

MACOMB COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY
MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoo Authority held on Tuesday, September 19, 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
	Stacy Ziarko

Others Present:

Robert Schumaker, Chief Financial Officer-DZS

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 9:30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Marilyn Lane, supported by Stacy Ziarko. No additions or corrections.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 22, 2023

Motion by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Marilyn Lane.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open to the public 9:32 am - no members of the public present; closed at 9:32 am

UHY PRESENTATION

Marlene distributed a copy of the audit letter. Since this was not distributed and reviewed by members prior to the meeting it was not signed. Upon review and approval by members, the document will be signed and forwarded to UHY.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024

Open to the public at 9:33 am – no members of the public present; closed at 9:33 am

Motion to open/close to the public made by Tom Kalkofen, supported by Diane Banks.

Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko, Lane **NAYS:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION 2023

Motion to approve made by Marilyn Lane; supported by Diane Banks. Roll Call Vote- **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane, Ziarko **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN L-4029

Motion to sign made by Marilyn Lane; supported by Tom Kalkofen.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE LEGAL NEWS INVOICE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Tom asked to contact legal news to revise the invoice by omitting the Art Authority as part of the mailing address. Motion to approve noting change made by Stacy Ziarko; supported by Diane Banks. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane, Ziarko **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESENTATION BY THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

DZS welcomed 1.23MM visitors in 2022, projecting 1.25MM in 2023. Three-year strategic plan almost complete. Review of Macomb Partners and Conservation Initiatives. New animal arrivals at the zoo included 4 gorillas and the birth of a giraffe! All adapting very well to their new environment. Continued partnership conversations with HCMP and the Detroit Zoological Society. A preview of 4th quarter events coming to the Zoo.

RECEIVE AND FILE ADDITIONAL LCSA DISTRIBUTION CHECK

Motion to receive and file made by Marilyn Lane; supported by Diane Banks. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Sawyer, Banks, Kalkofen, Lane, Ziarko **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Macomb County Administration Building.