



## **FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING**

**9:00 am, Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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### **ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

**CHAIRMAN PAUL TOSTE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:01 A.M. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS OLIVER BAINES, JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, PAUL TOSTE AND RALPH WATERHOUSE WERE PRESENT. MEMBER KENT STRATFORD WAS ABSENT.**

**CHAIRMAN TOSTE ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA THAT WOULD FOLLOW AGENDA ITEM 5, AND WELCOMED NEW COUNCIL, JANELLE KELLEY.**

#### 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 – COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY RICHARD HARRIMAN, AND CITIZENS JOAN LE ROUX AND LISA FLORES.  
MEMBER KENT STRATFORD ARRIVED DURING ITEM 2.**

#### 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 January 30, 2013

- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$30,504.69 for January, February, March, and April 2013
- C. Receive Treasurer's Reports for January, February, March, the Quarter ended March 31, and April 2013

**APPROVED – JG/RW – 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

- 4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report

**RECEIVED- FRESNO CHAFEE ZOO DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ATTENDANCE IS IN EVEN BETTER THAN EXPECTED WITH 580,226 VISITORS. REVENUE IS OVER BUDGET AND PROJECT COSTS ARE UNDER BUDGET, OPERATING BUDGET IS UNDERSPENT.**

**IN 2012, MEASURE Z REVENUE WAS 16% ABOVE PROJECTIONS AND BILLING WAS 9% BELOW THE BUDGETED AMOUNT. AT THE END OF 2012 THERE WAS A ZOO OPERATING SURPLUS OF 4.2 MILLION DOLLARS, AND BILLING FOR SEA LION COVE WAS \$75,000 UNDER BUDGET.**

**2013 UPDATE: AS OF MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, ATTENDANCE WAS 39% ABOVE LAST YEAR; FIRST QUARTER REVENUE WAS 39% ABOVE LAST YEAR'S. THE SPOTTED NECK OTTER PROJECT HAS OPENED AND WAS ON BUDGET; THE KING COBRA EXHIBIT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. AFRICAN ADVENTURE GROUND BREAKING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR, AND ALSO THE DESIGN OF THE CHILDREN'S WATER PLAY AREA.**

**2014 WILL BRING THE FIRST PHASE OF AFRICA. MR. BARTON REPORTED THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE ZOO CORPORATION ARE STILL EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL. HE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD THAT AN UNBIASED SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED REGARDING ATTITUDES TOWARDS IMPORVEMENTS AT THE CHAFEE ZOO; AND THAT THE RESULTS WERE VERY FAVORABLE. A FIVE MINUTE VIDEO FOR THE AFRICA EXHIBIT WAS SHOWN.**

**MEMBERS LYLES EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE WITH ALL OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW FEATURES AT THE ZOO. MEMBERS WATERHOUSE AND MEMBER GRAY ALSO COMMENTED AND HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT.**

**COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MR. HARRIMAN, MS. FLORES AND MS. LE ROUX.**

- 5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Finance Director's report

**RECEIVED –DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BRIAN GOLDMAN PRESENTED THE REPORTS. ATTENDANCE IS WELL AHEAD OF PROJECTION. PERSONNEL AND OPERATING EXPENSES ARE UNDER BUDGET. REVENUES AND SELF GENERATED REVENUE FIGURES ARE WELL HEAD OF LAST YEAR'S NUMBERS, WITH THIS YEAR BREAKING THE RECORD SET IN 2012.**

**COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX AND MR. HARRIMAN.**

ADDENDUM A - Adopt findings of Roeding Park Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) previously approved by the City of Fresno June 30, 2011, and adopt the EIR findings in the matter of installing storm drain piping, sanitary sewer piping, electrical conduits for power and communication, and domestic water piping for the Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

**RECEIVED- COUNSEL JANELLE KELLEY PRESENTED THIS ITEM AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD HIRE A PART-TIME PLANNER TO ENSURE THE TIMELY REVIEW OF ANY FUTURE PROJECTS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THEM.**

**IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THIS ITEM WOULD BE VOTED ON AFTER ITEM #6 WAS PRESENTED; ITEM #6 TO FOLLOW.**

**MEMBER LYLES RECUSED HIMSELF FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON ADDENDUM A AND ITEM 6, AND LEFT THE DIAS AT 9:48 A.M.**

**APPROVED – OB/RW – VOTE 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

6. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2013 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$1,330,000 to install storm drain piping, sanitary sewer piping, electrical conduits for power and communication, and domestic water piping for the Fresno Chaffee Zoo

**FINANCIAL DIRECTOR BRIAN GOLDMAN PRESENTED.**

**APPROVED funding project for \$1,109,600, with Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation (FCZC) to fund the difference of \$220,400 for the portion that will provide a future benefit Roeding Park. – OB/KS – VOTE 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

7. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2013 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$100,000 to hire an architect to design the Water Play Area The requested amount includes fees for the architect and project management fees.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BRIAN GOLDMAN PRESENTED. MEMBER LYLES RETURNED TO THE DIAS AT 10:27 A.M. MEMBER BAINES LEFT THE DAIS AT 10:27 A.M.**

**APPROVED – JG/RW – VOTE – 5 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; OB ABSENT**

8. Approve Zoo Authority Draft Administrative budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14

**TREASURER JEFFERY BLANKS PRESENTED. MEMBER BAINES RETURNED TO THE DAIS AT 10:29 A.M.**

**APPROVED – RW/JG – VOTE- 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

9. Receive staff reports

**RECEIVED- COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY SOUGHT DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 ANNUAL REPORT, AND RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNSEL ZACHARY REDMOND AND FORMER BOARD MEMBER PAUL CLARK.**

**BOARD DIRECTED PROCEEDING WITH THE FY12/13 ANNUAL REPORT. THE BOARD ALSO DIRECTED MS. CROSBY TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERS WITH AN EMAIL SAMPLE OF PLAQUES FOR ZACHARY REDMOND AND PAUL CLARK.**

10. Reaffirm next meeting date of Wednesday, September 25, 2013, or set new meeting date. Reserved meeting dates include:

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

**APPROVED HOLDING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013; JG/KS, VOTE 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

11. Chair's comments

**RECEIVED – CHAIRMAN PAUL TOSTE REMARKED THAT HE THOUGHT THE PRESENTATION WAS FANTASTIC AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THINGS TO COME.**

12. Board Member comments

**RECEIVED – CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADDRESSING COMMENTS MADE BY CITIZEN JOAN LEROUX AT THEIR MAY 21, 2013 MEETING ABOUT MEMBER LYLES AND HIS REAPPOINTMENT.**

13. Adjournment

**14. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN TOSTE ADJOURNED THE MEETING**

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Catherine Crosby, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-4305, email [zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us), or visit [www.zooauthority.org](http://www.zooauthority.org).

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