



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

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, April 15, 2024

Call to Order:

Chairman Britschgi called the meeting to order at 5:04 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			
David Torres	X		

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the excused absence of Director Rodriguez. 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez			
David Torres	X		

Public Comment:

Kristine- Addressing the Livestock Committee meeting on March 21st regarding livestock teams. During the meeting concerns were raised about the availability of Gate 40 Parking Pass with Dawn mentioning having to now park at Gate 39 due to limited spots. This led to confusion and frustration among many of us because of our unlimited free time and dedication to your fair.

As a volunteer this seemed wrong. I expressed my concerns during the meeting questioning all attendees, that 50 people would be denied Gate 40 passes. Dawn's response indicated this could indeed be the case. This caused a reaction in the room. Subsequently, after further discussion it is implied that those that are interested in parking passes rather than supporting the kids, might just not be wanted. This statement is deeply troubling. As many of us are passionate about supporting the kids even if we do not have children participating directly. Following the meeting I received numerous inquiries and concerns from fellow team members indicating a widespread unease with this situation. In a conversation with Mike the next day it was mentioned that BPD might recommend fencing or closing Gate 40 again this year like they wanted to last year. If that happens it is totally understandable. However, that was never brought up at the Livestock committee meeting. It remains unclear why Dawn didn't say anything about this, and BPD was not mentioned at the meeting. It was about no availability and not enough parking spaces. Two weeks after in a follow-up email, Dawn mentioned that 87 out of 245 Gate 40 passes were reserved for sponsors. If this is the case and each of them contributes \$2,500 because that is how we get our Gate 40 pass, if we sponsor that amount. This raises another question for me about financial management about the livestock program. As it would imply a substantial amount of funding allocated for these passes. I believe it would be \$217,500. I believe transparency and financial matters are crucial. I would like to request financial records related to these sponsorships and livestock. Based on personal experience and observation there does not seem to be a consistent shortage of spots available. Parking in Gate 40 was operated on a rotation base in the past. Accommodating volunteers effectively. Last year security always parked there and other people with passes on their car. This issue with Gate 40 could have totally been avoided. Dawn stated that she did not get a chance to say this in her meeting and I am confused at that because she is running the meeting. So how do you not have enough time to talk about BPD and not enough spots. We should not try to run off our free help.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2024 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2024 Standard Agreements

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Chavez, 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez			
David Torres	X		

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Lucas Espericueta, Chairperson

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

Lucas- On Tab 3 are the Financials covering the month of March. Projects are starting to be funded now. There is a big pick-up in business and in non-fair revenue. Tab 4 financials has the revenue for the month of March. Non-fair Rental Revenue of \$220,000. This is better than last year at \$2,000. We are moving in the right direction. We have good numbers, last year we were down \$30,000 and now we are about even. YTD we are still down \$290,000 which is to be expected as we lead up to fair. Our revenue for the year is \$629,000 so far and we are ahead of any revenue we have ever had since 2020. Everything looks good.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Financial Report and the March 2024 Financials. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Johnson. 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
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NaTasha Johnson	X		
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Livestock Committee - Blodgie Rodriguez Chairperson

Jared- The Livestock Catalog is online. They should be taking entries soon. Debbie Zittel is the Person of the Year.

Mike- She was super excited. Well, deserved.

Facilities/ Business Development Committee - NaTasha Johnson, Chairperson

- a. Review and Discussion of the Revised Permanent Concession Stand Policy
- b. Review and Discussion of the Fairtime RV/Tent Camping Policy
- c. Review and Discussion of the Non-Fair Short-Term RV/Tent Occupancy Policy
- d. Review and Discussion of the Event Camping Space Application
- e. Review and Discussion of the Camping Occupancy Agreement

There was discussion on the Permanent Concessions Stand Policy we had in place, which was a good start but needed to be revised. As a staff it is important to have policies from the Board because they set our parameters. The revised version of the Permanent Concessions Stand Policy better serves our needs.

