

THE COLUMBUS ZOOLOGICAL PARK ASSOCIATION
Levy Oversight Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting, which was held at the Zoo's Africa Events Center, was called to order at 3:35 PM.

Attendance was noted as follows:

Davis, Victor, Rev. Dr.	A	O'Grady, Pam	P
Mallory, Lark	P	Reese, Bernita	P
Mentel, Sean	P	Talarek, Zachary	P

Zoo staff attending: President & CEO, Tom Schmid; Senior Vice President of Finance, Angel Mumma; Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Nicolle Gomez Racey; Board Liaison, Suzy Lucci, and Recording Secretary, Sarah Doepke.

II. **ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

As City of Columbus appointments still need to be made, we will postpone the election of the Chair of the Committee to the September meeting.

III. **REVIEW OF EXPENSES RELATED TO LEVY FUNDS**

Angel Mumma stated that in December, the Board reviewed and approved the 2023 budget. She reviewed with the group the slide from the budget approval presentation concerning levy operating dollars. We have budgeted for \$19 million to be generated by the levy, and \$22.1 million of eligible expenses for 2023. Zak Talarek suggested that since this is a new committee, it would be helpful to have this group acknowledge that they have reviewed the 2023 budget. Mr. Talarek introduced a motion to ratify the 2023 budget for the Levy Oversight Committee. The motion was seconded by Bernita Reese and approved.

The first resolution request is in regards to spending the remainder of what is left of the 2022 levy operating dollars. Ms. Mumma reviewed with the group 2022 levy expenditures and the three resolutions approved in 2022. The resolution approved in December 2022 was for expenses through November. From November through the end of the year, we had \$512,977.09 in expenses. This resolution will clear out the remainder of levy funds from 2022. For the year, we spent almost \$2.1 million over what the levy brought in.

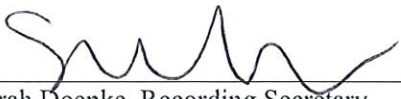
The second resolution is for levy expenses through April 2023. In this time period, we have spent \$7.1 million in approved categories. Following a question from Mr. Talarek, the committee discussed benefit expenses as they relate to levy reimbursement. Following discussion, the group agreed that payroll taxes and benefits will be excluded from levy reimbursement. We will include these expenses at the end of the year if need be, as has been the case the last several years. In this case, we will deduct \$782,522 from the \$7.1 million requested – the amount requested will be \$6,323,045.00

A motion to approve the disbursement of \$512,977.09 from Franklin County to the Columbus Zoological Park Association for expenses incurred during December of 2022 was introduced by Pam O'Grady and seconded by Zak Talarek. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve the disbursement of \$6,323,045.00 from Franklin County to the Columbus Zoological Park Association for expenses incurred between January 1, 2023 and April 30, 2023 was introduced by Pam O'Grady and seconded by Zak Talarek. The motion was approved.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was introduced by Pam O'Grady. The motion was seconded by Bernita Reese and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM.



Sarah Doepke, Recording Secretary