



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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, June 17, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Britschgi called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM in the Association Office.

**Directors Present:**

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</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	X		

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the excused absence of Director Chavez. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Johanson. Motion passed by all Directors.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comments

**Consent Calendar:**

- a. Review of Minutes of April 15, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2024 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2024 Standard Agreements

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made 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			
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 April 2024 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)
- c. Review of May 2024 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Director Espericueta- Tab 7 shows the April 30<sup>th</sup> figures on the Balance Sheets. In April we brought in \$284,000 revenue. We had \$300,000 in expenses for a negative \$21,000 for the month. For comparison, the next page shows how it corresponds YTD going back to April 2020. We are topping every other past year. Our expenses were less than they were last year. Tab 3 starts May financials. On the Balance Sheet we still have \$2.9 million in cash in the investment account. Our payables are down from last year. It's a strong-looking balance sheet. Going to the revenue side we brought in \$313,000 in May and we spent \$311,000. We broke even at a \$13,000 net. Which is good because we never break even until the fair. Kudos to Lili & Staff. This money is mainly driven by Interim Events and Parking. Looking at past years we are looking at higher revenue than any other years in May and our expenses are second on the list. So we are doing good.

Chairman Britschgi requested a motion to approve the Financial Report, the April 2024 and May 2024 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			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson	X		
David Lidgett	X		

Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

**Livestock Committee - Blodgie Rodriguez, Chairperson**

a. Kern County Agriculture & Leadership Program

Chad Carol- I am one of the Board Members of the KCALP along with Jennifer and Carrie. We would like to talk about our program. We also have Celest Rickett who is one of our Jr Board Members. Are club and groups are involved in several projects. We promote and help any of the kids that are involved in Agriculture that are showing as an Independent. We are strictly just here for the Kern County Fair. Our exhibitors, and on top of us being on the Board, we have two Jr. Board Members. Part of our program also helps our kids, not only with what they are doing in high school, showing animals and stuff for fair, but also showing them career paths that lead them later on in the future.

Jennifer Eyraud- I am also a Board Member for KCALP. One of the biggest things we are striving for is that we see a niche that needed to be filled with Independent exhibitors. They miss fair dates, deadlines, and they do not have guidance out there. I am not saying they are not being helped. This is for kids choosing to be Independent. We have project leaders for every project. If they want help, we are there. If they do not want help, we are still there. We meet monthly with the kids, and they have meeting parliamentary procedure. They vote on every dollar that is spent with the club has earned. They decide where the money goes. The kids do run their meetings, and they must put together agendas, proposals and our goals are to create stronger leaders. I would like to introduce Celest Rickett, one of our Jr. Board Members. I know this is a new program and we do not want to take anything away from the Kern County Fair. Our kids show year around. We host many organizational events open to all youth, Kern County, California and surrounding areas. We are getting ready to put on a "Totes My Goat Show". We already have \$3,000.00 in scholarships for that show and for the kids.

Celest Rickett- Hi, I am 19 years old and this year I had the opportunity to of being a Jr. Board Member of KCALP. I believe this organization stands for many things. We want to empower youth, encourage the pursuit of agriculture careers, and support our members through education and financial support. This year we put on our first Annual Boots and Bling Fundraiser. I got to be a big part of planning and putting on this event which was very fun. For the event I went around talking with businesses, people in the community along with the other Jr. Board Members. I enjoyed being able to help. It was very refreshing seeing the youth run an event like this. I was even able to MC the event speaking in front of everyone. It was an awesome opportunity for me. I am also helping put on "Totes My Goats Show and Clinic" as a Jr. Board Member. This organization is run by the youth for the youth. Another opportunity the organization has provided, is being able to help Independent Exhibitors with their projects. Overall, this organization

has been a great outlet for me and I look forward to continuing to help the youth in our community.

Director Torres – When did you organize?

Jennifer Eyraud- We hit the ground running about a year now. The biggest thing we are most excited about is our Kern AG Foundation. We are going to do scholarships with them open to kids that show as an Independent. Scholarships for kids that show Independent are lacking. Th

Director Johnson- you guys are a non-profit.

Jennifer Eyraud- Yes.

**Facilities/ Business Development Committee - NaTasha Johnson, Chairperson**

Director Johnson- Working on the bids for the roofs.

