



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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021**

Call to Order:

Director Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:06 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		

Public Comment:

No public comments

Consent Calendar:

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Lucas Espericueta, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson

Britschgi- The American Rabbit Readers Association will not sanction the event. They confirmed an outbreak of Rabbit Fever (RHDB2) and since we fall in the restricted zone of 125 miles they canceled our sanctioning . We will have the event, but they will not be qualified for any other events.

Mike- The American Rabbit Readers Association are sanctioned. Buckles will be provided. For years now the Rabbit Barn has had a sanctioned show. The kids will be able to show but not qualify for points from ARBA .

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

Mike- Everything is looking great there are bell pepper, squash, zucchini, pomegranates, tomato, corn, carrots, and cilantro. The culinary arts will use for cooking contest.

Ned- All will be given to CAL State Bakersfield.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

- a. Review and Discussion for the Covid Protocols for the 2021 Kern County Fair.

Mike- First page you will see what is on the back of the tickets right now. The back of the tickets state "Covid-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death and inherit to risk of exposure to Covid-19 which exist in any public place, regardless of precautions taken. The holder agrees to want to assume all risk associated with Covid-19 and all other communicable disease and comply with all related Health and Safety Policies of the Kern County Fair. Have a great Time". On ticketing webpage states "*Inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. Guests should attend only after evaluating their own health risks.* Your entry onto the Kern County Fair property constitutes your understanding of these risks, and you voluntarily assume such risks related to exposure to COVID-19. The Kern County Fair cannot be held liable if you contract COVID-19. Help protect yourself by following safety protocols, and state and local public health recommendations and mandates". Then on our website states "Covid-19 vaccine, Kern County Department of Public Health and Kern Medical will administer Covid-19 vaccines at a special vaccination station in Harvest Hall. No appointments are needed for Kern County Fair guest, staff, or partners". A blue line was placed down the street from Harvest Hall, so people could follow that blue line all the way down to Harvest Hall.

Chelsey- Kern County Department of Public Health and Kern Medical will have a 10x20 tent in the Main Plaza. That's where they are going to get people as they come in and informing them about Covid vaccines. If guests decide to get vaccinated, they will be escorted to Harvest Hall. If guests choose to get vaccinated, they will receive a return ticket to come back to the fair.

Mike- On webpage again health and safety information that will be provided. "Current protocols at are KC Fair Event Center area as follows; masks are recommended for all guest inside buildings, implemented hand sanitizing procedures on high touch areas. Employees have undergone additional health and safety training. Vendors will offer more cash free sales. Covid-19, the Kern County Fair is

committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for all guests, contractors, volunteers, and employees. We will use reasonable efforts to implement health and safety related procedures and protocols. However, due to numerous factors outside of our control, including the uncertainty of availability of personal protective equipment, supplies, and materials all evolving governmental order directives and guidelines, and the regular dissemination of new public health information the Kern County Fair makes no representations, warranties, or guarantees, express or implied regarding the implementations of health and safety procedures and protocols, all of which are subject to change. Due to the dynamic nature of and rapid evolution of public health emergencies and the responses of government official's conditions at the Kern County Fair may change more quickly than health and safety related procedures and protocols can be updated. As a result, you should not rely on the specific procedure and protocols that are in place at the time of your visit to Kern County Fair. While the Kern County Fair looks forward to welcoming everyone to the property, we sincerely encourage all visitors to closely consider all current local state and federal guidelines and all available public health information prior to visiting". We will provide a link to different agencies so people can look those up. We are proposing this language.

Chelsey- The tickets are already printed, but everything else is what we are planning on saying online.

