

RUSK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.
Rusk County Government Center – Conference Room

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

Others Present: Karen Welke, Paula Carow, Max Malmquist

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

Minutes from October 17th, 2017 meeting reviewed. Motion by Brown, second by Morgan to approve. Motion carried.

New Shelter Building:

- **Updates:** Welke gave an update of the current progress. The majority of the building is progressing as planned. There is a relay in the dog kennels currently.

FRCAS update: Carow was there to discuss the upcoming winter magic craft show.

Mining Land: The mining company has a large amount of acreage that they are in talks of donating to the county. Discussion of stipulating that a portion of that land be used for future needs for the animal shelter (dog park, fenced areas, large animals, etc.)

Shelter Report: Report distributed and reviewed. Welke discussed the ongoing problems with the stray/feral cat populations. The City of Ladysmith is also currently discussing the stray/feral cat problems.

Budget Review: The 2017 running budget was reviewed, there are no concerns at this time.

Shelter Updates:

- **Spay/Neuter Fundraiser:** Welke reported that a large number of cats were being taken down to the low cost spay/neuter clinic in Neillsville to be spayed/neutered. All of the surgeries were sponsored by area businesses and individuals.
- **Bark Against Abuse:** Welke gave update on Bark Against Abuse walk. The event was a great success and there are plans to turn it into a yearly event.

Maintenance:

- **Washer & Dryer:** Welke reported that the shelter dryer had overheated and scorched several weeks ago. Maintenance had brought over a temporary replacement. The current washer is very rusted and having issues. It will have to be replaced soon.
- **Heater:** Welke reported that the main heater in the dog kennel is blowing cold. The backup heater is being used currently.

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

Set Next Regular Meeting Date: Next meeting set for December 21st at 8:30am

Motion by Pederson, second by Brown to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.