

OAKLAND COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

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Secretary

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Alex Cooper
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March 18, 2021

Chairperson Kolo called the meeting of the Oakland County Zoological Authority to order at 9:04 a.m. via Videoconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Kolo, Royal Oak, MI; Jennifer Grieco, Birmingham, MI; Alex Cooper, Huntington Woods, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Millie Hall, John Draper II

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cooper moved approval of the minutes from November 19, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Grieco.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cooper moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Grieco.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UPDATE FROM THE DETROIT ZOO

Ron Kagan, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Detroit Zoological Society (DZS), provided an update on events at the Detroit Zoo, reporting that they are looking to ramp up attendance capacity limits in the next 30 days, as they start to open indoor spaces. The max attendance is currently at 3,000.

There are operational challenges, particularly with hiring. It is difficult to find people wanting to work part-time with low wages. The Work Share program has been helpful to fill in the gaps with staff. Some of the 1,100 volunteers will be coming back to the Zoo at the end of March. Fundraising efforts are going well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Andy Meisner, County Treasurer, Oakland County Treasurer's Office, gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report for FY 2020-2021, Month 3. The report includes the Oakland County Zoological Authority Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity, Revenues and Expenditures, Non-Expenditure Payments, and Transfers from Tax Collection Payments, as of February 28, 2021.

Grieco moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Cooper.

Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM THE BYLAWS WORKGROUP

Chairperson Kolo indicated that ByLaws are being drafted, and the Authority will have something to review at the next meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Chairman Kolo indicated that there was a Detroit Zoological Society board meeting this past January in which Mr. Kagan announced that he will be retiring this summer. Chairman Kolo was assigned to the Government Relations Task Force. Jennifer Grieco was assigned to the Diversity and Community Engagement Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Notice of Public Hearing: Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan Amendment – City of Farmington

Grieco moved to receive and file the Communications item. Seconded by Cooper.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Grieco moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cooper.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Pamela L. Worthington, Committee Coordinator
Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer M. Grieco, Secretary
Oakland County Zoological Authority

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Authority approval.