



15th District Agricultural Association
Kern County Fair and Event Center
Bakersfield, California
 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Call to Order:

Chairman Dunphy called the meeting to order at 5:10 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 Dunphy requested a motion to approve the excused absence of Director Chavez and Director Johnson. Motion made by Director Britschgi, seconded by Director Lidgett. Motion passed by all Directors.

Public Comment:

No Public Comments

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of May 15, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2023 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2023 Standard Agreements

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Lidgett. 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			
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 2023 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

Lucas- Summary of month of May 31st numbers. Our cash position is a little less than what we had last year. Staff are ahead on buying for Fairtime and we are on par with a normal year. Our cash balance is \$6,000,000 compared to last year it was at \$6,800,000. Our payables are less than they were last year at \$200,000 compared to \$357,000 last year. Our net position is worse than last year but not bad. On Tab 4 you can see the earnings for the month of May. We brought in \$258,148.99 but we spent \$416,430.49. There are many projects in maintenance going on. Therefore, our net position for the month is (\$158,281.50). For the YTD we are (\$676,630.68). The next page of Tab 4 gives you a May 2019 through May 2023 comparison. The years 2020 & 2021 were an anomaly. The year 2022 was starting to get back on track. The year 2023 is best compared with fully staffed to 2019. We are in a much stronger position.

Chairman Dunphy requested a motion to approve the Financial Report and the April 2023 Financials. Motion made by Director Rodriguez, 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			
Ned Dunphy	X		
Lucas Espericueta	X		
NaTasha Johnson			
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson

Britschgi- All the Dairy replacement heifer kits are due on June 23rd. Dairy replacement entries are due Monday June 26th. All the scales are here for the sheep, goat, and swine. All judges are posted online now.

Facilities/ Business Development Committee - NaTasha Johnson, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

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

- a. KC Farm Program and Fundraiser Dinner - Lorrie Roberts Report

Lorrie- Last week we did our first 2-day minicamp. We had 15 kids each day. The kids seemed like they had a good time. We did a scavenger hunt to start. We had three stations. A marigold station, dissected a bean seed, and picked strawberries to make smoothies. They all received a t-shirt.

Old Business

No Old Business

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) for the evacuation of animals to the Kern County Fair and Event Center.

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<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			
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

- b. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Swine Scale that is becoming non-operational due to wear and tear. The scale has been replaced by a new scale donated by the Friends of the Kern County Fair.
- c. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Sheep Scale that is becoming non-operational due to wear and tear. The scale has been replaced by a new scale donated by the Friends of the Kern County Fair.
- d. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Goat Scale that is becoming non-operational due to wear and tear. The scale has been replaced by a new scale donated by the Friends of the Kern County Fair.
- e. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Phone System purchased in 2005 that has become non-operational, and the mother board has crashed. We have upgraded to a Verizon VOIP System.
- f. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Water Canon purchased in 2000 and is non-operational and we cannot find parts to repair the wheel, gears, and mechanisms.
Depreciated Original Cost: \$12,042.82
- g. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Sign Making Machine that was purchased in 1990 and is non-operational and not supported by a computer program any longer.
Depreciated Original Cost: \$17,319.00 (1990)
- h. Review and Discussion to remove from the equipment inventory and dispose of the Computer Server purchased in 2014 that no longer has the capacity to handle the information needing to be stored. The mother board is no longer supported by upgrades.

Chairman Dunphy requested a Motion to approve to remove b-h from inventory and to dispose of a as per state and board policy. Motion made by Director Torres, seconded by Director Rodriguez. 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			
David Lidgett	X		
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Next Regular Board Meeting

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Monday, July 17, 2023**, at 5:00 PM.

CEO Reports

a. Fairgrounds and facilities Update

Mike- Entertainment is being released. Marketing for 2023 Fair Chelsey Roberts presented the new commercial and jingle. Union Parking Lot Electrical and Internet for the Kern County Marketplace is out to bid. The panels for the sheep barn have arrived. We will start the remodeling of the barn soon. Paving P street, building 4 and Grandstand are out to bid. Estimated completion is the first week of September. Livestock Electrical Upgrade is almost finished. New Large Fans placed in Beef Barns and Dairy Barns will be installed after electrical upgrade complete. Tuesday, May 16, 2023 Dinner Fund Raiser- Moved into Harvest Hall and Parking through Gate 40. Cocktails and appetizers in the Garden. Summer Camps have started. Working with the County of Kern and OES to determine an evacuation plan for large animals to the fairgrounds if the water continues to rise and need to evacuate animals becomes necessary. I will send information as they send it to me.

Correspondence

- a. CDFA- \$89 Million Grant- Press Release
- b. 2023 VSV Situation Report 052223
- c. VSV Equine Event Outreach 2023 05 22

Other information


Nothing to report.

Directors Comments


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

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Signed


Ned Dunphy
Title: Chairman of the Board
Date: June 20, 2023

Signed


Michael G Olcott
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: June 20, 2023