

FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION General Meeting of the Board of Directors Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building April 13, 2008 5:36pm

Present Absent **Public** Staff Bruce Campbell Lewis Greene Colin Dougherty Sieg Fischer Sharon Levy (via conference call from Hawaii) Other Sheri Manning-Cartwright **Dirk Poeschel** George Nokes DPLDS, Inc. Shari Rainwater Tom Richards Moore Grider Tom Templeton Kelli Steele John Valentino

Discuss and consider minutes: Director Templeton made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Discuss and consider new board member: Director Dougherty, Nominating Chair, reviewed the committee's selection process with the board. Director Dougherty made a motion to accept Ms. Cruz Ramos as a Fresno Chaffee Zoo Board member. Director Richards seconded the motion. Director Valentino called for any discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Director Ramos took her seat at the board table. Director Valentino thanked the Nominating Committee and asked that the room be cleared for closed session.

Closed Session convened at 5:48pm. Open Session resumed at 6:39pm.

Report by Dirk Poeschel: Mr. Poeschel reported the Environmental Impact Report process is on track. Mr. Poeschel stated a Mr. Richard Harriman representing the Roeding Family attended the March 26, 2008 public scoping meeting held at City Hall. At that meeting Mr. Harriman raised a series of issues. A strategy meeting will be planned to address those issues and to the Notice of Preparation document. Mr. Poeschel has been in contact with the City to express the urgency required in continuing the processing of this document.

Discuss and consider Fiscal 2007 Audit including report from Moore Grider: Director Campbell, Audit Committee Chair, reviewed the Fiscal 2007 Audit with the board and introduced Ms. Kelli Steele from Moore Grider for questions. None offered. Director Campbell further stated that the audit was found to be very clean and the committee approved to send it to the full board. Director Campbell made a motion for the board to accept the Fiscal 2007 Audit as presented. Director Rainwater seconded the motion. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Director Valentino discussed forming a committee and involving the public to improve the landscaping around the grounds. Director Valentino, Director Levy and CEO Greene will be part of the Landscape Committee. Director Levy stated she would like to work on the entrance because first impressions are important.

CEO Report: CEO Greene thanked Director Templeton for his help in starting the process to find and purchase a Dodge Sprinter. CEO Greene also thanked Director Rainwater for her assistance in the Zoo TB testing program. Her assistance saved the zoo over \$2000.00. CEO Greene stated that it had been a busy month. There was a Colobus Monkey escape and a Stingray out of the water. Marketing and Development has increased household memberships to over 10,000. CEO Greene provided the board with a mammal collection and Marketing plan. The emergency protocols training continues.

Report by Director of Finance and Administration: Mr. Brian Goldman reviewed the financial report with the board. Mr. Goldman stated that hiring for the open positions has been challenging, but is continuing.

Discuss and consider proposal to complement and complete workshop issues from Dr. Tom Jones of Worx, Inc.: The board reviewed the workshop process and decided to have one additional workshop to be scheduled as soon as possible. Director Valentino made a motion to have the additional workshop. Director Manning-Cartwright seconded. Directors Campbell, Dougherty, Fischer, Levy, Manning-Cartwright, Nokes, Ramos, Richards, Templeton and Valentino for. Director Rainwater against. Motion carried.

Report from Fundraising Committee: Director Rainwater stated the June 21, 2008 event will be called Do the Zoo: Sharks in the Park. Director Rainwater stated that solicitation of restaurants and tickets sales will need help.

Discuss and consider committee appointments: Director Manning-Cartwright asked to postpone agenda item until the next general meeting. Item tabled.

Public Comment. This time is set-aside for the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to insure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address for the record:

Board questions and comments: Director Fischer complimented Mr. Goldman on the great job with the Audit.

Adjournment: at 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Condoian, Assistant Secretary

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