troutt asked if the show is hosted in the event center once it is built, what happens to the current livestock area (beef and sheep barns and wash racks); do they get torn down too. Bill Panagopoulos responded in his opinion that they should not be torn down. Ben advised the Board to consider whether or not the buildings with bad roofs should stay. Bill responded that a contractor had looked at the sheep and beef roofs and they were still in good condition with the exception of a few boards needing replacement. Ben again suggested attending other shows and how they are set up. Martin Troutt explained that the down payment has been place on the new pig barn structure and he doesn't anticipate it being built until the spring time. Martin stated that a location must be decided upon to complete the plans and begin construction, demolition and salvation of concrete and other materials. Kathy Brunson explained that ultimately the Ag. Board makes the decision and the if other committees have concerns, they need to be present to the meeting to voice opinions. Kayla mentioned that the Jensen family had made a contribution to put

toward the new pig barn structure and wouldn't want them throwing their generous donation away by putting into a structure that is meant for temporary use. Kayla stated that it is important the people involved in the livestock show need to be informed with what the Ag. Board has planned. Kayla asked for the Board's permission to send a memo out to all the entities with the discussion action item pertaining to the pig barn location and future plans to help make decision at the next meeting. Ben suggested adding in the memo checking out and researching how other events set up their livestock shows. Permissions was granted.

**3. 4H Ground Material-** No new report. Item may be removed from the agenda.

**M. Review of Contracts and Forms for the use of the Facility** (for possible action)- Tabled until next meeting.

**N. Future Agenda Items** (for possible action)- None.

**O. Next Meeting Date** (for possible action)- Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Fairground on July 13, 2022.

**P. Public Comment-** No Public Comment.

**Q. Adjournment** (for possible action)- Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kathryn Brunson at 7:14PM.

**NEVADA FAIR AND RODEO GROUNDS BOARD**

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**Guests Present:**

Kent Lynsky

**A. Call to order** - Called to order at 7:14 PM by Chairman Kathryn Brunson

**B. Public Comment Period** – No Public Comment.

**C. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda** (for possible action) - A motion was made by Martin Troutt to approve the agenda/flexible agenda. Rope Ashworth seconded, and the motion was carried.

**D. Review and Approve Minutes** (for Possible Action) - A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 4, 2022 meeting by Martin Troutt, seconded by

Rope Ashworth and the motion was carried.

**F. Reports** (for possible action) -

**1. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo-** Kent Lynsky reported that there were some qualifiers for nationals but due to the fuel increase he did not know how many would actually be attending.

**2. Update from the Maintenance Department-** Shane Parman reported that “BIG BLUE” is in the shop for repairs. Martin Troutt stated that the oil light is off and the exhaust has been fixed and should be ready by Tuesday. Shane reported that there are 2 monthly stalls available and has contacted someone who has been waiting for and open stall. Ben Noyes stated that 2 more stalls will likely open up next month. Shane reminded the Board to fill out work orders for things that needed to be done and that volunteer sheets are required to be filled out as well.

**3. Copper Days Rodeo-** No new report.

**4. Special Events-** No new report.

**G. Future Agenda Items** – Election of co-chairman.

**H. Public Comment Period** – Kathy Brunson notified the Board of her resignation. The Board thanked her for her service and wished her well.

**I. Next Meeting Date** (for possible action) – Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Fairground on July 13, 2022.

**J. Adjournment** (for possible Action) Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kathryn Brunson at 7:20PM.