



**FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY**

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**9:00 AM, Wednesday, September 25, 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 9:08AM.**
2. Roll Call  
**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.**
3. Approve Agenda  
**MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. 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 August 28, 2024
  - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno September 2024 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$2,813.21 for services through August 2024
  - c. Receive Treasurer's Report for month ending August 2024

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

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report including the following action items from the August 28, 2024 board meeting:
  - Provide add-alt estimates to include solar within the Event Space construction project
  - Provide return on investment estimates for the Reclaimed Water construction project**RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT (ENA) FINALIZED WITH THE CITY AND ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBER ARIAS FOR HIS EFFORTS. FURTHER MEETINGS WITH THE CITY TO COME. PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE EVENT SPACE. PROVIDED FEASIBILITY OF SOLAR AT THE EVENT SPACE. NOT A PRACTICLE OPTION AT THIS SITE. LOOKING AT SOLAR FOR THE PARKING AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE STRUCTURES. DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING OFF-SITE SOLAR AND THE RECENT SALE OF PROPERTY. PROVIDED INVESTMENT ESTIMATES ON THE RECLAIMED WATER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. CHAIRMAN ROMAN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON MOVING THE TRAIN.**
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation's July 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Report  
**RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON JULY ATTENDANCE, REVENUES, AND EXPENSES. REPORTED ON AUGUST ATTENDANCE. REPORTED ON MUSEUMS FOR ALL ATTENDANCE. REPORTED ON WELCOME WEDNESDAYS, AN ANNUAL DISCOUNTED PROGRAM. REPORTED ON YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET AND PER CAPITA SPENDING.**
8. Discuss 2025 Supplemental Measure Z Operating Request  
**DISCUSSED. REVIEWED ITEMS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED CAPITAL VERSUS OPERATIONS FUNDED. THERE ARE RESERVE OPERATIONS FUNDS THAT THE ZOO WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE FOR THESE ITEMS. THERE IS NO RESERVE POLICY. DISCUSSION REGARDING ENTRY FEES ENSUED. MEMBER ARIAS RECOMMENDED HAVING A MEETING DESIGNATED TO THE RESERVE POLICY AND ENTRY FEES DISCUSSION.**
9. 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 ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AFRICAN RIVER PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR REPAYMENT OF FUNDS EXPENDED ON THE POSTPONED EXHIBIT. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. MEMBER TOSTE REQUESTED THAT THE \$2.8 MILLION ENCUMBERED FOR THIS PROJECT BE CHANGED TO THIS REPAYMENT AMOUNT AND THEN REDUCED BY EACH QUARTERLY PAYMENT TO SHOW PAYMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
10. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
  - Wednesday, October 30, 2024
  - Wednesday, November 20, 2024
  - Wednesday, December 18, 2024**MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO CANCEL THE OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IN FAVOR OF MOVING IT TO OCTOBER 23, 2024. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Receive staff reports  
**COORDINATOR REPORTED ON MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY AND A BOARD MEMBER FALLING WITHIN THE AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION SECTION. COUNSEL REPORTED ON A PREVIOUS QUESTION AND STATED THAT THERE IS NOTHING THAT STATES AN AUDIT IS REQUIRED AT THE END OF THE 10-YEAR MEASURE Z TERM AND BEGINNING OF THE NEXT TERM.**
12. Chair's comments  
**CHAIRMAN ROMAN THANKED ALL FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE.**
13. Board Member comments  
**MEMBER ARIAS REPORTED ON THE CITY'S ENCAMPMENT ORDINANCE TAKING EFFECT MONDAY. MEMBER GARABEDIAN REPORTED THAT SAFARI NIGHT IS FRIDAY. MEMBER WATERHOUSE THANKED ZOO STAFF FOR THE ELEPHANT TOUR.**
14. Adjourn  
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:23AM.**

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](mailto:zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us), or visit [www.zooauthority.org](http://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.