

Commission Motions
October 26, 2017

1. Millage Collection

WHEREAS, in 2017 the millage levied by the Audubon Commission was 0.32 mills for the Audubon Zoo, and 2.99 mills for the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas;

WHEREAS, in 2018, there is no millage roll-back or roll forward, and the Audubon Commission intends to maintain the millages at their current rates;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Audubon Commission:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Audubon Zoo	0.32 mills
Audubon Aquarium of the Americas	2.99 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

2. Tax Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Audubon Commission in a public meeting held on _____, 2017, that collections of the aquarium tax millage in excess of that needed to service the bonds shall be transferred in 2018 from the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to the Audubon Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that collections of the zoo tax millage in excess of that needed to service the bonds shall be transferred in 2018 from the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to the Audubon Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that J. Kelly Duncan and L. Ronald Forman be authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in all matters pertaining to these transfers.

3. Nature Center Botany Renovations

Authorize the President of the Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract with Boasso Construction, the lowest qualified bidder for the Audubon Louisiana Botany Renovation project. The scope of work will include all necessary repairs to the botany building to restore it to its original design.

4. Riverview Restroom and Walkway Improvement

Authorize the President of the Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract with Steele-R Development, the lowest qualified bidder for the Riverview restroom and walkway improvement project. The scope of work includes demolition and rebuilding of the restroom across from the softball fields and walkway to the playground.

5. Audubon Zoo Sea Lion Improvements

Authorize the President of the Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract with the lowest qualified bidder for the Audubon Zoo Sea Lion Improvements bid package estimated at \$175,000. The scope of work is to add a dry resting area for Sea Lions as required by USDA.

6. Audubon Zoo Lions

Authorize the President of the Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract with the lowest qualified bidder for the Audubon Zoo Lions bid package estimated at \$5,683,214. The scope of work will include construction and design of lions holding/breeding facility and a 13,000-square foot exhibit to be located in the zoo's current Africa exhibit.

7. Audubon Aquarium Energy Efficiency Contractor

Authorize the President of the Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract with a qualified Energy Efficiency Contractor that will evaluate and replace equipment and building systems that will result in an energy reduction with a guaranteed savings. This will be a 20-year contract for agreed upon equipment or building systems that will lower the energy bill at the Aquarium.