



**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Leyva, Nancy Porter, Dick Harris, Walter Winchell
Jim Elliott, Steve McDermott, Pete Mori

BOARD NOT PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer, Travis Rutherford, Grounds Superintendent
Mary Journigan, Nevada Stallion Stakes Secretary

GUESTS:

Jim Conner, City of Elko

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes:

Pete Mori made the motion to accept the May 13, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Steve McDermott seconded 6 approved Dick Harris and Nancy Porter abstained as they were not present at the meeting in Wells.

Public Comment:

No other public comment

Box Seat Policy:

Nancy Porter reported on the box seat policy presented, she had done some research and tried to write something to fit our situation. Jim Elliott felt this should be included in our letters out to the box seat holders. Some discussion on changes to the policy as most felt we wouldn't need a transfer fee. Dawn Leyva moved to accept the box seat policy omitting the transfer fee. Jim Elliott seconded all approved.(Policy attached to meeting minutes)

Grounds Report & Improvements Update:

Travis Rutherford reported that the reuse water line broke again about 5 feet from where it broke last year. He contacted Chester Plumbing to come and look at it. John Rand estimated to replace the entire line it would approximately cost \$14,000 to \$15,000. Chester Plumbing is supposed to give us an estimate on the replacement. Steve McDermott stated we could not possibly have them patch this as it will just break again. Travis to get a couple of more quotes on this. The gates have been cut down for more panels on the roping the arena. Received two baby changing stations from Tomera's now and will put them up after Motorcycle Jamboree. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Reported on the treasurer's report presented some discussion on the money needed to make bills and payroll. Discussion on what the way to proceed from here, talk to the County and see about funding. Walter will talk to Demar Dahl and Kelly Buckner. Jim Elliott made the motion to borrow from the savings that the savings to be paid back at the first available time. Dick Harris seconded all approved. Jim Elliott made the motion to pay the bills as outlined and submit the ones selected to the county Dick Harris seconded all approved. Motion carries.

Committee Report:

- ***Racing-Dick Harris talked to Fred Davis about Boise and them not running. Wyoming Downs is going to run 8 days this year which is approximately half of the meet they normally run. The Idaho Racing commission meets tomorrow and they have a request from Idaho Falls to run 19 days. Fred doesn't know where they have come up with the money to do that but it could help us. Fred is now the racing secretary in Wyoming and Great Falls Montana.

- ***Home Arts Dawn- She is having problems with a vendor that is not following the rules. The deadline this year was April 27th and she received the vendors deposit the second week in May and was asked to hold the check. The check bounced and we received it back yesterday. The board stated to send her a letter with her check back not giving her the spot she reserved as it could go to someone who has paid on time.
- ** Pari-mutuel Dick Harris- the contract with Tru Form has no increase in price \$2555.00 on next month's agenda. The condition book will be done within the week and he will send down within the week to be looked over. He felt the entire board should sit in on a meeting to discuss and proof the condition book and get that sent out as soon as possible. Dick will call a special meeting of the board to do this once he hears from Fred. Fred Davis also stated that Keith Anderson would be in Evanston Wyoming to set up the track and Fred suggested maybe Travis going there and seeing what they did to set the track up. Steve stated they would have different conditions to get their track set up than we do and that would not help here as the soil is different. Dick was also supposed to meet with the security people to set them up for fair. Dick asked for the boards understanding and to move the August meeting to August 5th.
- ** Secretary JJ Roemmich asked the board to move the opening date of the fair office to save money on wages to August 17th. This will allow two and ½ weeks before fair for anyone to come in. Board left up to secretary to decide this.
- **Stockhorse- Pete Mori discussed they did a walk around at the Fairgrounds and what to do with the 2nd arena. And they will use what they have there in materials and when they have time. Had a Stockhorse meeting on the stockhorse book and it will go to print in a couple of weeks.
- ** Chairman-Walter Winchell stated the liaison from the county reported that we are going to get the water truck from the county.

No other business.

*Next Meeting July 8, 2009
Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm
Meeting Adjourned.*

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer JJ Roemmich
Elko County Fairboard Secretary**