

CHAPTER 85A

MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

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85A.01 CREATION; ORGANIZATION.

Subdivision 1. The Minnesota zoological garden is hereby established under the supervision and control of the state zoological board which is hereby created. The board shall consist of 11 members appointed by the governor. In consultation with the Dakota county board the governor shall appoint as a twelfth member of the zoo board a resident of Dakota county who shall not vote and who may be a member of the county board.

[For text of subd 1a, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 2. The board shall annually elect a chairman from among its members and such other officers as it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties. It shall appoint a director to serve at its pleasure who is in the unclassified service of the state and who shall be chosen solely on the basis of his training, experience and other qualifications appropriate to the field of zoo management. The director shall act as executive secretary and appoint administrative officers and employees of the board with the approval of the board. With the approval of the board, he shall exercise the powers and duties set forth in section 85A.03.

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 301 s 102; 1983 c 305 s 13

85A.04 ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN ACCOUNTS OPERATING RECEIPTS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 3. **Zoo gift store account.** A working capital account is established for the gift store of the Minnesota zoological garden. All receipts from the gift store operation shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the account and are appropriated for the purposes of the gift store. Gift store expenses, including inventory, personnel costs, space rental, and overhead, shall be paid from the account. The unencumbered balance in the account on June 30 of each year in excess of the value of the inventory of the gift store on June 30, 1981 shall be calculated and disbursed as follows: for the periods ending June 30, 1982, and June 30, 1983, the entire amount shall be transferred to the general fund; for the year ending June 30, 1984, and each year thereafter, the amount attributable to the period July 1, 1982, to June 30, 1983, shall be transferred to the general fund and the remainder shall be retained by the zoological garden. Any amount so retained shall be dedicated to capital improvements at the zoological garden and are appropriated for that purpose. If improvements or expansions are planned for the gift store operation to be paid with gift store receipts, the plan must be first approved by the governor after receiving the recommendation of the legislative advisory commission.

Subd. 4. **Zoo ride account.** All receipts from the operation of the zoo ride shall be deposited in a special account in the state treasury. All receipts from the zoo ride are appropriated to the board for the purposes of the zoo ride. These receipts are the only money appropriated for zoo ride operating expenses or debt service.

History: 1983 c 301 s 103,104