



**FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING**

**9:00 am, Wednesday, September 26, 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 9:02 AM. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS PAUL CLARK, JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, PAUL TOSTE AND RALPH WATERHOUSE WERE PRESENT. MEMBERS OLIVER BAINES AND KENT STRATFORD WERE ABSENT.**

2. 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 - CITIZEN JOANN LEROUX ADDRESSED THE BOARD**

3. 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 May 30, 2012

B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$38,351.83 for May, June July and August 2012

C. Receive Treasurer's Reports for May, June and the Quarter ended June 30, 2012, July, and August 2012

**APPROVED – PT/JG -5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED OB/KS ABSENT**

**4. Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report**

**RECEIVED - DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ON SEA LION COVE'S AUGUST 27, 2012 OPENING, WHICH WAS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. A STATUS UPDATE ON THE AFRICA EXHIBIT INCLUDED EXHIBIT RENDERINGS. HE ALSO DISCUSSED PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHILDREN'S EXPLORATION ZONE, THE ANIMAL FOOD COMMISSARY, THE KING COBRA EXHIBIT, THE SPOTTED NECK OTTER EXHIBIT AND OTHER MINOR ZOO IMPROVEMENTS. FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION CONSERVATIVELY EXPECTS \$61.4 MILLION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE PROJECTS. DIRECTOR BARTON ALSO REPORTED THAT ATTENDANCE WAS 10% AHEAD OF GOALS AND THEY EXPECT TO HAVE 550, 000 PEOPLE THIS YEAR.**

**MS. LE ROUX ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD.**

5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Treasurer's reports for the months of May, June, July and August 2012 (37:51)

**RECEIVED - FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BRIAN GOLDMAN PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND HIGHLIGHTED THE SPECTACULAR SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE ATTRIBUTED TO STINGRAY BAY AND SEA LION COVE. LABOR DAY WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE WAS 18,000. SELF-GENERATING REVENUE FIGURES ARE WELL AHEAD OF PROJECTIONS, AND YTD OPERATING SURPLUS IS ALMOST \$700,000 COMPARED TO THE BUDGETED \$250,000.**

**MS. LE ROUX ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD.**

6. Review and approve changes to the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code

**COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY PRESENTED THE CHANGES TO THE BOARD. APPROVED – PT/GL – VOTE 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED. OB/KS ABSENT**

7. Review and approve first draft of Zoo Authority Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

**COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY PRESENTED THE DRAFT REPORT TO THE BOARD. APPROVED RW/PT – VOTE 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; OB/KS ABSENT**

8. Receive staff reports

**RECEIVED - COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS WAS THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING, AND PRAISED MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE SINCE 2005. TREASURER JEFFREY BLANKS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THE ANNUAL AUDIT THAT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.**

9. Discuss and approve setting a fixed meeting calendar for 2013.

**AFTER DISCUSSION, CONSENSUS OF THE MEMBERS WAS TO TABLE ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

10. Set next meeting date. Reserved meeting dates include:

Wednesday, October 31, 2012  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012  
Wednesday, December 26, 2012  
Wednesday, January 30, 2013

**APPROVED HOLDING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012. PC/JG – VOTE 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED OB/KS ABSENT**

11. Chair's comments

**HELD**

12. Board Member comments

**HELD - MEMBER GRAY COMMENTED ON THE WORK THE BOARD HAD DONE OVER THE YEARS TO MAKE A GREAT ZOO EVERYONE COULD BE PROUD OF, AND HE FELT THAT THE ZOO COULDN'T BE IN A BETTER POSITION. HE PRAISED THE STAFF AND EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO MAKING THE ZOO WHAT IT IS TODAY.**

**MEMBER WATERHOUSE WENT ON TO THANK ZOO STAFF FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS, AND THE EFFORT THEY PUT INTO MAKING THEM COMPREHENSIVE AND EASY TO FOLLOW AND UNDERSTAND.**

13. Adjournment

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:14 AM**

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us), or visit [www.zooauthority.org](http://www.zooauthority.org).

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