



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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2020**

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 May 18, 2020 regular meeting
- b. Review of Minutes of May 27, 2020 emergency meeting
- c. Review of 2020 Standard Agreements
- d. Review of 2020 Concession 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 May 2020 Financials *(Discussion/Action by Board)*

We are getting a narrative form from Diane and it's very helpful. Our finances aren't doing great, but that's because of the state that we are all in with no events happening on the grounds. There seems to be a small error in the accounts receivable that needs to be fixed. I would recommend we Table this report until the next meeting when this is corrected. I am not in the habit of getting financials approved when they aren't correct. We did get a loan this past month, so you will see that in the financials. On page 4, you will see the payroll account is up because of the loan. The narrative does my job for me and it's pretty self-explanatory.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested we table the report until the next regular board meeting. 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	X		

Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson

Director Britschgi reported the upcoming due dates for the livestock department. Be sure to get your DNA kits ordered and into the office by the respective deadlines.

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

- 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 pay this bill, 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 loan approved from Mission Bank for \$588,000.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the loan. Motion made by Director Dunphy, 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		

- b. Review and Discussion to require that any Fair Admission or Fair Parking price increases to be approved through the Annual Budget Process.

Director Espericueta asked CEO Olcott to put this on the agenda. It was discussed back in 2017 for the annual budget. I would like all increases to be handled by the annual budget process. The budget can be revised/amended if prices are increased in the middle of the year. I would like approval to be taken from the Business Development Committee and put with the duties of the Finance Committee. Director Dunphy mentioned that it still has to go to the full board for approval no matter what committee it comes from. The last time it was raised was the very first meeting for Director Espericueta. The price increase was to help build the funds to pay for maintenance projects that desperately needed to be attended to. It wasn't because we had the lowest prices around, it was to raise the revenue for certain projects. Director Espericueta just feels that any price increase needs to come from the finance committee and the budget process rather than the business development committee.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the decision for Fair Admission and Fair Parking be approved through the Annual Budget Process. Motion made by Director Dunphy to table this until the July meeting, 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		

c. Review and Discuss appeal to allow a late entry for Kelsey Sears. **See Addendum A**

Dawn Stornetta, Livestock Supervisor read the letter from the North FFA Ag teacher talking about how she missed the deadline to enter her students into the Horse show at the Kern County Fair. Director Dunphy asked if kern County has any authority to override the rule. Dawn said that we do, but the decision can still be protested. Ownership is a State Rule that we, the Kern County Fair follows. We would love to let them in, but where is the line to stop. Rules are rules and we all must follow them. The book is voted on and we all see it in the fall for the next year's fair. We can't give an exception just because of the Coronavirus. All the other kids were able to get their paperwork in and entries in, why not these few kids? At any time, someone can protest the decision that could possibly be made tonight at this meeting, and they would win because the deadline wasn't extended before the deadline passes. If we break this rule, then if we need State Rules backing later on, they can refuse to help us because we decided to break the deadline rule for these Horse exhibitors.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to allow or disallow the late entry for Kelsey Sears. Motion made by Director Torres to disallow the late entry, 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	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

d. Review and Discuss appeal to allow a late entry for Kaydence Bowles and Ashlee Bowles. **See Addendum B**

The exhibitor and parents ordered the kits on May 2, shipped May 5, received May 7. Returned it May 29th. Everything was done in a timely manner, but was turned in late. It's a violation of state rules. Entries were not done online, so the DNA is just 1 deadline they missed. If there was an error on the Fairs part, then they could be let in, but there were over 70 DNA kits sent out and these are the only 2 not turned in.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to allow or disallow the late entry for Kaydence and Ashlee Bowles. Motion made by Director Chavez to disallow the late entry, 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		

- e. Review and Discussion to reinstate the Poultry show for the 2020 Kern County Fair since “The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have announced an end to the Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND) quarantine. “See **Addendum C**- CDFA News Release and **Addendum D** - New Poultry Divisions

Dawn Stornetta, Livestock Supervisor commented that the deadline for Poultry is in August (30-day ownership rule). Poultry will be held in Barn 12, so no tent will be required. It will be more of a show and go instead of keeping them on grounds for the whole fair. There won't be a space issue, since numbers are already down in all specie. CDFA and the State are only guiding us in the direction of a virtual show for the market animals, not the breeding animals (rabbits, chickens, beef, sheep, goats, etc.) The discussion needs to be had to talk about a virtual show and auction. We need to get the information out there on what its going to look like. If its virtual, is it going to be market animals only or are we going to open it up to breeding animals as well. Director Dunphy thinks this should be a livestock committee meeting to discuss all the questions. CEO Olcott suggested a board meeting because whatever is discussed at the livestock meeting would have to go to the full board to get voted on anyways. Director Torres asked if the State of California has given us any guidelines on how to conduct a virtual sale. Dawn said that the sale will only be a terminal sale. No live pick-ups will be allowed. Some of the other shows and auctions have been very successful. Auctions are holding well because about 60% of the buyers are new buyers. The buyers want to help the kids out with what's going on in the world today. It needs to be a full board meeting because we are running out of time.

Director Dunphy suggests this come to another meeting to discuss on how the virtual show and auction will work. Let's schedule a meeting for June 29th, 2020.

Motion made to Table New Business E & F until the June 29th meeting by Director Espericueta, 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		
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David Torres	X		

- a. Review and Discussion concerning the Kern County Fair Rabbit Show, the Sanctioned American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) show and the Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease that has been discovered to be in California. **See Addendum E**

Motion made by Director Espericueta to table this item until the June 29th meeting. Seconded by Director Dunphy. Motion passed by all Directors.

Armando Cabrera spoke on behalf of the Kern County Rabbit Breeders Association. He said that with every day that passes, it becomes tougher because they need to breed these rabbits to be eligible for the Kern County Fair. There is a 30-day ownership rule and something needs to be decided on with the rabbits and poultry. For breeding, a virtual show would be difficult because of tags, tattoos, pedigrees, etc. Pictures can be submitted but it's so easy to cheat and alter the pictures that are submitted. We will need to think about doing a breeding show and how to verify ownership and it's the actual breeding animal that was entered.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Next scheduled board meeting is Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Association Office and via zoom meeting.

CEO Report

Staff is moving forward planning the 2020 Fair. We continue to monitor the county and state regulations with the daily changes. I am worried we won't reach stage 4 of the Governor's restrictions which will allow us to open. We want the community to remain healthy so we will do our best to follow guidelines and hopefully open in September.

Correspondence

None

Directors Comments

Chairwoman Rodriguez – Thank you Ned for your words. Thank you to everyone (Staff and Non-Profit). We are dedicated to our community and we are working through this. Thank you to our county for offering the support.

Director Dunphy – Beg that the community show patience and while we are all figuring this out together.

Director Lidgett – No comment

Director Chavez – No comment

Director Torres – We are doing our best to help out the kids and we will figure something out for them.

Director Espericueta – Thank you everyone. This is a frustrating time.

Director Britschgi – No comment

Director Johnson – No comment

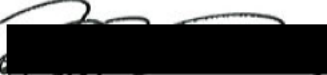
Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to adjourn the June 15, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Motion made by Director Espericueta, seconded by Director Johnson. Motion passed by all Directors.

<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	X		

Time is 6:26 PM.

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Signed


Blodgie Rodriguez

Title: Chairwoman of the Board

Date: June 15, 2020

Signed


Michael G Olcott

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 15, 2020