



**15th District Agricultural Association
Kern County Fair and Event Center
Bakersfield, California**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2024**

Call to Order:

Chairman Britschgi called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM in the Association Office.

Directors Present:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez			X
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson			X
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the excused absences. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Lidgett. Motion passed by all Directors.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Approved (Yes Vote)</u>	<u>Not Approved (No Vote)</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson			
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Public Comment:

Jeremey Tobias, CEO of CAPK–Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for the Feed the Need Food Drive.

Kelly Lowry, Production Manager CAPK - Thank you for your sacrifice for the day for the Food Drive. We were able to collect 25,000 pounds of food that night. This equals about 22,000 meals. The food that comes in, goes out across our network, which then distributes to 150 pantries over Kern County. We could not do this without you. A special thank you to Chelsey. On behalf of CAPK we would love to present you with this plaque. Thank you all again.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of September 16, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2024 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2024 Standard Agreements
- d. Review of 2024 Sponsorship Agreements
- e. Review of 2024 Entry Judges Agreements

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Espericueta, seconded by Director Torres. Motion passed by all Directors.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Approved (Yes Vote)</u>	<u>Not Approved (No Vote)</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson			
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Lucas Espericueta, Chairperson

- a. Review of Financial Report (*Discussion/Action by Board*)
- b. Review of the September 2024 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Director Espericueta - Summary of month of September 30th numbers. Our cash position is still strong. Tab 4 for the month of September we brought in over \$3,036,915.98. Payables are down. We spent \$3,247,300.63. We are at a loss for \$210,384.65. Last year around this time we had a little bit more money. We have the most revenue to date at \$5,579,161.88. Our expenses were down from last year at \$6,469,964.07. We are trending good. Next month we will have a better understanding of the money for fair. We are in a much stronger position.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Financial Report and September 2024 Financials. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Dunphy. Motion passed by all Directors.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Approved (Yes Vote)</u>	<u>Not Approved (No Vote)</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson			
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Livestock Committee - Blodgie Rodriguez, Chairperson

Director Rodriguez- This year's fair entries we up 502 over last year. Our revenue was down \$45,000. Friends of the Fair donated a PA system which was a great donation. Harvest Moon will be on November 16th & 17th. Holiday Classics is on December 6th & 7th. The livestock committee meeting is on Thursday, December 5th at 5:00pm in Harvest Hall.

Facilities/ Business Development Committee - NaTasha Johnson, Chairperson

KC's Farm Committee - Ned Dunphy, and Lucas Espericueta, Chairperson

Director Espericueta- KC's Farm is going to get some real work on that nut grass. We will remove the dirt. November 6th & 7th there are some classes. The people who put on the chopped contest are excited to meet and get some healthy classes set up.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

- a. Board Discussion to move the January 2025 Board meeting from Tuesday January 21, 2025, to Monday, January 27, 2025, at 5:00PM due to the conflict with the Western Fairs Association Conference in Reno Nevada on January 19-23, 2025.
- b. Board Discussion for the following Board of Directors, Rodriguez, Dunphy, Torres, Espericueta, Chavez, Britschgi, Johnson and Lidgett to attend the WFA Conference in Reno, Nevada Sunday, January 19, 2025, to January 23, 2025, for the purpose of Specific Training and Board and CEO Workshops.
- c. Board Discussion for CEO Olcott and staff members, Kenneally, Sweis, Martinez and Roberts to attend the WFA Conference in Reno, Nevada Sunday, January 19, 2025, to January 23, 2025, for the purpose of industry specific training.

Chairman Britschgi requested a Motion to approve items a-c. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Espericueta. Motion passed by all Directors.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Approved (Yes Vote)</u>	<u>Not Approved (No Vote)</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson			
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Next Regular Board Meeting

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Monday, November 18, 2024**, at 5:00 PM.

CEO Reports

- a. Fairgrounds and Facilities Update
- b. Fair Update

CEO Mike Olcott – We have Scare Valley Event out in the grass area and Belle Terrace. We have a Quinceanera Expo on October 27th, a Jaripeo Baile in the Grandstand Arena on October 27th, Monster Truck Show on November 2nd in the grandstands, BC Rodeo on November 9th & 10th in the Grandstands, and Bakersfield Square Dance on November 8th & 9th in building 4. We will start painting outside building #4 and Harvest Hall. I am working on a Federal RAISE grant which is for asphalt, park and ride and a green belt and drainage. It'll be for South P Street and Union lot. It's a 20-million-dollar grant. As you heard earlier total attendance was 331,000, we were down 5%. Gate revenue, just regular revenue, was \$1 million. The highest attendance was 51,000 on the last Saturday. Commercial sales were \$349,000. We have received \$1.5 million in auction payments so far. Carnival gross is \$1.6 million this year. Competitive exhibits entries were 6,796.00..

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Other information

Nothing to report.

Directors Comments

- Ned Dunphy- No Comment
- David Lidgett- No Comment
- David Torres- No Comment
- Cesar Chavez- No Comment
- Lucas Espericueta- No Comment

Jared Britschgi- No Comment
NaTasha Johnson- No Comment
Blodgie Rodriguez- No Comment

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Signed [Redacted]
Jared Britschgi
Title: Chairman of the Board
Date: October 21, 2024

Signed [Redacted]
Michael G Olcott
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: October 21, 2024