



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

9:00 AM, Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order

CHAIRMAN HERZOG CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM. A QUORUM OF SIX MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, OLIVER BAINES, JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, KENT STRATFORD, AND RALPH WATERHOUSE.

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2. Nominations and election of 2015 Chairman and Vice Chairman

MEMBER HERZOG WAS NOMINATED FOR CHAIRMAN BY MEMBER LYLES. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY -- GL/JG; MEMBER TOSTE WAS ABSENT. MEMBER LYLES WAS NOMINATED FOR VICE CHAIRMAN BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY -- RW/OB; MEMBER TOSTE WAS ABSENT.

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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. Members of the public are limited to three minutes to speak during Public Comments as well as 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; NONE OFFERED.

02:30

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 the Consent Calendar.

MEMBER LYLES REQUESTED THAT ITEM 4.B BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. ITEMS 4.A AND 4.C APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – JG/RW; MEMBER TOSTE ABSENT.

MEMBER LYLES ASKED ABOUT THE FISCAL YEAR 13-14 DATE ON THE LOWER RIGHT OF THE PAGE. BOARD COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY REPLIED THAT THE DATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHOWN AS FY 14-15.

ITEM 4.B APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY -- JG/PH; MEMBER TOSTE ABSENT.

- a. Review and approve minutes of December 10, 2014
- b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$29,507.25 for November and December 2014
- c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2014, and January 2015.

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5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED; DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON SUMMARIZED 2014 AS A REMARKABLE YEAR; INCLUDING BEGINNING AND CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION OF AFRICAN ADVENTURE, THE PRESTIGIOUS AZA AWARD FOR SEA LION COVE, THE BIRTH OF FOUR MALAYAN TIGER CUBS, THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE Z, AND RECORD ATTENDANCE. HE THANKED THE COMMUNITY, THE AUTHORITY BOARD AND THE ZOO CORPORATION BOARD FOR SUPPORT. FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE AFRICAN RIVER HIPPO EXHIBIT, DESIGN FOR TIGER EXHIBIT EXPANSION, ANIMAL COMMISSARY, EXPANSION OF DINO DIG, EDUCATION ANIMAL HOLDING, SHARED COST WITH THE CITY FOR PARKING EXPANSION IN THE FORMER CITY OF FRESNO CORPORATION YARD, AND ORANGUTAN EXHIBIT IMPROVEMENTS. HE ALSO ADDRESSED MEMBER QUESTIONS ABOUT STORYLAND-PLAYLAND, PARKING AND DINO DIG.

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6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation Chief Financial Officer's report
RECEIVED; CFO BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED THE CORPORATION IS CLOSING OUT 2014 AND EXPECTS TO REPORT ON AN AUDIT IN MAY OR JUNE. FOR JANUARY 2015, PERSONNEL EXPENSES ARE 5% UNDER BUDGET AND TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES WERE 19% UNDER BUDGET. 2014 ATTENDANCE SET ANOTHER RECORD OF 730,325 VISITORS. APPROXIMATELY 30 POSITIONS WILL BE HIRED FOR AFRICAN ADVENTURE EXPANSION. THE ZOO'S INSURANCE COMPANY ISSUED TWO REFUND CHECKS, DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR SECURITY AND SAFETY PROGRAM- A RARE EVENT. THE CFO AND DIRECTOR ADDRESSED MR. LYLES' COMMENTS ON TRANSPARENCY.

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7. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo's request for Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$310,142 for power and network cabling to the remainder of the Zoo.
**CFO GOLDMAN EXPLAINED THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE BOTH PROJECTS, SEPARATING UTILITIES FROM ROEDING PARK, AND CONSOLIDATING CABLE INTO ONE NETWORK.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – GL/KG; MEMBER TOSTE ABSENT**

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8. Staff reports
RECEIVED; BOARD COORDINATOR CROSBY REPORTED THAT ON FEBRUARY 10, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AUTHORITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE, AND REMINDED MEMBERS ABOUT THE APRIL 1, 2015 DEADLINE FOR FORM 700.

