

MACOMB COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY
MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoo Authority held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference the following members were present:

Diane Banks	Jim Sawyer
Tom Kalkofen	Stacy Ziarko
Marilyn Lane	

Others Present:

Ron Kagan, Executive Director/CEO- Detroit Zoological Society
Daniel Hart, Plante Moran
Victoria Marchione, Executive Secretary, Office of the County Executive

There being quorum of the Authority present the meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Diane Banks, supported by Marilyn Lane. No additions or corrections.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2020

Motion by Diane Banks, supported by Marilyn Lane.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW MEMBER-STACY ZIARKO

Welcomed Stacy to the Board!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PLANTE MORAN REVIEW OF PRE AUDIT LETTER

Dan Hart reviewed the pre audit letter indicating it is consistent with previous years. Planning phases will be done in March and April with a May 30 issuance date. Jim asked to flag any changes made or any new information added.

REPORT FROM THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Discussed that Ron has announced intention to retire. This will be a huge loss for our community. A search firm has been hired. Ron indicated he will remain on board until approximately June when announcement will be made as to who will replace him. The success the zoo has had for 25 years has largely been because the tri county area has embraced the society, especially after split from city in 2006. The support of the county and the board has been consistent and has played a large role in the success of the society. Ron indicated that this past year was traumatic for the Zoo, layoffs occurred and the budget for the Great Lakes Center for Nature was cut. Ron stressed how critical Macomb County's first move was in 2006 to support the zoo. Without the millage the zoo would be closed, probably permanent.

RECEIVE AND FILE LCSA DISTRIBUTION CHECK

Motion to receive and file made by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Marilyn Lane.

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

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 am was made by Diane Banks, supported by Stacy Ziarko.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 9:30 am