



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING

9:00 am, Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chairman Paul Clark

CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:05 AM. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS PAUL CLARK, JOHN GREY, GERALD LYLES AND RALPH WATERHOUSE WERE PRESENT. MEMBERS OLIVER BAINES, KENT STRATFORD AND PAUL TOSTE WERE ABSENT.

2. Nominations and election of 2012 Chair and Vice Chair

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PAUL CLARK AS CHAIRMAN; GL/RW; VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; OB, KS & PT ABSENT

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF RALPH WATERHOUSE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN; JG/GL; VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; OB, KS & PT ABSENT

3. 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.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM CITIZEN JOAN LE ROUX

4. 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 of November 30, 2011

- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$40,794.14 for November and December 2011
- C. Approve Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2011

APPROVED, JG/RW – VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED- OB, KS & PT ABSENT

- 5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report

RECEIVED, OB, KS & PT ABSENT. DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF PROJECTS, SAYING THAT ABOUT 900 CONSTRUCTION JOBS WERE CREATED USING LOCAL SUB-CONTRACTORS AND LAST YEAR'S ATTENDANCE WAS THE BEST IN THE ZOO'S HISTORY WITH 511,000 VISITORS. 2012 SHOULD PROVE TO BE A GREAT YEAR WITH THE OPENING OF SEA LION COVE AND CONVERSION OF THE OLD SEA LION EXHIBIT INTO AN OTTER EXHIBIT, THE EXPANSION TO THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, AND A NEW COBRA EXHIBIT. THE CONCEPTUAL PLANNING FOR AFRICA IS ALSO UNDERWAY. THE ZOO IS WORKING ON VARIOUS PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING ENGINEERING FACULTY AT CSUF, USING THE ZOO AS AN EDUCATION SOURCE FOR THE STUDENTS, WHILE BENEFITING THE ZOO IN THE AREAS OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX.

- 6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Treasurer's report for the months of November and December 2011

RECEIVED, OB, KS & PT ABSENT. BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED THAT ATTENDANCE WAS 16% AHEAD, AND REVENUE 10% PERCENT AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S GOALS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX

- 7. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation 2012 Measure Z Operating Budget of \$3,449,880 for personnel and bank fees.

APPROVED, RW/GL; VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; OB, KS & PT ABSENT

- 8. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation 2012 Measure Z Capital Budget of \$595,120 for renovations to existing exhibits, a digital x-ray system, animal acquisition and transportation, and bank fee reimbursement of 12 Capital claims.

APPROVED –RW/JG; REMOVING THE X-RAY MACHINE FROM THE BUDGET. OB, KS & PT ABSENT – VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM JOAN LE ROUX AND LISA FLORES.

- 9. Fresno County Zoo Authority 2011-12 annual budget
 - a. Approve transfer of \$56,296 within the FY 2011-12 Zoo Authority Administrative Organization 9810 budget from Appropriations for Contingencies to Professional and Specialized Services;

- b. Approve increase of the FY 2011-12 appropriations and estimated revenues in the Zoo Authority Administrative Organization 9810 budget in the amount of \$10,000.

APPROVED - GL/RW; OB, KS & PT ABSENT – VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

10. Receive staff reports

RECEIVED - OB, KS & PT ABSENT – VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

JEFF BLANKS FROM THE AUDITORS GAVE A BRIEF STATUS UPDATE ON THE RFP FOR THE EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY INFORMED THE MEMBERS THAT THEIR FORM 700s ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 2, 2012.

11. Set next meeting date. Available dates include:

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

APPROVED JG/GL - OB, KS & PT ABSENT; NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012.– VOTE 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED.

12. Chair's comments

HELD- CHAIRMAN CLARK EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF KIRI, THE TIGER, AND NOTED THE EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING THE MUCH ANTICIPATED COMPLETION OF SEA LION COVE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR STAFF SUPPORT, AND THANKED MEMBERS FOR RE-ELECTING HIM.

13. Board Member comments

MEMBER WATERHOUSE WISHED TO THANK STAFF AND EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK OVER THE LAST YEAR.

MEMBER GRAY THANKED STAFF.

14. Adjournment

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN CLARK ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:15 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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