



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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 20, 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	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Public Comment:

None

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of March 16, 2020 regular meeting
- b. Review of 2020 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2020 Standard Agreements

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. 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		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
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 March 2020 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Director Espericueta noted that there was no Finance Committee meeting this month however he went over finances with CEO Olcott. Worst case scenario with no fair will be a 3 million dollar loss and a 25% down would result in a 1.5 million dollar loss. Director Espericueta stated that CEO Olcott was turned down to secure any loan or line of credits and that we do not qualify for any PPP. CEO Olcott added that CFA and WFA is working on legislature to help fairs.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to accept the March financial committee report and financials. 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		

Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson

Director Britschgi reported that DNA kits are now on sale through the website.

Facilities Committee - Cesar Chavez, Chairperson

No meeting this month

Business Development Committee - Ned Dunphy, Chairperson

No meeting this month

KC's Farm Committee - Ned Dunphy and Lucas Espericueta

No meeting this month

Old Business

- a. Review and Discussion to pay California Department of Food and Agriculture-Department of Human Resources/Legal Division-Legal Fees Charged to the 15th District Agricultural Association-Kern County Fair and Event Center

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion. Director Dunphy motioned to table this until May until we have a better idea of financial situation will look like, 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	X		
David Torres	X		

New Business

- a. Review and Discussion of the contract/agreement between the County of Kern and the 15th District Agricultural Association, Kern County Fair and Event Center for Emergency use of the property as activated by the Kern County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). See Addendum E.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the contract. 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		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

- b. Review and Discussion regarding the 2020 Annual Fair and Livestock Exhibits. If the annual fair was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, the possibility of an online auction for the livestock exhibitors. With “Buyer Number 9” not attending this year’s fair, it’s also important that if exhibitors choose to raise an animal, they will be responsible to secure buyers.

Chairwoman Rodriguez called on Livestock Supervisor Dawn Stornetta to give an update. She is still planning on a normal fair, but is working on several other contingency plans in case we cannot have our traditional livestock show. Currently looking at online virtual show and sale options. She suspect’s numbers of exhibitors will fall slightly because of buyer 9 and COVID.

Director Espericueta believes our community will come together for the livestock exhibitors and would like to see some sort of system where people who want to purchase just pieces of a steer but not the whole animal can find others who can come together.

Director Dunphy would like to see more information on the auction webpage for possibly buyers and an education campaign on how to get involved in the auction.

Dawn Stornetta said we are in the processes of getting more auction information online.

Director Torres asked what the drop dead date is to cancel the 2020 Fair. CEO Olcott said it would need to be decided at the July meeting.

Director Dunphy said the board would move heaven and earth to make sure that there is some sort of livestock auction for these exhibitors.

Director Dunphy moved to table the discussion on canceling fair until we have no other option, 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	X		
David Torres	X		

- c. Review and Discussion of the Resolution to Determine the Eligibility of the Fairgrounds To Receive Sales and Use Tax Allocations AB1499 Funding Under Executive Order N-40-20. See Addendum A.
- d. Review and Discussion of the Grant for General Operational Support Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU includes the responsibilities of the Fair, Responsibilities of

CDFA, Compliance of Work Conditions and Termination of Qualified Fair Status. See Addendum B.

- e. Review and Discussion of AB1499 Required Employee Work Conditions Policy. See Addendum C.
- f. Review and Discussion of the Contracting Policies and Procedures as Required by Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 19620.15 Kern County Fair and Event Center. See Addendum D.

Director Dunphy asked if we could feasibly move forward without accepting the AB1499 funds. CEO Olcott said that without the funding the fair would have less finances to move forward. If we have fair, I can adjust the staff to comply with these new policies and requirements.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve items C, D, E, and F.

Motion made by Director Dunphy, seconded by Director Espericueta. 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		

Next Regular Board Meeting

Next scheduled board meeting is Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM

CEO Report

CEO Olcott said staff are moving forward on planning the 2020 Fair. He added that the fair adds many jobs and money annual to the local economy. CEO Olcott shared a video that fellow WFA member Robert Smith created in support of Fairs throughout the world.

Correspondence

- a. F2020-08 EMMP Advisory Committee Meeting Update

Directors Comments

Chairwoman Rodriguez – We are so much more than those 12 days of fair, we’re currently providing
Director Dunphy – We need to hang in there and by working together we are going to bring this thing home.

Director Lidgett – Wanted to thank Mike and the staff for all their hard work. Appreciates the fair for opening up to be used throughout COVID19.

Director Chavez – Keep up the good work Mike and Staff. We will get through this.

Director Torres – Echo the comments made by Ned Dunphy.

Director Espericueta – Echo previous comments and add that it is very unfortunate but he is excited to see how this turns out as we take on this challenge.

Director Britschgi – No Comment

Director Johnson – We will be back stronger than ever

Closed Session

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to meet in closed session for the purpose of considering: CEO Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 11126(a)(1)). Motion made by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion passed by all Directors. Time: 6:12 PM

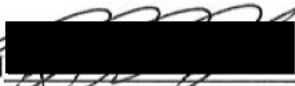
<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Approved (Yes Vote)</u>	<u>Not Approved (No Vote)</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jared Britschgi	X		
Cesar Chavez	X		
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		


Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to reconvene in open session. Motion made by Director Espericueta, seconded by Director Chavez. Motion passed by all Directors. Time: 6:35 PM

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

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to adjourn the April 20, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Motion made by Director Chavez, seconded by Director Johnson. Motion passed by all Directors. Time is 6:37 PM.

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Signed 
Blodgie Rodriguez
Title: Chairman of the Board
Date: April 20, 2020

Signed 
Michael G Olcott
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: April 20, 2020