

WHITE PINE COUNTY
NEVADA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 13
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

Present:

Tabatha Hamilton (Chairman)
Martin Troutt (Co. Chairman)
Bill Panagopoulos (Board Member)
Stefanie Backhaus (Board Member)
Pete Mangum (Board Member)
Janet Vancamp (Board Member)
Ben Noyes (Board Member)
Rope Ashworth (Board Member)
Ginger Rick (Secretary)

Absent:

Guests Present:

Shane Parman (Fairgrounds Host)
Melanie Boynton (Beta Sigma Phi)
Tess Lacroix (4H-Cordinator)

A. Call to order - Called to order at 6:00pm by Tabatha Hamilton.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00pm

C. Public Comment Period – No public comment.

D. Approval of Agenda/Flexible Agenda (for possible action) - A motion was made by Janet Vancamp to approve the agenda/flexible agenda, Ben Noyes 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 from the July 5,2023 and the minutes from August 9, 2023 meetings with corrections, Janet Vancamp seconded the motion and the motion carried to approve the minutes with corrections.

F. Correspondence (for possible action) – None

G. Reports

1. Financial Statements – Tabatha States the Maintenance department did not get them sent out yet. Tabatha also states that we have a bank account with First National Bank. Since Kathy has left, there is no signer on it. They need minutes with a motion approving signers for that account, so if we could do that this meeting that would be awesome. Then those signers need to go in, fill out a form and provide their ID. There were multiple discussions on who should be the signers. A motion was made by Bill Panagopoulos to have the Chair and Co-Chair be the signers, Rope Ashworth seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

3. Updates from Tour and Rec. –Tabatha states they are having a meeting now on the Eclipse but no other info. Janet states they are just worried about over flow was the last she had heard. Ben states he went to the meeting today at ten, and it sounds like the county is trying to push for a few more things down here at the fairgrounds. I do not know how much we are going to do or not. Maybe the whole bonfire and everything else comes here but I told them we would not be burning any pallets. If we are inviting the whole community down, I do not mind doing something little for down here, but they are going to have to provide security and they are going to have to take care of a lot of that kind of aspect. If they think we are going to fill this place up and host stuff here, then they need to take on the responsibility.

4. Updates from Commission Liaison – None

5. Updates from White Pine Horse Races- Tabatha states I went to their last meeting, I think it was like a week or two ago. They said that the cameras were not functioning before the fair and so they had somebody, I do

not remember who came out and figure out what was going on. They said that there was eight pairs of buried DC cables and they ended up being able to resolve it. Now there is only two pairs of this wiring. They recommended that in the future somebody takes a three foot down the edge of the rail and then put in one-inch electric conduit and then put a few pairs of wires going to the track, the pair of mutual, the starting date and timing system, and wherever else they need to go. They also suggested that the little boxes on the rails be completely enclosed so that the critters do not get in it and cause issues from chewing on the wires and then it allows for quicker fixes. They said that we are the only track in the state that does AC current. Therefore, they think we should consider upgrading. Then they were saying something about someone named Tony retiring and taking the vending machines with them. They are talking about waiting until this person retires to go forward with all these changes. I think if we were putting new rail in, that would be the perfect time to do these upgrades. Therefore, I think we should wait until SNPLMA starts, that's my opinion. They also said that turn one, which is right over here; there is wire showing, which I agree. The other day I tried to open the gate and probably see the wires a little bit more. Therefore, I do agree it is a tripping hazard. I do not know if we just need to bury it, or how that gets fixed. Ben states we need to figure out if that wire is worth fixing. There is wads of it all along this track, the whole way down it. There is cable everywhere; you can see where it is attached to the track, and where it goes underground. Where it comes back out on that light pole there is a big old cluster of it. Therefore, if somebody could come down here and give us an idea on if any of it is worth fixing, and if not let us cut it and get rid of it. It is in the way of everything, but nobody dares get rid of it because we do not know if the horse race people use that or if it is old wires. Did somebody run new wires and this is just old stuff that nobody took out. Tabatha states I told them that once they had an idea because they had their vending machine dilemma to then come back to us and figure it out and we could try to coordinate it with the railing so that it gets conduit and somebody is already going to be digging a trench because they are putting the railing in. So just kind of a heads up on that. Janet states do they ever pay for anything or they just give you a list and then want you to donate the fairgrounds to them. How does this work? Tabatha states they did not say who would be

paying for it and they did not say that the fairgrounds had to pay for it. They were just saying that it was an issue that needed to be addressed. Martin states that the Horse Racing committee needs to address it and pay for it. Janet states they should kick in some money or pay for the fairgrounds, one or the other at least. Tabatha states it is just informational at this point so we can coordinate once construction happens. They also suggested that if were to apply for another SNPLMA project in the future, they would suggest grading this hill over here so that it is flat and better parking, but that is just a wish list item.

