



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

Bakersfield, California

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024

Call to Order:

Chairman Britschgi called the meeting to order at 5:20 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 absence of Director Dunphy, Director Espericueta and Director Torres. 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			
Lucas Espericueta			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres			

Public Comment:

Teresa- Lori did the KCF Farm event for 4H and it was great the kids really enjoyed it.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2024 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2024 Sponsorship Agreements
- d. Review of 2024 Standard Agreements

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

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Lucas Espericueta, Chairperson

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

Cesar- Things look good, have money in the bank. \$3,600,000 to be exact. February looks better than last year.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Financial Report and the February 2024 Financials. 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			
Lucas Espericueta			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres			

Livestock Committee – Blodgie Rodriguez, Chairperson

Blodgie- We had a great Goat show, David Lidgett & Lili were there. We have Pacific Coast this weekend and a Fair Teams Meeting Thursday at 5:00 pm in Harvest Hall.

Facilities/ Business Development Committee - NaTasha Johnson, Chairperson

NaTasha- We are looking good. We are still working on the buildings, Mike is getting the quote to do the roofs on the three big buildings.

Director Torres arrived.

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

Mike- I am working with an organization out of Sacramento that hires temporary people with disabilities to work in crews at the fairgrounds. They contract with local non-profits such as Bakersfield ARC to provide staffing.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

- a. Review and Discussion to replace the revised contract Policy that was developed and approved by Jerry Blair, Department of Justice and revert back to the 2010 CDFA Contract Manual until a revised version is released.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to vacate the previous contract and adopt the 2010 CDFA Contract Manual. 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			
Lucas Espericueta			
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Next Regular Board Meeting

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Monday, April 15, 2024**, at 5:00 PM.

CEO Reports

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

Mike- We have a hand full of events coming up. Farm Day in the City, Dinosaur Show, Circus on Ice, KC Camp on Friday, Pacific Livestock Show, KC Kennel Club Dog Show, Scottish Games, NSRA Western Street Rod Association, Relay for Life, and Battle of the badges. We are booked all the way through July. I talked with Reno today and he will get me a quote at the end of the week for the bucking chutes, then I will bring it back to the board. The Friends of the Fair at their Board Meeting approved paying for a new PA System that would upgrade the system in Livestock. Lucas brought to my attention there was a Farm Credit West Grant that may pay for the PA System. We submitted the paperwork and will see if we receive the grant. We are painting Harvest Hall inside out. We will be reroofing buildings #1,2 and 3. We did get a new gutter in building #4 and it is working great.

Correspondence

Nothing correspondence.

Other information

Nothing to report.

Directors Comments

Ned Britschgi- No Comment

David Lidgett- All the events this week were amazing and well put together. Monster Truck was not well attended. The Goat Show was great and appreciated the infrastructure. I found flag poles in front of the Livestock office. Would be nice for them to have a flag up there during all the Livestock Events.

David Torres- No Comment

Cesar Chavez- No Comment

Lucas Espericueta- No Comment

Jared Britschgi- No Comment

NaTasha Johnson- No Comment

Blodgie Rodriguez- Thank you for sending the pictures, Chelsey.

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Signed 

Jared Britschgi
 Title: Chairman of the Board
 Date: March 18, 2024

Signed 

Michael G Olcott
 Title: Chief Executive Officer
 Date: March 18, 2024