



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 29, 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 FIVE MEMBERS WAS PRESENT, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, PAUL TOSTE, AND RALPH WATERHOUSE.

01:11

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. 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.

01:56

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 the Consent Calendar.

02:28

a. Review and approve minutes of February 25, 2015

b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$19,522.54 for January and February 2015

c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2015

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – GL/PT; MEMBERS STRATFORD AND SWEARENGIN ABSENT

02:45

4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED; DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ON STRONG ATTENDANCE AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF BREAKING LAST YEAR'S APRIL ATTENDANCE OF 100,000. HE ALSO EXPECTS ATTENDANCE FOR THE END OF THE YEAR TO BE STRONG AS WELL, WITH THE OPENING OF AFRICAN ADVENTURE IN OCTOBER. CONSTRUCTION IS ON SCHEDULE AND EXPECTED TO FINISH IN AUGUST. DESIGN OF THE NEW TIGER EXHIBIT HAS BEGUN. OTHER FUTURE PLANS INCLUDE AN EDUCATION ANIMAL FACILITY, COMMISSARY UPGRADE, AND SMALL EXPANSION OF DINO DIG. RESPONDING TO BOARD MEMBER INQUIRIES, MR BARTON REPORTED THAT NO FUNDS, STAFF OR RESOURCES FROM THE ZOOCORP, THE ZOO OR MEASURE Z WILL BE USED FOR THE RESTORATION OR MANAGEMENT OF STORYLAND AND PLAYLAND. MR. BARTON AND ZOO CORPORATION CHAIRMAN VALENTINO ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO ASSIST THE TRANSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S NEW BOARD.

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5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation Chief Financial Officer's report
RECEIVED; CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED THAT THE EXPECTED 100,000 VISITORS IN APRIL WILL BE THE SECOND BUSIEST MONTH IN THE ZOO'S HISTORY. YEAR-TO-DATE, ATTENDANCE IS 4% LESS THAN LAST YEAR, BUT WITH THE OPENING OF AFRICAN ADVENTURE, THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR SHOULD BE VERY BUSY. OPERATING EXPENSES ARE 10% UNDER BUDGET, WITH AN OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$177,674. FIRST QUARTER COMBO TICKET SALES ARE 89% AHEAD OF, AND ALMOST DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S. THE AUDIT IS IN PROCESS AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THE JUNE MEETING.

21:21

6. Approve an increase to the Zoo Authority's Professional and Specialized Services appropriations by \$27,389.65
AFTER DISCUSSION THE INCREASE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – GL/PT; MEMBERS STRATFORD AND SWEARENGIN ABSENT

25:30

7. Payment/Reimbursement of Measure Z Election Costs
- Approve payment of \$72,389.65 from the Zoo Authority's 2014-15 Administrative Budget for Professional and Specialized Services to the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters for the direct (add-on) costs to place Measure Z on the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election ballot.
 - Adopt Resolution 2015-01 accepting donation of \$72,389.65 from Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation for the cost to place Measure Z on the November 4, 2014 State-wide General Election ballot.
- WITHOUT DISCUSSION BOTH ACTIONS WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – PT/GL; MEMBERS STRATFORD AND SWEARENGIN ABSENT**

27:00

8. Conduct first reading of amendments to bylaws, and waive reading in its entirety
AFTER CLARIFICATION ON PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE ACTION, A QUORUM OF FIVE MEMBERS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO HOLD A SECOND READING OF THE BYLAWS - - GL/RW; MEMBERS STRATFORD AND SWEARENGIN ABSENT.

