



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

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Call to Order:

Chairman Dunphy 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	X		
David Torres	X		

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the excused absence of Director Espericueta. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Johnson. Motion passed by all Directors.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of December 18, 2023

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Rodriguez, 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		
Lucas Espericueta			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
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 2024 Budget (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Cesar- Mike and team worked a few hours on the budget. Everyone did a real good job with the 2023 Budget and the 2024 Budget looks good.

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the Financial Report, and the 2024 Budget. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Britschgi. 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			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson

- a. Review of the Livestock Committee Recommendations for the 2024 Livestock Catalog-Addendum A. (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Jared- On tab 3 are the changes that are we going to make to the Livestock book.

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the Livestock Committee Recommendations for the 2024 Livestock Catalog. Motion made by Director Rodriguez, 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			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Facilities/ Business Development Committee - NaTasha Johnson, Chairperson

- a. 2023 Concession Report. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- b. 2024 Commercial Exhibitor Space. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- c. 2024 Fairtime RV Parking. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- d. 2024 Fairtime Admission. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- e. 2024 Fairtime Parking. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- f. Parking Lots. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- g. Buildings and Grounds. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- h. Building HVAC. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- i. Re-Roofing Building 1,2 and 3. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- j. Livestock
 - 1) PA System. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
 - 2) WIFI Access in each Arena. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
 - 3) Arena Bucking Shoots. *(Discussion/Action by Board)*

NaTasha- The Concessions are doing great and no increase in fees are recommended at this time. The Commercial Exhibitor Space is filling up from being down after COVID and we recommend leaving the \$1,500 for a 10' x 10' spot to remain the same price. The staff will develop a policy for the Concession and Livestock camping fees that we will go over and bring back to the Board. Admission was a hard topic and the fact that we have not raised the gate price in seven years to offset the rising cost of the minimum wage increases, we recommend raising our gate prices to \$15.00. We will leave the discount price the same at \$10.00. We also recommend raising our senior admission ticket to \$10.00. The child ticket is recommended to go from \$5.00 to \$6.00 and leave the discount child admission at \$4.00. Grandstand box seating we recommend going from \$15.00 to \$20.00 because the price of acts in the Grandstand continues to increase.

Livestock parking gate 39 is currently \$45.00 for a 12- day pass, we are recommending changing it to \$60.00. Potential overall revenue from all the changes could be \$259,745.00. Again, this will help with the rising cost of payroll.

We discussed bringing back the ATM in the front and owning it. We also discussed grant opportunities for asphalt and roofing. The building HVAC will cost close to \$1 million for building 2 and Mike is looking into grants for this. We also discussed the Livestock PA system,

Wi-Fi access and new arena bucking shoots. Mike is waiting for a quote on the bucking shoots from Reno Rosser and his opinion on how new shoots should be set up.

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve a, b, c, d and e. Motion made by Director Chavez, 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			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

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

Mike- KC Farm we have dates that Lorrie Roberts has presented to us in March, April & June for classes. More classes to be scheduled for summer.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

- a. Review and Discussion of the 2024 Board Meeting Dates, 2024 Holiday Dates, and the 2024 Fair Dates.

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Dates, 2024 Holiday Dates, and the 2024 Fair Dates. Motion made by Director Johnson, 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			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

b. Review and Discussion of the 2024 Person of the Year.

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion. Motion was made to table the 2024 Person of the Year to next meeting. Director Lidgett, seconded by Director Britschgi. 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			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

c. Election of the 2024 Officers of the Board of Directors

a. Chairman of the Board of Directors

b. Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors

Director Rodriguez made a motion to elect Jared Britschgi as Chairman of the Board of Directors and NaTasha Johnson as Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, for a term of two years each. 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			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Next Regular Board Meeting

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, at 5:00 PM due to the three-day holiday weekend.

CEO Reports

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

Mike- We have many new events. New Circus on January, Spray safe, Mouse-con, rabbit breeders etc. We have a new event, "Concert for a Cause" and Relay for Life. We still have Boots in the Park on the second half of the year since the first half did not work out for scheduling. Facilities this year we are planning to paint buildings, pens. Remove dead trees. I am going to put fencing with slats along Union Parking Lot by Amador Street. Chelsey-we received 31 overall WFA awards. I got a letter from Shannon Grove stating she congratulates our remarkable achievement of our 31 awards received at WFA.

Correspondence

- c. F2023-08 State Rules for California Fairs
- d. 2024 State Rules for California Fairs
- e. 2024 State Rules Addendum I-Summary of Changes
- f. 2024 State Rules Addendum II-Exhibit Program Guidelines
- g. 2024 State Rules Addendum III-Official Youth Agreement
- h. Secretary Ross 2024 Exhibitor Handbook Letter
- i. D2023-07 Annual CEO Evaluation
- j. SO-148 Chief Executive Officer Performance Evaluation
- k. CEO Evaluation Guidelines
- l. 9_7_3 Training Policy
- m. Vacation Annual Leave Accumulations
- n. STD634

Other information

Nothing to report.

Directors Comments

Ned Dunphy- Congrats to David on his award.

David Lidgett- No Comment

David Torres- Thank you Ned for your great wisdom and leadership.

Cesar Chavez- Good Job Ned.

Lucas Espericueta- No Comment

Jared Britschgi- Thank you Ned, I will be leaning on you for leadership.

NaTasha Johnson- Congrats to David on getting his award.

Blodgie Rodriguez- Great Conference, proud of KCF team, looking forward to 2024.

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Signed

Ned Dunphy

Title: Chairman of the Board

Date: January 16, 2024

Signed

Michael G Olcott

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 16, 2024