6. Beta Sigma Phi –Melanie Boynton states they are working on filling all the Chairmanships. Melanie also states that they had some issues with leaking on the covered areas due to the rain. It was leaking on some of the vendor’s merchandise. We are going to talk to the county about shingling that. They did do the Eaves last year that were rotten, but the shingles are still terrible so that is leaking. Our wish list for if we ever do get any more grant money, or projects, would be to try to get a permanent stage because that stage is kind of falling apart. I do not know if they are not maintaining it anymore or what. In addition, a permanent covered area as well, and then of course, the bathrooms, and Power upgrade which was always an issue. Bill states just FYI the power upgrade is part of the SNPLMA project. Tabatha states as far as the roofs go, I remember talking to maintenance and they said that they had fixed the roof. Melanie states all the eaves and stuff were starting to rot and fall off and that is all fixed. However, the actual shingles were never addressed. There was some discussion on metal roofing. Martin states he will look into getting a quote for metal roofing and bring something back to the next meeting.

7. Updates from White Pine Production – Ben states that they are in fact going to rent out RV spots at the fairgrounds during the Eclipse and just needs to know what the board is going to charge White Pine Productions to rent the fairgrounds to them.

8. Fireman’s Dinner – None

9. Updates for 4H – Tess Lacroix introduced herself as the new 4H coordinator, Tess states fair went very well for it being her first one and not

knowing really, where things were or what needed done. She asked the members if they had anything they would like her to do different next fair. Martin states if you have request for things that you want or things that you see that maybe somebody else does not see that you want done, we need to know way in advance of fair weekend and not at the last minute. Especially when in January, February, we will start on budget.

10. Updates for Jr. Livestock- Pete states everything went good at the sale and all the animals sold despite the sign that said it was canceled, that was for the horse races only not the fair. Pete also states they did receive all the panels that they got from the grant and they are all in the barn.

11. Miscellaneous Updates- None

H. SNPLMA (for possible action)-Tabatha states they will be having a kick off meeting with the engineers from Reno on September 13th.

I. Fair Weekend (for possible action) - None

J. Payment of Bills (for possible action) Secretary Service's bill for September 6th, 2023 for \$150.00 was presented. A motion was made by Ben Noyes to pay the bills. Pete Mangum seconded the motion and the Motion carried with no opposition.

K. Social Media (for possible action) – None

L. Capital Improvements (for possible action) - Tabatha states she still needs an invoice from White Pine JR livestock. Pete states he took it down to Courtney. Martin states I think now that fair is over and things are settled down, I think we should look at deciding what type fence we want to go from the new building up there down to the existing fence along Fairview Lane. Right now, we just have panels up to get through the Fair. What type of fence do we want so we can get it quoted out? In addition, when we put in the new fence, we took out part of the old fence where it comes into the track. We just have panels up there for the last two years now. Therefore, if we are going to do that, we need to include that along this fence here. I think we need to spend some money and get it done sooner than later. There was some discussion on price and what height the fence needs to be. Martin states he could reach out and get some quotes. . A motion was made by Ben

Noyes to let Martin proceed with the project up to \$15,000. Pete Mangum seconded the motion and the Motion carried with no opposition. Martin states one more thing under capital improvement. So during the horse races on Saturday night, everybody was afraid that everything was going to get flooded out, which got too wet, and they canceled on Sunday anyway. However, Saturday night, we came in and we dug this ditch with the grader kind of all the way around to contain water coming down off the hill and run it that way. It needs to be covered up, and it needs to be redone. The ditch needs to stay, but we need to do it, and we need to do it right, because that night, it was just kind of a hurry up and dug it. It kind of worked. However, my idea would be to come in, and we would have to have it shot in. In other words, have it engineered in so we have the correct fall all the way around. And Ben had a neat idea that night when we was kind of kicking around, talking about, know, we could even build it up a little bit, keep a ditch in there and plant grass, make it look real nice going along there. Then when we get clear over to where you cross the road to cross the track there, we can build that area up and we can put a culvert in there that runs it completely across, gets rid of it out in the sage brush area and pick up one of the drainage ditches that are out there that runs that direction. It'll be a little costly to do, but I think it's a good project, and I think with everything else that's going on, SNPLMA and everything, make it look really nice, and it'll be functional. I think that is something we need to work on. There was some discussion on budget so it was decided to add to the next agenda.

