

RUSK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 21st, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.
Rusk County Government Center – Conference Room

Present: Roger Gierke, Ken Pedersen, Kathy Mai, Nancy Christianson.

Others Present: Paula Carow, Michal Mendelski, Karen Welke, Danielle Zimmer.

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

Minutes from February 21, 2019 meeting reviewed. Motion by Pedersen, second by Mai to approve minutes from February 21, 2019. Motion by Christianson to amend minutes. Discussion on the plowing responsibility at the new shelter, clarification that is done by county not the city as the county placed the markers. Motion to amend failed. Motion to approve minutes carried.

From April 18th Meeting: Minutes from March 21st, 2018 meeting reviewed. . Motion by Christianson, second by Gierke to amend the amendment stated in the March minutes for the February minutes to read that the “*city placed the markers*”. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public present.

FRCAS update: Carow will give update during the committee discussion on the dog park. Chairman moved dog park discussion up on the agenda.

Dog Park: Welke updated that four estimates were received and she is working with zoning on the wetland delineation, maps being completed prior to construction. Discussion on original map, wetland delineation, drainage ditch. Motion by Mai, second by Pedersen to allow the FRCAS to move forward with the fence, get the contract signed and get it installed once the map is completed by zoning. Discussion on county being responsible for maintenance of fence once it is completed and donated to the shelter. Motion carried.

Purple Cat Vet Visit: Welke updated that they were present March 7th and fixed 38 cats in the shelter. Discussion on procedure, tattoo.

Community Outreach: Welke shared idea of taking animals to local businesses for a small fee during lunch hours, an event to allow employees to interact with the animals for a brief period of time. Tried out at the courthouse on Monday (March 11th) with bunnies and it was a huge success as all bunnies now have a home.

Shelter Report: Report distributed and reviewed. See attached.

Shelter Updates:

- Managers’ Report: Welke updated that annual report/presentation was done for full county board, IT will be out getting the network set up this week. Reported on new kennel in the county, Welke has been there to inspect. Welke informed committee that a pet store is coming to Ladysmith, discussion on requirements for a pet store.

Maintenance: Ice/Snow Issues – Welke informed committee that snow fell off the roof and something will need to be done (snow break) as there is now damage. Welke informed committee that the bill for plowing has come in for February and the significantly lower heating cost should allow the plowing costs to be absorbed. Plan has been made and sound boards should be installed soon.

Budget Review: Budget discussed, no report as first quarter isn’t done yet. No significant changes other than the added cost of plowing.

Review Bills: Bills reviewed and discussed. Motion by Pedersen, second by Mai to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Set Next Regular Meeting Date: Next meeting April 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Welke informed committee that closed session is not necessary, Personnel Committee met and an employee was terminated. Will be advertising for the position.

Motion by Mai, second by Pedersen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.