

RUSK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 8:30 A.M.

Rusk County Government Center – Small Conference Room

Present: Roger Gierke, Ken Pederson, Ken Brown, Kathy Mai

Others Present: Karen Welke, Tami Moore, Michal Mendleski, Larry Gotham

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

Minutes from December 15th, 2016 meeting reviewed. Motion by Pederson, second by Mai to approve. Motion carried.

New Shelter Building: Gotham explained most recent bill. Motion by Pederson, second by Brown to pay the newest Morgan & Parmley bill for \$5097.50, motion carried. Gotham reviewed recent events in regards to the building plan approval. The DNR is requesting alternatives to crossing 90 feet of wetland with the sewer line. The site has also been labeled an archeological site and will need to be reviewed prior to plan approval. Motion by Brown, second by Mai to approve Welke to obtain an archeologist if needed for site approval, motion carried. Members of Animal Control Board to meet with joint management once the building plans are approved to discuss the bidding process.

FRCAS update: No update available

Budget Planning/Review: Final materials being put together for the Program Budget Presentations in January. Mai suggested a power point be created for the presentation.

Maintenance Issues: The current bank of cat cages is showing a lot of wear and is becoming more and more difficult to clean due to the laminate separating from the walls. The dog kennels are also reaching a point beyond repair. Temporary fixes are currently being used to buy time until a new shelter can be built.

Spay/Neuter:

- **Vouchers:** Spay/ Neuter vouchers for the month of February are at the local vet clinics. They will provide \$20 off of cat neuters, \$25 off of cat spays and dog neuters, and \$30 off of dog spays. We will continue to offer cat spay vouchers throughout the year as long as funds are available.
- **New Fund:** Joanne Spooner is interested in setting up a spay/neuter fund to assist low income families. Welke will reach out to Health and Human Services to determine the best route to go about this.

Shelter Report: Report distributed and reviewed.

Shelter Updates: The court system now requires online filing. Welke will work with Sheriff Wallace to find a way to do this.

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

Next meeting date: February 16th, 2017 @ 8:30 in the Small Conference Room.

Motion by Mai to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.