



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Tonle Classroom located inside of Kingdoms of Asia

894 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

(559) 498-5910

1. Call to Order
CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Public Comments
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the board 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. Members of the public are limited to three minutes to speak during Public Comments as well as for each item on the agenda. Before beginning comments, please state for the record your name and affiliation, if any
HELD. NONE RECEIVED.
5. Approve Consent Agenda Items
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 the Consent Calendar:
 - a. Review and approve minutes of May 29, 2024
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno June 2024 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$12,171.25 for services through June 2024
 - c. Receive Treasurer's Report for month ending May 2024

MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON VALLEY FARM AND PHASE 2 OF KINGDOMS OF ASIA. PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON A NEW PROJECT: RECLAIMED WATER. DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING THE MASTER PLAN, ONGOING COSTS, AND ENTRY FEES. DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING RESTROOM CAPACITY NEAR VALLEY FARM.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation's April 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Report and May 2024 Early Insights
RECEIVED. CFO NOR CROW REOPRTED ON APRIL ATTENDANCE, BUTTERFLY AND BIG BUGS EXHIBITS, THE AWARD FOR \$531,000 USFWS GRANT CHALLENGE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE BLUNT NOSED LEOPARD LIZARD PROGRAM, YEAR-TO-DATE SELF-GENERATED REVENUE, TOTAL EXPENSES, OPERATING DEFICIT, AND NET SURPLUS. REPORTED ON THE SAME INFORMATION FOR MAY. REPORTED ON THE BALANCE SHEET.
8. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the African River Project Agreement for repayment of \$838,722.70 expended on the postponed exhibit, effective upon execution with quarterly payments of \$46,478.08 beginning January 2025 through October 2029, total not to exceed \$929,561.66
MEMBER TOSTE NOTED THAT THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN A PROMISSORY NOTE. ADDITIONALLY, ITEM #6 STATES THE AGREEMENT MAY ONLY BE MODIFIED AS AUTHORIZED BY BOTH PARTIES. THE ZOO AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACT UNILATERALLY SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. THE BOARD AGREED. MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Review next meeting date and revise if necessary:
 - Wednesday, July 31, 2024
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO CANCEL THE JULY 31, 2024 MEETING. SECONDED BY MEMBER ARIAS. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 28, 2024.
10. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
11. Chair's comments
CHAIRMAN ROMAN THANKED EVERYONE FOR BEING IN ATTENDANCE.
12. Board Member comments
MEMBER GARABEDIAN STATED THAT SAFARI NIGHT IS SEPTEMBER AND HOPED TO SEE ALL THERE.
13. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:00AM.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 304, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Ronald Alexander, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-1710, email zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us, or visit www.zooauthority.org. Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation needed in order to participate in the meeting must be made to the Zoo Authority Coordinator no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day prior to the meeting.