Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
1-A District Agricultural Association
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 10:00 AM
2600 Geneva Avenue, Daly City, California

MINUTES

Leah Pimentel, President	Al Perez, 1st Vice President	Leo Ma, 2nd Vice President
Chris Corgas, Director	Tyrone Evans, Director	Mara Kopp, Director
	Anthony Pantaleoni, Director	

I. Roll Call
President Pimentel called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM. All Board Members were present except for Director Evans, absent and Director Corgas, excused.

Others in Attendance: Eric Blockie, Deputy Manager; Allison Keaney, CEO; Charles Southwick, CDFA F&E; Haig Baghdassarian, CDFA; Kevin Smith, Arevon, Sam Walch, Arevon; Shanelle Montana, Arevon; John Meinke, Arevon; Megan Yarnall, Arevon; Joe Barkett, Consultant

II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2024: Motion made by Director Perez to approve minutes of the regular Board meeting on January 28, 2024. Seconded by Director Pantaleoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Correspondence: none

IV. Consent Agenda: Director Ma moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Perez seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. President's Report: President Pimentel commented on the success of "Step into the Light." It was great to see all the youth participation, their artwork, and to see so many families come to enjoy the reception.

VII. Presentation: Representatives from Arevon, the company behind the Cormorant Battery project being installed on land next to Cow Palace property, presented their project to the Board. They provided an overview of their company, described other Arevon projects in California and explained how battery storage works to strengthen and stabilize the power grid. Arevon reviewed the site plan, and explained the difference between the Cormorant battery project and Moss Landing facility that recently caught on fire. They also reviewed their community engagement activity and philanthropic activities. They reviewed their collaborative response to Cow Palace concerns: layout, light tower height, wall height, and landscape buffer. They provided possible ideas for beautification of the northern border of the property and committed to creating a $1 million community fund for these projects.

Directors asked questions about set backs, and details of the layout. They asked if there would be run off from the storage service and cooling process and if solar was part of the plan. They

expressed positive feedback to the idea of murals, but also concern that these, and the walls themselves, would be a magnet for graffiti.

The project goes before the Daly City, City Council on Monday, February 24, 2025.

VIII. **Closed Session**: At 11:27 AM, Director Pantaleoni moved to enter closed session. Director Perez seconded the motion. All in favor. Closed session commenced.

At 12:08 PM Director Pantaleoni moved to exit closed session. Director Ma seconded the motion. All in favor. Closed session concluded.

In closed session, the Board voted to accept legal counsel as recommended by CDFA regarding PPP Loans and to delegate authority to CEO Keaney to sign the representation agreement. Moved by Director Pantaleoni, Seconded by Director Perez. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board also voted to accept the approval of their counteroffer to the California State Bar and pay the agreed upon sum of $9,875. Moved by Director Pantaleoni, seconded by Director Kopp. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. **CEO/DM Report:** Tabled until March meeting.

II. **Committee Reports:** Tabled until March Meeting

IV. Action Items: None

V. Matters of Information

1. **CEO Comments:** none
2. **Director Comments:** none
3. **Next Regular Board Meeting:** March 18, 2025, at 10:00am, Paddock Room, Cow Palace.

VI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Director Pantaleoni Seconded by Director Ma.

All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned 12:10 PM.

President, Leah Pimentel _____

CEO, Allison Keaney _____