

MACOMB COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY
MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoo Authority held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 9:30 am in the Macomb County Administration Building, 8th Floor Media Room, Mt. Clemens MI. The following members were in attendance:

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

Others Present:

Gerry Vanacker, Detroit Zoological Society
Amy Greene, Nature Centers Director DZS
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 9:27 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Diane Banks, supported by Stacy Ziarko. No additions or corrections.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2, 2022

Motion by Stacy Ziarko, supported by Diane Banks.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open to the public 9:28 am - no members of the public present; closed at 9:28 am

UHY ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Motion to receive and file engagement letter made by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Stacy Ziarko. Roll

Call Vote – **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays** – 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESENTATION BY THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (DZS)

Gerry and Amy reviewed the 2022 updates including post pandemic recovery, Accreditation granted by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), finances & public funding and Macomb Partner Programs. Reviewed upcoming events in 2023 and new Kidzone project. Discussed the partnership with Huron Clinton Metroparks and the DZS.

Macomb County Zoo Authority Membership on DZS Board

There are two positions on the DZS Board. Discussion regarding rotating membership with three year-terms. Discussion included the work of the DZS is done through committees and there are minimal committee meetings each year. There was consensus the DZS Board appointments should not rotate too often in order to ensure consistency on the DZS Board, particularly during this transition period for the new DZS CEO. Currently James Sawyer and Diane Banks serve on the DZS Board. Stacy expressed interest in an open DZS position when available. These appointments will run concurrent with the Authority membership schedule. Based on that schedule, new board members (Chair and second position) will be appointed January 1, 2025. The second appointment will be optional based on the discretion of the Authority. Motion made by Diane Banks, supported by Stacy Ziarko.

Roll Call Vote – **AYES:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 11:01 am was made by Stacy Ziarko; supported by Diane Banks.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Macomb County Admin Bldg.