

MACOMB COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY  
MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoo Authority held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Macomb County Administration Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Media Room, Mt. Clemens MI, the following members were in attendance:

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

Others Present:

Paul Good, Community and Government Relations Manager-Detroit Zoological Society  
Veronica Tuazon, Plante Moran (phone)  
Victoria Marchione, Administrative Secretary, Office of the County Executive

There being quorum of the Authority present the meeting was called to order by Tom Kalkofen at 9:30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2022

Motion by Marilyn Lane, supported by Diane Banks.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PLANTE MORAN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT YEAR END NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Veronica Tuazon covered the end of audit letter and financial statements. No significant issues to communicate to the authority. No matters of concern with the authority. Motion to receive and file signed audit letter made by Marilyn Lane, supported by Diane Banks. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays** – 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Opened to the public at 9:42 am – closed at 9:42 am. Motion made by Diane Banks, supported by Stacy Ziarko. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION 2022

Motion made by Marilyn Lane, supported by Diane Banks.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN L-4029

Motion to sign made by Stacy Ziarko; supported by Diane Banks. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE LEGAL NEWS INVOICE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Motion made by Diane Banks; supported by Stacy Ziarko. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESENTATION BY THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Paul Good gave an update. Commented on the positive impact Dr. Murphy has had on the DZS. He expanded on her goals and indicated a new round of strategic planning is being implemented. Attendance is at 90% of the pre-pandemic numbers. Some of the relationships they have established is with Science Olympiad, Warren Consolidated Schools (4000+ students since 2014); provided STEM related kits to approximately 9000 students thru the ISD; teams worked kids in the Head Start programs. A day at the zoo has evolved over the years and is working with underserved kids supplying transportation, lunch and a day at the zoo. Would like input as to other organizations that may benefit as well. DZS also offers discounts to students, senior days and \$10 off memberships.

UPDATE ON GREAT LAKES NATURE CENTER

Updated status on center and additional information will be provided when it is available.

REVIEW OF DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tom reviewed statements indicating no questions or concerns. Questions can be directed to Robert Schumaker (DZS).

RECEIVE AND FILE ADDITIONAL LCSA DISTRIBUTION CHECK

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Adding more information to the County website was addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:38 am was made by Marilyn Lane; supported by Stacy Ziarko. Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Ziarko; **Nays:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Next meeting scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 9:30 am at the Macomb County Admin Bldg.**