



**FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING**

**9:00 am, Wednesday, November 30, 2011**

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

1. Call to Order by Vice Chairman John Gray

**VICE-CHAIRMAN GRAY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:03 AM. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, KENT STRATFORD, AND RALPH WATERHOUSE WERE PRESENT. CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK, MEMBERS PAUL TOSTE AND ASHLEY SWEARENGIN 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; RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM ROEDING FAMILY COUNSEL RICHARD HARRIMAN, AND CITIZENS LISA FLORES AND JOAN LE ROUX.**

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 September 28, 2011
- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$26,013.84 for September and October 2011
- C. Approve Treasurer's Reports for September and October 2011

**APPROVED; GL/KS - PC & AS ABSENT - VOTE 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED. MEMBER TOSTE ARRIVED AT 9:11 AM.**

4. Receive Fresno County Zoo Authority audit report from Price, Paige and Company

**RECEIVED; MEMBER SWEARENGIN ARRIVED AT 9:20 AM**

**FAUSTO HINOJOSA OF PRICE PAIGE AND COMPANY PRESENTED THE AUDIT REPORT, AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORITY STAFF.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM JOAN LE ROUX AND LISA FLORES.**

5. Approve final draft of Zoo Authority 2010-11 annual report

**APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS; GL/KS - PC ABSENT - 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED - PC ABSENT**

**BOARD COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY PRESENTED THE DRAFT AND PRAISED GINA BARR, COUNTY OF FRESNO GRAPHIC ARTIST ON HER EXCELLENT WORK ON THE REPORT.**

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Treasurer's report for the months of September and October 2011.

**RECEIVED - PC ABSENT FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BRIAN GOLDMAN PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS, AND HIGHLIGHTED THE EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AND REVENUE FIGURES THAT WERE WELL AHEAD OF PROJECTIONS.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM JOAN LE ROUX AND RICHARD HARRIMAN.**

7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's reports

**RECEIVED - PC ABSENT CHAFFEE ZOO DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED THAT ATTENDANCE WAS 12% AHEAD OF LAST YEAR; ZOO BOO INCREASED ABOUT 25%; AND THE FIRST WEEKEND OF ZOO LIGHTS WAS 30% GREATER THAN LAST YEAR.**

**MR. BARTON REPORTED THAT SEA LION COVE IS ON SCHEDULE AND ON BUDGET, AND AT THE VERY MOMENT, THE ACRYLIC UNDERWATER VIEWING PANEL WAS BEING INSTALLED. IN DECEMBER, THEY WOULD START TESTING IT FOR LEAKS. HE PRAISED THE LOCAL SUBCONTRACTORS THAT WERE BEING USED, AND STATED THAT THEY WERE VERY TALENTED AND SOME OF THE BEST THAT HE HAD EVER WORKED WITH.**

**MR. BARTON REPORTED THAT THE AFRICA EXHIBIT IS IN THE INITIAL DESIGN PHASES, AND THEY ARE IN CONTACT WITH BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE ZOO HAS ALSO BEEN MEETING WITH THE CITY OF FRESNO REGARDING PARKS IMPROVEMENTS; STORM WATER DRAINAGE, FIBER OPTICS**

**AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE SHARING OF COSTS. THIS WILL ADDRESSED IN A FUTURE ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM JOAN LE ROUX.**

8. Adopt Resolution regarding Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation capital projects bid policy.

**APPROVED – GL/RW, PC ABSENT; 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED BOARD COUNCIL ZACH REDMOND LED THE DISCUSSION. MICHELLE TUCKER, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FORCE ACCOUNT COUNCIL CENTRAL REGION REPRESENTATIVE, JOAN LE ROUX, MR. LARSON, COUNCIL FOR THE CHAFFEE ZOO, AND LISA FLORES ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD.**

9. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the selection of independent auditor for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014. Based on direction provided, staff will return to the Board in the future with a Board Agenda Item and contract for your approval.

**HELD - PC ABSENT MEMBER LYLES ABSTAINED FROM THE DISCUSSION. JEFF BLANKS, BOARD ACCOUNTANT, LED THE DISCUSSION INFORMING THE BOARD THAT THE CONTRACT WITH PRICE PAIGE AND COMPANY IS ENDING. STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO CONTINUE WITH THE COST-EFFECTIVE CHOICE TO PIGGYBACK ON THE COUNTY OF FRESNO'S CONTRACT.**

10. Receive staff reports

**NO STAFF REPORTS**

11. Future meeting dates

- a. Adopt 2012 calendar of reserved meeting dates
- b. Set next meeting date. Available dates include:

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

**APPROVED 2012 CALENDAR OF RESERVED MEETING DATES, AND HOLDING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012. JG/PT, PC ABSENT - VOTE 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

12. Chair's comments

**HELD, NO COMMENTS RECEIVED**

13. Board Member comments

**HELD, NO COMMENTS RECEIVED**

14. Adjournment

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN JOHN GRAY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:14 AM.**