Director Torres requested that we revise the last paragraph and remove the minimum guarantee, so we are not tied to a certain amount in case the Board wants to change it again in the future.

However, as Lilia explained we have a minimum guaranteed amount stated in our Concessionaire handbook which all concessionaires must keep in their booth including concessionaires operating out of a permanent stand.

During the discussion regarding camping Lilia stated that we do allow interim camping during events and allow camping for Fair time. CDFA had sent a Recreational Vehicle Park Guidance circular as well as a sample camping occupancy agreement to assist all of us Fairs in strengthening our camping programs. The revised camping policy and Occupancy Agreement protects us even further.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve a through e. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Chavez. 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	X		
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NaTasha Johnson	X		
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f. Review and Discussion to replace the Arena Bucking Chutes. See Addendum A

Mike- There are three bids on tab 9. The bids are from Rossdale Ferrier (Priefert), WW and Reno Rosser of Flying U Rodeo, a Priefert Distributor. Each bid is a different setup and the bid from Reno Roser is the best setup for the Rodeos. This bid came in at \$107,000 and it includes set up by Reno Rosser but doesn't include shipping.

Ned- Currently we rent chutes from Reno every year at a cost of \$11,000.

Mike- The chutes are unsafe for the animals, and I recommend replacing them.

Lidgett- I would prefer to go with Rosedale Ferrier because they are local, but since Reno is requesting this and he will be the one using the chutes, it would be best to go with his design layout.

Mike- The chutes are powder coated and should last 10 to 15 years.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve f. Motion made by Director Torres, to adopt the quote by Flying U Rodeo proposal with a lid of \$125,000 to cover shipping and any other additional costs. If the costs are greater than the \$125,000 this needs to come back to the Board at the next meeting. Seconded by Director Espericueta. Motion passed by all Directors.

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Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez	X		
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NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
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David Torres	X		

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

Mike- We just planted KC's Farm. Lori Roberts is starting to book more dates for June & July Summer Camps. She is looking to bring in some animals during these events also.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

- a. Review and Discussion for Lilia Kenneally and Evelin Martinez to attend the CalFest Annual Convention Monday April 22 to April 24, 2024, in Anaheim, California for training seminars in the areas of risk management, venue layout, and event security.

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Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez			
David Torres	X		

Next Regular Board Meeting

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Monday, May 20, 2024**, at 5:00 PM.

CEO Reports

- a. Year-Round Events update
- b. Fairgrounds and Facilities Update

Mike- We have a lot of events booked. We are packed solid all the way through June into July. Events happening soon: Highland games on 4/20-21, NSRA 4/26-28, Relay for Life 5/4-5, Concert for a Cause 5/4, Bulter Spring Carnival 5/9-12, PAL 5/17, MMA Fight 5/18 Aztec Image Car Show 5/19, and Menudo Festival 5/26. We are painting Harvest Hall and updating the stage. We are starting the process to re-roof buildings #1, #2, and #3. The new twelve-thousand-pound forklift arrived after being on order for over a year. David Lidgett, I want to thank you for the new partnership with ROC CTec. We will be partnering with BARC to hire people with disabilities to do landscaping, janitorial, event set up and perimeter work. Bakersfield City School District will partner with us to bring students over to KC Farm from, Sequoia and Wayside from their after-school program.

Correspondence

- a. D2024-03 Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Service Act

Other information

Nothing to report.

Directors Comments

Ned Dunphy- Very happy with the amount of income coming in and how the fair is being utilized.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

a. Pending Litigation

The Board is authorized to enter the closed session with Legal Counsel to discuss:
Pending Litigation (Gov. Code § 11126(e)(1))

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve to go into Closed Session. Motion made by Director Dunphy, 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez			
David Torres	X		

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve to reconvene into Open Session at 6:04PM. Motion made by Director Dunphy, seconded by Director Chavez. 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez			
David Torres	X		

No Action to report in closed session.

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Signed

Jared Britschgi

Title: Chairman of the Board

Date: April 15, 2024

Signed

Michael G Olcott

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 15, 2024