

RUSK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.
Rusk County Government Center – Conference Room

Present: Roger Gierke, Ken Brown, Ken Pederson, Bill Morgan.

Others Present: Karen Welke, Tammy Moore, Michal Mendleski, Jerilea Hendric

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes from December 21st, 2017 meeting reviewed. Motion by Brown, second by Mai to approve. Motion carried.

New Shelter Building:

- **Tour:** All board members and those in attendance at the January meeting were given a tour of the new facility following the meeting.
- **Updates:** Welke gave an update of the current progress, the primary hold up is the dog kennels. The remainder of the building is almost completely finished.
- **Move:** Will be working with maintenance to get things moved.
- **Schedule:** Discussion of different schedule and open hours once new shelter is open and running.
- **Building Access:** Welke will work with maintenance to set up access codes for drop off rooms and main building.

FRCAS update: Moore and Mendleski reported around \$4000 earned at the 2017 annual banquet.

Rabies Vaccination Exemption: Welke informed the board that a county resident had requested an exemption to the rabies vaccination requirement for her dog. Welke read a copy of the County Ordinance Sec 8-33 covering the Licensing and Rabies vaccination requirement, as well as WI state statute 95.21 Sec 9 paragraph d covering Rabies vaccination exemptions to the board. Motion by Morgan, second by Peterson to deny the requested exemption on the grounds of the current situation not meeting the listed reasons for a rabies vaccine exemption listed in Statute 95.21 section 9 paragraph d.

Shelter Report: Report distributed and reviewed.

Budget Review: Waiting on final printout from finance on the 2017 budget.

Shelter Updates:

- **Spay/Neuter Trip:** Welke reported that another trip to the low cost spay/neuter clinic is currently being planned. At this point a date is unknown since the clinics veterinarian is recovering from a car accident.
- **Feral Cats in City:** Welke reviewed the most recent information gathered in regards to feral cat ordinances. Welke is working with the city to find a workable solution the feral cat issue.

Maintenance:

- **Washer:** The shelters washing machine died and needed to be replaced. The shelter is currently borrowing a washer from maintenance. A used industrial washer has been purchased for the new shelter and will be put in the new building.

Review Bills: Bills reviewed. Motion by Pederson, second by Brown to approve bills. Motion carried

Set Next Regular Meeting Date: Next meeting set for February 22nd at 8:30am

Motion by Brown, second by Morgan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.