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MACOMB COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoological Authority held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Macomb County Administration Building, OCE Media Room-8th Floor, Mount Clemens, the following members were present: Tom Kalkofen, Marilyn Lane, Jim Sawyer and Diane Banks.

Members absent: Grace Shore

Others Present:

Paul Good, Community and Government Relations Manager, Detroit Zoological Society

Victoria Marchione, Administrative Secretary-Office of the County Executive

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Tom Kalkofen opened the meeting in the absence of an elected chair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to amend the agenda to include the April 2, 2019 special meeting. Motion by Jim Sawyer, supported by Marilyn Lane. MOTION CARRIES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jim Sawyer nominated for Chair by Marilyn Lane. All in favor.

Diane Banks nominated for Secretary by Marilyn Lane. All in favor.

Tom Kalkofen nominated for Treasurer by Jim Sawyer. All in favor.

Jim Sawyer as elected chair took over the remainder of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2019

Motion by Jim Sawyer, supported by Tom Kalkofen. MOTION CARRIES

RECEIVE AND FILE-MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

Motion by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Marilyn Lane. MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Motion by Tom Kalkofen to open meeting to the public at 9:41 a.m. Supported by Marilyn Lane. There was no one from the public in attendance. Before closing, there are 2 amendments needing to be made to the general appropriations resolution. Request made to increase contract services to \$2500 and add an expenditure of \$300 for statutory requirement for advertising meeting. Motion by Jim Sawyer, supported by Marilyn Lane. Public hearing closed at 9:44 a.m.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION 2019-1

Approved with amendments. Motion by Jim Sawyer, supported by Tom Kalkofen. MOTION CARRIES

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN L-4029

Motion by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Marilyn Lane. MOTION CARRIES

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE LEGAL NEWS INVOICE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Motion by Marilyn Lane, supported by Diane Banks. MOTION CARRIES

PRESENTATION BY PLANTE MORAN OF ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT-Y/E NOVEMBER 20, 2018

Steve Bondar reported an unmodified opinion on the annual audit report. This indicates a high level of assurance the statements are materially accurate and is consistent with prior years.

Veronica Cook reviewed the end of audit letter provided to the Board. They did not observe a deficiency in internal controls. Tom Kalkofen questioned a statement made in the report indicating the authority does not have a policy for custodial risk. Is this something that needs to be pursued? Veronica confirmed that it is a county policy discussing with the board if there are too any assets with one bank or custodian. County does monitor it. Should not be a concern to the Board. Also regarding the excess of expenditure over appropriations, it should be indicated that the collections were much higher than budgeted.

PRESENTATION BY THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Paul Good provided an update. Interesting year at the zoo. A rainy, cold spring did cause an attendance issue. Then came the summer heat which also had an impact. Still the zoo was just a little below the budgeted goal. The Red Panda Exhibit was added in the spring, proving to be a great addition. They are days away from opening the Tiger Habitat which is 3 times larger than before. Unique viewing towers will be available offering close proximity to the tigers. Additions to the backside of the giraffe habitat will provide a holding area for the public, offering interaction with the giraffe. There is a smart flower solar collector at the zoo. When it opens it tracks the sun giving 33% more efficiency. It provides the power that runs the carousel. This is the only zoo that has a smart flower. September 13 & 14 we will "Meet your best friend" at the zoo. 500-600 adoptions are processed during this event. Approximately 4800 comp tickets have been provided to non-profit organizations. Working with temporary shelters (approximately 13) providing special hours for these groups to attend the zoo. Paul provided the annual report and 5 year economic impact analysis. The Great Lakes Nature Center site is currently in negotiation. Should be moving forward within the next several weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting date is scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public present

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. by Jim Sawyer, supported by Marilyn Lane.