



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING

9:00 am, Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

1111 H Street, Fresno, CA 93721

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

NOTE: ITEM 2 WAS HELD BEFORE ITEM 1.

1. Call to Order

ACTING CHARIMAN GERALD LYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:06 AM. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, KENT STRATFORD AND ASHLEY SWEARINGEN WERE PRESENT. MEMBERS PAUL CLARK, PAUL TOSTE AND RALPH WATEROUSE WERE ABSENT.

2. Election of Acting Chairman

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF GERALD LYLES AS ACTING CHAIRMAN; JG/KS; VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW WERE ABSENT.

3. Election of 2013 Chairman and Vice Chairman

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PAUL TOSTE AS CHARIMAN; KS/AS; VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTINS OF JOHN GRAY AS VICE-CHAIRMAN; KS/AS; VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT.

NEWLY ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN JOHN GRAY ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN PAUL TOSTE.

4. Public Comments

This time is made available to receive comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the Agenda. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited from taking any action on matters that are not on the Agenda. Time will be made available for comments from the public for each item on the Agenda. In order to accurately record the minutes, members of the public are asked to speak only from the podium. Before beginning comments, please state for the record your name and affiliation, if any.

HELD; NONE RECEIVED

5. Consent Agenda

These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of Consent Calendar.

- A. Review and approve minutes
- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$16,465.16 for November and December, 2012
- C. Receive Treasurer's Reports for November, and December 2012, and the Quarter ended December 30, 2012.

COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY NOTED THAT AGENDA ITEM 5A SHOULD HAVE INCLUDED A DATE OF NOVEMBER 28, 2012.

APPROVED WITH CORRECTION, GL/KS – VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT.

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report

RECEIVED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT. DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED THAT THIS PAST YEAR WAS A VERY EXCITING YEAR AT THE ZOO. ATTENDANCE WAS UP 13% OVER 2011, AND BROKE PROJECTIONS WITH AN ALL-TIME ATTENDANCE RECORD OF 580,266 VISITORS. HE ALSO REPORTED A RECORD NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS (12,300). SEAL LION COVE WAS COMPLETED UNDER BUDGET AND AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND IS TURNING OUT TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS. SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS DIA DE LOS NIÑOS DINO NITE AND, ZOO BOO ALSO EXPERIENCED RECORD NUMBERS. THE NEXT BIG PROJECT WILL BE THE AFRICAN EXHIBIT, SCHEDULED BREAK GROUND IN 2013, WITH THE FIRST-PHASE EXHIBITS PROJECTED TO OPEN IN 2014. SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN 2013 ARE THE KING COBRA AND RIVER OTTER EXHIBITS, AND CHILDREN'S WATER PLAY AREA. IF MEASURE Z FUNDS ARE RENEWED, THEY WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK HIPPOS.

KENT STRATFORD LEFT THE DIAS AT 9:26 AM AND RETURNED AT 9:30 AM.

WHILE WAITING FOR THE AFRICA VIDEO PRESENTATION, THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE AFRICA PROJECT. MEMBER GRAY INQUIRED ABOUT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH THE STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE APPROVALS.

ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR BARTON, NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THOSE AGENCIES REGARDING THE PROJECT, BUT THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOING WELL AND THE ZOO IS WORKING CLOSLY WITH THEM TO RESOLVE ANY ISSUES.

MEMBER LYLES ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO RENEW MEASURE Z. DIRECTOR BARTON INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY PUT

OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTANTS, AND THEY ARE PLANNING VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS AND COMMITTEES.

AT THIS TIME, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE AFRICA EXHIBIT PRESENTATION WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE SHOWN.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX

7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Finance Director's report

RECEIVED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT. FINANCE DIRECTOR BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED THAT ALL THE END OF YEAR NUMBERS WERE NOT IN YET, AND HIS COMMENTS WERE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2012 MONTHLY REPORT. SELF GENERATED REVENUE WAS 7%, AND ATTENDANCE WAS 12% AHEAD OF BUDGET. ATTENDANCE PROJECTED TO BE 520,000, WAS OVER 580,000 VISITORS. DECEMBER REVENUE WAS \$174,000 IN 2011, AND \$230,000 IN 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX.

8. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2013 Measure Z Operating funds totaling \$3,766,252 for reimbursement of the Animal, Education, Maintenance, Veterinary and Visitor Services Departments Salary and Benefits and Bank Fees to wire reimbursement funds to the Zoo

APPROVED, AS/KS – VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX.

9. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2013 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$20,240 for animal acquisitions and transportation, and bank fees for reimbursement of capital claims

APPROVED, GL/AS - VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT

10. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2013 Measure Z Capital utility funds totaling \$80,000 to bring a reliable source of water to the zoo

APPROVED, GL/KS – VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED, PC, PT & RW ABSENT.

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX.

11. Discuss and approve adding a notice for a fixed speaking time of three minutes for members of the public during Public Comments and for each agenda item

**COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY LED THE DISCUSSION
APPROVED, GL/AS – VOTE 3 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; PC, PT & RW ABSENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX

MEMBER STRATFORD LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:15 AM.

12. Receive staff reports

RECEIVED – PC, PT & RW ABSENT

13. Reaffirm next meeting date of Wednesday, March 27, 2013, or set new meeting date.

Reserved meeting dates include:

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Next adopted meeting date:

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

REAFFIRMED

14. Chair's comments

NONE

15. Board Member comments

MEMBERS LYLES COMMENTED THAT THIS YEAR IS THE NINTH YEAR SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE ZOO AUTHORITY BOARD. HE COMMENTED ON HOW AMAZING IT IS TO HAVE SERVED ALL NINE YEARS, AND TO LOOK BACK AND SEE ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE COMING YEARS.

16. Adjournment

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE CHAIRMAN GRAY ADJOURNED THE MEETING at 10:17 AM.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Catherine Crosby, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-4305, email zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us, or visit www.zooauthority.org.

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