



**15<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association**  
**Kern County Fair and Event Center**  
**Bakersfield, California**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**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	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres			X

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

**Public Comment:**

No public comments

**Consent Calendar:**

- a. Review of Minutes of March 15, 2021 regular meeting
- b. Review of 2021 Interim Rental Agreements

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Lidgett, 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			

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee - Lucas Espericueta, Chairperson**

- a. Review of Financial Report (*Discussion/Action by Board*)
- b. Review of March 2021 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Lucas – We received a second round of PPP Loans in the amount of \$615,000. Our current cash position \$2,165,000 compared to last year at \$565,000. We have remained pretty stable throughout the last month. The association remains in lockdown mode in a financially stable holding pattern.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the March 2021 Financials. Motion made by Director Dunphy, 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			

#### **Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson**

Jared – The livestock book is online.

Mike – We are moving forward with our normal Livestock Show.

Kristine Hudson – Will the livestock show be normal whole two weeks or will it be a show and go?

Mike – We are currently working with the Health Department on what they will allow.

Ned – Is Buyer 9 permanently gone or just for the short term?

Mike – Permanently gone.

**Facilities Committee** - Cesar Chavez, Chairperson

Ned – We have decided to rent the Facilities to the County.

**Business Development Committee** - Ned Dunphy, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

**KC's Farm Committee** - Ned Dunphy and Lucas Espericueta

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Review and Discussion to apply for the “Shuttered Venue Operator Grant (SVOG)”

Mike – We received more information that Government Agencies cannot apply in Phase 1 or 2 so we will have to wait until Phase 3.

Ned – We have discussed this a lot over the last few months. My understanding is that this money is COVID relief to help entities who were hurt because they could not put on events.

Lucas – Is their restrictions on how to spend the money?

Mike – Yes, it has to be spent on things relating to putting an event on again like advertising, set up, etc.

Lucas – I know I have given some push back on this but I have had a change of heart. I think if the Government has baskets of cash, it would behoove us to collect as much of that for our community as possible. This is for the benefit of our community.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve CEO Olcott to apply for the Shuttered Venue Operator Grant. Motion made by Director Dunphy, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion passed by all Directors.

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

**New Business**

No new Business

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

Next scheduled board meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Association Office and via zoom meeting.

**CEO Report**

Mike – The Governor approved another \$50 million to continue to help with the layoff process and thoughtful transition out of State service for Fairs. California Fairs Alliance (CFA) is continuing to discuss ongoing transition proposals that were presented to CDFA’s Secretary Ross and the Governor’s Office. There has been favorable reply on that. The County of Kern continues to use the Facility as a mass vaccination site. They have now opened their drive-thru vaccines in the Belle Terrace Parking Lot. We are continuing to repair old maintenance equipment. We received our new server, just waiting on everything to be transferred over. Work release and Community service are helping us keep up on the property. Kern Market place is continuing to make a good profit. We started our 2020 Financial Audit through a local firm. We are still waiting for numbers from CDFA to wrap up our 2018 and 2019 financial audits.

**Correspondence**

- a. Circular Letter D2020-01 and Target Support Application, in regard to \$40.3M General Fund Support – Phase II

Mike – We just received this on March 19. There was money left over from Phase I of the \$40.3M General Fund Support. We submitted our proposal for Targeted Support from the remaining \$9.7M so we should find out soon if we will receive any.

Join us for Coffee with the CEO every Thursday morning.

**Directors Comments**

No Director Comments

**Closed Session**

- a. Personnel: The Board is authorized to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of considering: Personnel Matters (Gov. Code § 11125(a))

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to go into closed session at 5:26 PM. Motion made by Director Dunphy, seconded by Director Johnson. Motion passed by all directors.

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

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to reconvene into open session at 5:45 PM. Motion made by Director Dunphy, 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			

Chairwoman Rodriguez reported that there was no action taken during closed session.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Motion made by Director Dunphy, 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 5:45 PM.

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Signed 

Blodgie Rodriguez

Title: Chairwoman of the Board

Date: May 17, 2021

Signed 

Michael G Olcott

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 17, 2021