CEO Olcott- As NaTasha and I discussed we put in bids for the roofs and as you know I spent \$373,387.50, initially for all roofing of all 3 buildings. Well, the bids came back and it's going to be about \$345,000 for 1 building. So, it's way over the cost that they had said it would be for all three buildings. I work through CCA, and I have no choice but to go through them. Therefore I can do building #1 which is the worst building it has mold and leaking. The new roof will add an R rating on the roof to help insulate it. Right now, I am only able to do one building. I was hoping to do all three, but the price is too high. Everything is going way over budget up and down the state. Asphalt is almost done we are going to finish out to the Belle Terrace Parking Lot from the times square area. We are using that parking lot more for events. We will be working on the poultry barn later in summer.

Director Espericueta- can we table it to see if we can buy the foam machine and do it ourselves.

CEO Olcott - Yes, we can.

Director Torres- But this might be an issue with liability.

CEO Olcott – I don't believe we can do this ourselves because of the Liability and all the permits to do it.

Director Dunphy- I don't know what to vote or do?

CEO Olcott - You don't have to vote since you already approved it and directed me to move forward. I can stop the project from going forward.

Director Espericueta- have they started work?

CEO Olcott - No they haven't started work yet.

Director Espericueta- I would put it on pause. The price is not acceptable.

Director Lidgett- Are there any other fairs that have roofers on staff?

CEO Olcott – I don't believe any of the fairs have a roofing staff. That would have to go through CCA to go out to bid.

Director Dunphy - I agree we should table it.

CEO Olcott - I think this price is ridiculous and I will cancel the project and we can revisit it at a later time.

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

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

- a. Board Discussion for CEO Olcott and the following Board of Directors, Rodriguez, Dunphy, Torres, Espericueta, Chavez, Britschgi, Johnson and Lidgett to attend the IAFE Conference out of state in Phoenix, AZ Saturday November 30, 2024, to Thursday December 5, 2024, for the purpose of Specific Training and Board and CEO Workshops.
- b. Board Discussion for staff members, Kenneally, Roberts, Martinez, and Sweis to attend the IAFE Conference out of state in Phoenix, AZ Saturday November 30, 2024, to December 5, 2024, for the purpose of industry specific training and workshops.

Chairman Britschgi requested a Motion to approve to a and b under New Business. Motion made by Director Espericueta, seconded by Director Torres. 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			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
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- c. Board Review and Discussion concerning MAC's Patio, a contracted permanent concessionaire for the Kern County Fair. Concessionaire has not paid their food and alcohol fees which were due November 2023 despite multiple reminders and follow-ups via e-mail and phone.

Chairman Britschgi requested a Motion regarding item c. A motion was made by Director Espericueta to send the owner of Mac's Patio, Sharon Parks, to collections for the unpaid balance from the 2023 Kern County Fair concession and alcohol contracts, send the matter to CDFA legal and to send her a notice to vacate the building to remove all of her supplies and equipment. The motion was seconded by Director Dunphy. 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		

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David Torres	X		

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

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

**CEO Reports**

a. Fairgrounds and facilities Update

CEO Olcott - We have several interim events lined up. Exotic Bird Show on July 17, KC Events Truck Show on July 12-14, Quinceanera on July 27, Gun Show on August 10-11, Small 4H Show July 10, Summer night Truck Show August 16-18, PG & E Training on August 19-23, and 4H Achievement August 24. Fairgrounds and Facility updates: A new PA System in Livestock and painting inside of Harvest Hall. Privacy fencing along Amador on the North side of Swap Meet is complete. Partnership for staffing through ROC/CTEC- Thanks Director Lidgett. The partnership for staffing through Bakersfield ARC is working out great.

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence.

**Other information**

Nothing to report.

**Directors Comments**

Ned Dunphy- No Comment  
David Lidgett- No Comment  
David Torres- No Comment  
Cesar Chavez- No Comment  
Lucas Espericueta- No Comment  
Jared Britschgi- No Comment  
NaTasha Johnson- No Comment  
Blodgie Rodriguez- No Comment

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Signed

Jared Britschgi

Title: Chairman of the Board

Date: June 17, 2024

Signed

Michael G Olcott

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 17, 2024