Mike- In Covid-19 folder, we have a particular sign that will be in every entrance, in all gates into the fair grounds. The sign states "Welcome back to Kern County Fair your safety is our priority. CDC recommends that mask must be worn by all individuals indoors, and in all areas of higher substantial spread this is not a mandate". Again, we are not under a mandate unless it changes. These signs will be on sign holders. Last part is the Hand Wash often that goes along with our E.coli protocols that we have for livestock and will be placed near hand washing stations. We have 6-8 kiosk at the front gate that you can get tickets without having to hand money to a ticket person. Kern Medical sponsored four permanent, contactless, hand washing stations that are four sided with our logo. Cleaning protocols restrooms, sanitize light switches, ADA handrails, toilet handles, tissue dispensers, paper towel dispensers handle, sink and sink handles. Cleaning and sanitizing protocol door shall remain open, utensils, plates, etc. Employees to sanitize following areas; door handles, dining tables, food preparation utensils, vending machines, coffee makers, microwaves, toasters, benches, handrails, and paper towel dispensers. Cleaning and sanitizing vehicles, heavy equipment, and golf carts. Vehicles and heavy equipment, forklifts, and golf carts one person per vehicle until social distancing restriction are lifted. No passenger allowed on heavy equipment during transport. Operating controls, keys, and steering wheels wipe down before and after use. Safety harness wipe before and after use. Equipment and hand tools wear disposable glove. We have thousands of disposable gloves that we will be provided to vendors. Hand sanitizing pump and gallon jugs will be distributed at every gate, every vendor, and every concessionaire. This is our protocol until we hear differently from the state. We have gone over this protocol through all the different agencies we deal with (CFSA, IFE, WFA, CDFA, Kern Public Health, California Department of Public Health). I ask the Board Member if you would approve this with the understanding that it could change and that we have movement to change and update as we go along. In our packets you will find the schedule of what we are having during the Kern County Fair for the Board Members to be present. On the Media Tour we would like to have you there at 10AM, Wednesday September 22, 2021.

Chelsey- The verbiage on this one came from CFSA (California Fair Service Authority). We ordered free standing sign holders which will be in all entrances to buildings. Janitorial staff will be trained on cleaning protocols.

CEO Olcott asked the Board if they could approve the COVID-19 protocols for the 2021 Fair so we can move forward with signage. With the understanding that if protocols change, we will be allowed to modify these protocols to conform to the new guidelines.

Chairman Rodriguez asked for a motion to Approve the Covid-19 Protocols and signage and allow the staff to modify these protocols if the guidance changes.

Motion made by Director Espericueta, 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	X		
David Lidgett	X		
Blodgie Rodriguez	X		
David Torres	X		

On the Media Tour will show new food, attractions, stopping at crepes and Papa Gino's.

Blodgie- Speaking of volunteers on the 18th all hands-on deck at 6AM. All the kids want to be here early so we can feed them at 8AM. On Saturday 18th if we can get her to open it at 7AM. Burgers and hotdogs are easier, and kids are happy if they are eating. We are going to be using the fire fighters grill, and we will divide it evenly. On opening apps for our Board Members and guest.

Mike- Dawn said she was going to open the gates at 8AM.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Next scheduled board meeting is Monday, September 20, 2021, at 5:00 PM in the Association Office.

CEO Reports

- a. 2021 Fair Updates
- b. Fairgrounds and Facilities Updates
- c. Funding Update

Mike- Funding did arrive from the SPA Shutters Venue Operator Grant. We have everything coming in this week and next week for setup. Then the vendors in the building will start coming in next weekend along with food stands. The livestock cleanup day is Saturday September 9th gate will open 8:00AM. Judging starts for the Competitive exhibits departments and display will be setup. The Carnival is already starting setup along with the bleachers for the stages and outdoor venues. We are continuing to receive good revenue through the Kern Marketplace (Swap Meet) in the Union Parking Lot. We are working on the Union Parking Lot to fill in the holes and ruts with a grader and DG. Chelsey Roberts has been working on sponsorships so please send sponsors to her. Lilia Kenneally is working on Commercial Exhibitors and if you know of vendors send them to our website Kerncountyfair.com, Participate/Commercial Exhibitors and fill out the online form. It's not too late to add Commercial Exhibitors. Last week I received the SOVG grant funds and have placed it in the Savings Account at Mission Bank. I will have more information at the next meeting on the spending requirements.

Correspondence

- a. Recommended Caution for California Rabbit Exhibitions

Other information

Join us for Coffee with the CEO every Thursday morning

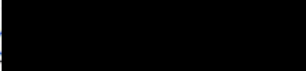
Directors Comments

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

Director Rodriguez adjourned the September 9, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting.

Time is 5:32 PM.

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Signed 
Blodgie Rodriguez
Title: Chairman of the Board
Date: September 9, 2021

Signed 
Michael G Olcott
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: September 9, 2021