

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011  
STOCKMEN'S CASINO  
ELKO, NEVADA**



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nancy Porter, Steve McDermott  
Steve Wines, Walter Winchell, John Tueller

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Tony Buzzetti

**STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer  
Travis Rutherford, Grounds Caretaker

**GUESTS:**

Sue Kennedy

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*Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.*

**Meeting Minutes-**

*Nancy Porter made the motion to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with a correction to the spelling of a name under the fairgrounds trailer item. John Tueller seconded all approved.*

**Board Member resignations and appoint new executive board:**

*Sue Kennedy is interested in Home Arts although she doesn't want to do the vendors part and this is something that maybe the fair office will take on during the fair. Steve McDermott made the motion to send a letter of suggestion to the county to accept her as the home arts director. Nancy Porter seconded. All approved. Will wait for another month to approve Dick's resignation due to financial obligation on the bank accounts.*

**Public Comment:**

*JJ Roemmich presented information on an event that would like to come and be part of the Elko Co Fair. A discussion on the Blacksmith competition that sent out information to the board members, the event cost would be around \$7,500.00. No further discussion or public comment.*

**Elko High School Rodeo Club Insurance:**

*Nancy Porter asked to have this put on the agenda and the club was supposed to get a hold of us to discuss the insurance situation with the Elko Co Fairboard. Travis Rutherford stated that the club here needs to get with the National Association to have the kids insured, needing to get the paperwork done first. Walter Winchell stated that when he was on the board they also have state insurance. Travis stated when Aron was doing it that certain days of the week were listed to have the kids covered for practices as well as competition and when she brought the letter to Travis the Elko County Fair Board wasn't named as an insured. Nancy stated it sounds to her that the insurance isn't adequate right now. Until they have adequate insurance from the insurance company they need to get this worked out. Travis will give her a call tomorrow.*

**NDEP Water Monitoring:**

*Travis Rutherford reported more information has been sent to the state agency by certified mail and waiting to hear back from them now. He has been working directly with Lynn Fosberg and asked him if there is any classes available to learn this and he stated that they will be putting a class on in a month or two to help people fill out the forms and spreadsheets.*

**Fairgrounds Trailer:**

*Nancy Porter talked to Jeff Zander and they haven't sold the trailer yet. Update at next meeting.*

### **Grounds Report & Improvements Update:**

*Travis Rutherford reported he has three guys that are working cleaning up leaves; they will work on the roofs of the barns also. Once the roof project is finished he will lay off two workers and keep one part time. Still waiting on the tree trimming to get done. Walter Winchell stated we need a unisex bathroom in the clubhouse installed through the winter / spring. The pari-mutuel ladies can't leave during the racing if we had a unisex bathroom we may also sell more clubhouse tickets. Travis will get some bids to do this and Goivanni may donate some of the product. Travis also stated that Preifert may get us some bucking chutes to replace the chutes in the arena and he will get with as some horse and bulls get caught in the bottom of ours and have to be cut out. Nothing else to report.*

### **Treasurers Report:**

*JJ Roemmich reported on the presented treasurer's report and the balances of the accounts. Nancy Porter moved to accept Steve Wines seconded with paying the bills and two vendors sent to the county for claim all approved.*

### **Committee Reports:**

*\*\* Racing Steve McDermott- something to kick around if our purses aren't better we won't have a race meet next year. We have to come up with something to bring more horses to race here to get bigger purses. This needs to be done with better sponsor retrieval, maybe reduce the amount of racing days or come up with some ideas to raise more money.  
No other committees reported.*

### **Public Comment:**

*Walter has a thank you from the Fair 2011.*

*Next Meeting December 14, 2011 Stockmen's Casino 6:30 pm  
Meeting Adjourned.*

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