



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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 21, 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		

All Board of Directors present

Public Comment:

None

Consent Calendar:

- a. Review of Minutes of August 17, 2020 regular meeting

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Britschgi, 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 August 2020 Financials (*Discussion/Action by Board*)

The memo that was prepared by Diane gives us a good snapshot of the financial month in review. As a reference, in August 2019 we were at \$355,381.48 and currently in August 2020, we are at \$456,746.85. Luckily with the income from the marketplace and the County of Kern, we are holding strong.

Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to approve the Financial Report and August's Financials. Motion made by Director Torres, 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		

Livestock Committee - Jared Britschgi, Chairperson

We have a total of 540 entries and 262 entered into the auction. Not everyone has to sell. They have an option, unless they are a Grand or Reserve Grand, then they must sell that animal. All the videos will be available to the public in about a week. The crowning of the champions on September 30th and the sale will be October 1st - 3rd. Shipping of the auction animals will begin the Sunday after the auction, which will be October 4th for sheep and goats, swine ship on October 5th, and cattle will ship on October 6th.

Ned – Have all the videos been submitted? What's the deadline?

Jared – Everything has been submitted and classes have been broken into their respective weight classes.

Dawn – The deadline was Friday, September 18th at 11:59 PM. We received everything and off to the company that we are using for the show and sale.

Ned – As per usual, excellent work Dawn!

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

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Next Regular Board Meeting

Next scheduled board meeting is Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Association Office and via zoom meeting.

CEO Report

Its kind of a sad time right now. We would normally be getting ready for fair right now and opening up in a few days. I want to give an update on Fair Funding now and the network of California Fairs continues to work on funding from the state and federal government. Thank you to the many leaders in the network that continue to fight for us.

Patricia Conklin, Cliff Munson, Sarah Cummings, Rebecca Desmond, Dan Jacobs, Becky Bailey-Findley, Arturo Barajas, and John Quiroz. Special Thanks to Congressman TJ Cox for his support on HR 7883, the Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act.

- AB1499 - .25 of 1% sales tax on what is sold at the fairgrounds. We were just informed that our level 5 fair should be receiving funding in 2021 once all the criteria is met.
- Louie Brown, the Network of California Fairs Legal Lobbyist, is assisting the fairs with information to transition into a new governance model as suggested by Gov. Newsom in the last Budget cycle. There will be more information to follow in the next few months.

Chelsey Roberts, Fair & Facility Marketing – I will be discussing the Virtual Fair, so we already know about the virtual livestock show and auction. So, I will show what we, the staff, have come up with. There will be entertainment videos from entertainers that we know and love here at the fair like Frank Thurston the Magician, Rock Bottom Boys, and Something Ridiculous. There will also be interactive games for all ages that are fair focused like word searches, puzzles that have to do with fair food, carnival, animals, etc. Competitive Exhibits will feature demonstrations and recipes from those areas of

the fair. The Fair Food Drive Thru will run the 2 weekends of the normal fair dates. It will be in the P Street Parking Lot. We are getting tons of questions and interest in this event. We will also have a virtual shopping experience where the vendors can send us photos and a link to their website where they can shop.

CEO Olcott – Starting every Thursday, at 7:30 AM, we will be starting a discussion and update to the Board on day-to-day operations. Things are changing so rapidly, that I want to keep you updated on everything that is going on and coming down from Sacramento. The public is welcome to come as long as we are socially distanced and wear a face mask.

Correspondence

None

Directors Comments

Chairwoman Rodriguez – Thank you to the staff on all of your hard work.

Director Dunphy – I want to nominate all staff for the person of the year and Dawn to Chief of Staff. Great work everyone.

Director Lidgett – No comment

Director Chavez – No comment

Director Torres – Ditto on what Ned said and I miss you all!

Director Espericueta – Thank you to the staff and looking forward to see how this all goes.

Director Britschgi – No comment


Director Johnson – I look forward to seeing everyone out there this weekend for the fair food drive thru


Chairwoman Rodriguez requested a motion to adjourn the September 21, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. 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		

Time is 5:25 PM.

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Signed 
Blodgie Rodriguez
Title: Chairwoman of the Board
Date: September 21, 2020

Signed 
Michael G Olcott
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: September 21, 2020