M. Review of Contracts and Forms for the use of the Facility (for possible action) -Nothing new so a motion was made to table. A motion was made by Martin Troutt to table. Bill Panagopoulos seconded the motion and the Motion carried with no opposition.

N. Approval of Special Rental Agreement Requests (for possible action)-There was some discussion on pricing for each section of the fairgrounds. Ben states so if I were to say a set price for the facility, I would be 450 to 500 if the circus comes town and wants to rent the whole facility so they can do their circus. However, I think for something like this and my idea was throwing kind of numbers of what it really takes. Nevertheless, I would really like to reduce cost, especially if you consider we are going to need it Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, four days of it. Who knows, are people really going to be here for four days, they are going to

be here for two days, who really knows? Tabatha states she is comfortable with \$250 per day and if someone wants to put a bar down here, it goes through White Pine Productions because you guys have rented the facility. Ben states do you want to say \$1,000 for the weekend, then, we are four days. We go Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Bill states and if it is a bust you come back to us, we will talk about it and see, maybe we can say, okay; we are going to refund you \$500. You people are taking all the risk, really. In addition, that is something that as a community needs to be recognized. If it works out that way, I do not see any reason why this board could not say, hey, we respect that. . A motion was made by Bill Panagopoulos to charge White Pine Productions \$1,000 for the entire weekend with the caveat that if it is a bust they can come back and request a lower rate. Pete Mangum seconded the motion and the Motion carried with no opposition.

O. Future Agenda Items (for possible action) – Drainage ditch alongside the track.

P. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) - Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Fairgrounds on October 4th, 2023 at 6:00pm. Depending on weather, the meeting might have to be moved to the Library.

Q. Public Comment- No public comment.

R. Adjournment (for possible action) - A motion to adjourn the Ag. District 13 meeting at 6:56pm was made by Ben Noyes, seconded by Rope Ashworth and the motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

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F. Reports (for possible action) -

1. Update on High / Jr. High School Rodeo- Ben states we usually run short of stalls, they built more stalls up there. This year we did allow portable stalls to come in with the caveat, which we haven't approved before. I do not know if this was brought to their meeting that they would go out where we parked the ranch rodeo people out in the weeds out there. Therefore, they are not on the infield or anything that way. Obviously, we have to clean them up afterwards. There is probably going to be between 15 and 20 trailers with portable stalls. It will be tight to get them all out there. Would it be okay to start lining up from that loading chute area to the water pump area for the other four or five if necessary? Does anybody have a problem with that? We do not want to be on the infield where there is rocks or anything, where it is going to be tough to clean and where horse pawing or things like that will cause problems. Therefore, we are just trying to accommodate.

2. Update from the Maintenance Department- Shane states he did not get the tractor cleaned but will get to it. Martin states he would also like Shane to clean the Black Widow Arena groomer at the same time. Shane also states there has probably been 40 overnights that has come through, and there's a bunch up there today, so I'll get all those cleaned, too, before the high school rodeo.

a. Safety Issues -Shane states There was a tree that fell down up by the Butler building, the wind blew it over Sunday. I had a friend that is doing firewood, so he came, chopped it up, and got it out of here already. Pete Mangum expressed concern for some cows left in some pens and not letting anyone know.

There was discussion on putting locks on the gates. Bill states we should start with some sort of sign. Just make sure that there is some kind of notification down there that they need to come check in. Tabatha asked Shane to put a work order in for a sign.

3. Special Events- None

G. Future Agenda Items – None.

H. Public Comment Period – No public comments.

I. Next Meeting Date (for possible action) – Anticipated next meeting will be held at the White Pine County Fairgrounds on October 4th, 2023.

J. Adjournment (for possible Action) A motion to adjourn the fair and rodeo grounds meeting at 7:07 pm was made by Ben Noyes, seconded by Rope Ashworth and the motion carried with no opposition Meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.