



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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2020**

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM via zoom teleconference.

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			(arrived late at 5:09 PM)
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the excused absence of Director Lidgett. Motion made by Director Britschgi, seconded by Director Johnson. Motion passed by all Directors.

Public Comment:

Kristine and Teresa: Merry Christmas to everyone

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of November 16, 2020 regular meeting

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett			
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 November 2020 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Lucas - The cash position has us sitting at \$851,000 compared to last year at \$1.6K. Although this year we only have about \$1,000 sitting in accounts payable compared to last year at \$886,000 payable. So although we have a lot less cash right now compared to last year, we have a lot less to pay. A lot of the transactions for paying out the accrued time off for those who went through the layoff hit us in November. So our revenue vs expenses are probably one of our worst months because of that. Although we usually carry those payouts on our liability, so as we pay them out, we are lightening our liabilities on our balance sheet. Although you won't see it on your current financials yet, we received a check this month from the state to help offset the costs from layoffs. In light of everything and having to cancel the fair, I think we will end the year in the green, or black as they say, which is good. We just need to get through the rest of the layoffs and expense heavy payouts.

Mike - We should be receiving \$300,000 from the rental to the county and \$132,000 from AB1499 next month. The County will also be moving forward with a 6 month extension in their contract at \$30,000 a month. They will give a 2 week notice if they decide to move out early.

Torres - Will the County be utilizing the fairgrounds to distribute the vaccine?

Mike - Yes, they are currently looking at this facility to do that. Public Health will give us 48 hours if they need to transition the buildings to an alternative care site. We will probably need to help with that set up.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the Financial Report and November's Financials. 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	X		
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 2021 Livestock Catalog - Addendum A

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the 2021 Livestock Committee Recommendations. 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	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Facilities Committee - Cesar Chavez, Chairperson

Nothing to report

Business Development Committee - Ned Dunphy, Chairperson

Nothing to report

KC's Farm Committee - Ned Dunphy and Lucas Espericueta

Nothing to report

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Next Regular Board Meeting

Next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Association Office and via zoom meeting.

CEO Report

President of NICA, Rey ODay, wrote a nice article about the Fair Food Drive Thru. T's Christmas Drive-Thru was extremely successful.

T - Thank you to the Kern County Fair for the sponsorship of in connection with this event to pass reach 1,000 families with PPE, food, etc.

The Dinosaur Event went well and we are looking at other drive-thru events.

Funding Update, we have been approved for \$132,830 of the AB 1499 money for the 2021 year. I am expecting our quarterly unemployment insurance to skyrocket so the AB 75 funding, which is the funding for help with layoffs, will help cover that. The new stimulus package will include \$12 billion that is earmarked for "Save the Stages" for entertainment venues. So we may qualify for some of that, we are looking into it. We are in the process for creating two budgets to present in January.

David Torres Left at 5:28 PM

CDFA Secretary Karen Ross wrote a nice article regarding California Fairs during her 12 Days of Gratitude:

"As a 4-H kid who loved the annual county fair growing up, I have a special appreciation for our state's fairgrounds and the people who operate them. I am especially grateful for the evolution of these properties into a critically important part of our infrastructure to support local communities in emergency situations.

In 2020, the impact of COVID-19 negatively affected the ability of fairgrounds to generate revenue. Revenue comes from holding mass gatherings for social, commercial, and community events, including an annual fair. The annual fair event is the primary revenue generator for a fairground to cover the expenses for the event, and it funds the costs of daily operations and payroll for the year. At the same time, fairgrounds continued as a part of our emergency network, serving as base camps and shelter during fires, COVID-19 testing sites, and food bank distribution sites.

The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted fairgrounds but also has created an opportunity to explore new models to respond to diverse community needs while continuing to serve as critical emergency response infrastructure.

I am very grateful for these state assets that mean so much to their local communities and for the incredible dedication of the managers, directors and staff who help so many under a variety of emergency situations.

I appreciate Deputy Secretary Arturo Barajas and the great Fairs & Expositions team led by John Quiroz for finding creative ways to support local fair boards to safely proceed with virtual livestock exhibitions and auctions in support of youth projects.

Although we can't know when, we do know fair season will return. In the meantime I salute the Network of Fairs as we work together to stabilize funding and look for more efficient and effective ways for the operation of these important facilities."

Directors Comments

Chairwoman Rodriguez – Mike and Staff, thank you so much for this year. It has definitely been a different year. Thank you for holding up and sticking it out. T, you are phenomenal, and thank you for letting me be involved. The things you are doing in this community make a big difference. Thank you to the rest of the board, we are an amazing team and I couldn't do this without you.

Director Dunphy – There was an article about feeding Livestock red kelp seaweed to help reduce their flatulent and greenhouse gasses.

Director Lidgett – Shout out to some of the 4H and FFA kids, there was a good amount of kids who donated their livestock animals to the Kern County Homeless Shelter. Thanks Mike and Staff for everything.

Director Chavez – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you Blodgie, you have done a tremendous job this year. Thank you Mike and everyone for helping keep us going.

Director Torres – left early

Director Espericueta – Merry Christmas to everyone.

Director Britschgi – No comment

Director Johnson – Thank you Chicken, he was so easy to work with and made things extremely joyful.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to adjourn the December 21, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Motion made by Director Espericueta, 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	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres			

Time is 5:36 PM.

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Signed 

Blodgie Rodriguez

Title: Chairwoman of the Board

Date: January 19, 2021

Signed 

Michael G Olcott

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 19, 2021