

MACOMB COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY
MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoo Authority held on Tuesday, April 22, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Macomb County Administration Building, 8th Floor Media Room, Mt. Clemens MI, the following members were in attendance:

Diane Banks Marilyn Lane
Tom Kalkofen James Sawyer
Excused: Stacy Ziarko

Others Present:

Hayley W. Murphy, CEO-Detroit Zoological Society
Amy Greene, Nature Centers Director DZS
Amanda Hamlin, Chief of Staff-DZS
Marlene Beach-UHY
Victoria Marchione, Administrative Secretary, Office of the County Executive

There being quorum of the Authority present the meeting was called to order by James Sawyer at 9:33 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Marilyn Lane, supported by Tom Kalkofen. No additions or corrections.

Roll Call Vote - **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane **Nays:** 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2022

Motion by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Marilyn Lane.

Roll Call Vote - **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane **Nays:** 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open to the public 9:34 am - no members of the public present; closed at 9:34 am

UHY PRESENTATION

Introduction to Marlene Beach. Review of the engagement letter. Audit is scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

RECEIVE AND FILE LCSA DISTRIBUTION CHECK

Motion made to receive and file made by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Diane Banks. **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane. **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT FROM THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY-Q1 2023 Update

Operating budget reviewed. 2022 visitor count was 1.23 MM; projecting minimum of 1.25 MM in 2023. Kidzone project is in the planning stages. Discussed Metroparks and DZS partnership, as well as other emerging Macomb partnerships. Upcoming guest experience highlights include GreenFest, Bricklive, ZooBrew, Sunset at the Zoo.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 am was made by Marilyn Lane; supported by Tom Kalkofen.

Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane; **Nays:** 0

MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting scheduled for September 19 at 9:30 am at the Macomb County Admin Bldg.