

## CHAPTER 85A

### MINNESOTA ZOO

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#### 85A.01 CREATION; ORGANIZATION.

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 5. Members of the board are not required to file a statement of economic interest with the state campaign finance and public disclosure board under section 10A.09.

**History:** 1997 c 202 art 2 s 63

#### 85A.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.

*[For text of subs 1 to 5, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 5a. **Employees.** (a) The board shall appoint an administrator who shall serve as the executive secretary and principal administrative officer of the board and, subject to its approval, shall operate the Minnesota zoological garden and enforce all rules and policy decisions of the board. The administrator must be chosen solely on the basis of training, experience, and other qualifications appropriate to the field of zoo management and development. The board shall set the salary of the administrator. The salary of the administrator may not exceed 85 percent of the salary of the governor. The administrator shall perform duties assigned by the board and serves in the unclassified service at the pleasure of the board. The administrator, with the participation of the board, shall appoint a development director in the unclassified service or contract with a development consultant to establish mechanisms to foster community participation in and community support for the Minnesota zoological garden. The board may employ other necessary professional, technical, and clerical personnel. Employees of the zoological garden are eligible for salary supplement in the same manner as employees of other state agencies. The commissioner of finance shall determine the amount of salary supplement based on available funds.

(b) The board may contract with individuals to perform professional services and may contract for the purchases of necessary species exhibits, supplies, services, and equipment. The board may also contract for the construction and operation of entertainment facilities on the zoo grounds that are not directly connected to ordinary functions of the zoological garden. The zoo board may not enter into a final agreement for construction of an entertainment facility that is not directly connected to the ordinary functions of the zoo until after final construction plans have been submitted to the chairs of the senate finance and house appropriations committees for their recommendations.

The zoo may not contract for entertainment during the period of the Minnesota state fair that would directly compete with entertainment at the Minnesota state fair.

Subd. 5b. **Exemptions.** The board is not subject to sections 3.841 to 3.845, 15.057, 15.061, 16A.1285, and 16A.28; chapter 16B, except for sections 16B.07, 16B.102, 16B.17, 16B.19, 16B.35, and 16B.55; and chapter 14, except section 14.386, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (3). Section 14.386, paragraph (b), does not apply to the board's actions.

*[For text of subs 5c to 18, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 187 art 5 s 11; 2Sp1997 c 3 s 13

#### 85A.04 ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN ACCOUNTS OPERATING RECEIPTS.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 4. Zoo concession and revenue account.** All receipts and interest from the operation of zoo concessions, memberships, and donations must be deposited in a special account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the board.

**History:** 1997 c 216 s 68

#### **85A.05 MINNESOTA STATE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN BONDS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 2. Issuance of bonds.** Upon request by resolution of the Minnesota zoological board and upon authorization as provided in subdivision 1 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue Minnesota zoological garden bonds in the aggregate amount requested, upon sealed bids and upon such notice, at such price, in such form and denominations, bearing interest at such rate or rates, maturing in such amounts and on such dates, without option of prepayment or subject to prepayment upon such notice and at such times and prices, payable at such bank or banks within or outside the state, with such provisions for registration, conversion, and exchange and for the issuance of notes in anticipation of the sale or delivery of definitive bonds, and in accordance with such further rules, as the commissioner of finance shall determine, subject to the approval of the attorney general, but not subject to chapter 14, including section 14.386. The bonds shall be executed by the commissioner of finance and attested by the state treasurer under their official seals. The signatures of the officers on the bonds and any appurtenant interest coupons and their seals may be printed, lithographed, engraved, or stamped thereon, except that each bond shall be authenticated by the manual signature on its face of one of the officers or of an officer of a bank designated by them as authenticating agent. The commissioner of finance shall ascertain and certify to the purchasers of the bonds the performance and existence of all acts, conditions, and things necessary to make them valid and binding general obligations of the state of Minnesota, subject to the approval of the attorney general.

*[For text of subds 3 to 6, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 187 art 5 s 12