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**Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors  
1-A District Agricultural Association  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – 10:00am  
2600 Geneva Avenue, Daly City, California**

**MINUTES**

Leah Pimental, President    Al Perez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President    Leo Ma, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mara Kopp, Director        Anthony Pantaleoni, Director        Ken Flower, Director  
Tyrone Evans, Director     Chris Corgas, Director

**I. Roll Call**

President Pimentel called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. All Board Members as noted were present: Director Corgas, Director Evans, Director Flower, Director Kopp, Director Pantaleoni, Director Perez.

Excused: Director Ma

Director Pantaleoni moved to excuse Director Ma. Director Kopp seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Others in Attendance:** Allison Keaney, CEO; Eric Blockie, Deputy Manager, Joe Barkett, Consultant.

**II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2024:** Motion made by Director Perez to approve minutes of the regular Board meeting on January 16, 2024. Seconded by Director Corgas. All in favor. Motion carried.

**III. Correspondence:** No new correspondence.

**IV. Consent Agenda:** Director Corgas moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**V. Public Comments:** No public comment.

**VI. President's Report:** President Pimental commented that the "State of the Cow Palace" event was a nice review of the year, and a chance to see what had been done to the facility. The refreshments and set up were very welcoming.

**VII. Closed Session:** The Board entered into closed session at 10:18 AM for the purpose of negotiating transactions of real property as authorized under Government Section 11126.

Discussion with consultant/negotiator Joe Barkett, as authorized under Government Code Section 11126 (c) (7) regarding the negotiation of possible master development agreement with Deca/Catellus pursuant to exclusive negotiating agreement. Return from closed session at 10:34 AM. No action taken.

**VIII. CEO/DM Report:** CEO Keaney and Deputy Manager Blockie reported on the following items:

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1. **Calendar Review:** DM Blockie reviewed the upcoming events, specifically the Fisher show in the arena, and the increase of outdoor events to include Butler, Foodieland, and Punk in the Park, which has added two nights. He also reported that when reviewing Cow Palace activity against other reported arenas in Pollstar, the Cow Palace is tracking at approximately 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
  2. **Form 700:** CEO Keaney gave the Board members the annual Form 700. The form needs to be completed and returned to the CEO by mid-March.
  3. **CERRVF (California Emergency Response Resiliency Venues & Fairgrounds:** CEO Keaney reported that the organization has finished being formed and that she is serving as the secretary/treasurer. She recommends participation in this new organization and has included the dues in the budget for Board review and approval.
  4. **“State of the Cow Palace” review:** CEO Keaney thanked everyone for coming. She asked if this should become an annual event and the Board agreed. Director Kopp commented that it was very nice to hear from DM Blockie and County Executive Mike Callagy at the event.
  5. **GNR:** CEO Keaney reviewed the comments from Reno Rosser, shared at the previous meeting. She requested that not that the Board had time to reflect, would they consider taking action to change the Grand National to a qualifying rodeo for the American Rodeo. The Board reviewed and took action on this matter.
  6. **2024 CEO Declaration of Authority:** CEO Keaney reported that it was time for the Board to renew her declaration of authority. The Board reviewed and took action on this matter.

## IX. Committee Reports:

1. **Finance, Budget, Audit Committee:** Chris Corgas, Finance Chair shared a draft of the December financial reports, noting the following:
  - Current position, cash on hand at \$7,522,633.51.
  - Assets in excess of liabilities: \$7,264,053
  - Total assets \$8,309,394
  - Total Operating Revenue: \$8,004,999 (\$2,297,727 over budget)
  - Total Operating Expenditures: \$6,139,444 (\$1,593,763 over budget)
  - Net profit after depreciation: \$2,109,189 (\$1,159,108 over budget)
  - Accounts Receivable: Still working on AT&T arrears; several settlements have taken place in January that will update the AR listing.
2. **Land Development:** no report.
3. **Facilities:** Director Pantaleoni reported that the committee met that morning, and reviewed many of the facility upgrade projects and received an update on the progress with the generator purchase and repairs to the barrel roof segments.


## X. Action Items

1. **2024 Budget:** Director Corgas moved to approve the 2024 Budget. Director Perez seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Discontinue PRCA Sanction for American Rodeo Qualifier for the GNR:** Director Evans moved that the Grand National Rodeo discontinue its sanction with the PRCA and become a qualifier for the American Rodeo. Director Corgas seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Declaration of Authority for CEO Allison Keaney:** Director Kopp moved that CEO Allison Keaney be authorized to execute rental agreements up to \$250,000 and Std. 213 Agreements up to \$75,000 as long as these contracts do not exceed a one-year term, without further authorization by the Board. Seconded by Director Pantaleoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

**XI. Matters of Information**

- 1. **CEO Comments:** The Board is reminded of the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the exhibit, "The Extraordinary Cow Palace" at the San Mateo County History Museum on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the panel discussion starting at 1:00pm, ribbon cutting at 2:00pm, and reception at 4:00pm. CEO Keaney attended the Luma New Year celebration at Daly City, City Hall. She also congratulated the following on their service anniversaries: DM Blockie (1 year) Director Kopp (12 years), Director Flower (8 years).
- 2. **Director Comments:** Director Evans reported that he would be attending the Rodeo Summit in Salinas on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Paddock room at the Cow Palace.

**XII. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Director Flower, seconded by Director Perez. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 11:35 AM.

President, Leah Pimentel 

CEO, Allison Keaney 