

RUSK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.
Rusk County Government Center – Conference Room

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

Others Present: Michel Mendelski, Karen Welke, Danielle Zimmer.

Meeting called to order at 8:25 a.m. by Chair Gierke.

Motion by Pedersen, second by Christianson to approve minutes from February 20, 2020. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None present.

FRCAS: Mendelski updated that the spaghetti feed was cancelled. Welke updated that Walmart can no longer donate directly to the shelter and they are setting up donations to go through the Friends.

Dog Park: Nothing new, everything is on hold.

Purple Cat Vet: Welke said the veterinarian is willing to come do it yet, discussing options including meeting customers at the door with a clipboard and the form to fill out.

Shelter Report: Discussion on volunteers, the increased foot traffic that would have resulted from schools closing went into the decision to be open by appointment only for the time being. Report distributed and discussed.

Shelter Updates:

- **Managers Report:** Welke updated that a cash box was installed at the request of the city and amazon accounts are being worked on which will allow a wish-list to be created and shared.
- **Front Computer:** Welke updated that IT is working on getting one as it is now necessary. Motion by Pedersen, second by Christianson to move forward with purchase through the IT Department.
- **Firewall:** Welke updated that it is not working and IT got an approval to put in a firewall with county funds. Welke also updated they are going to try and keep the Verizon service as changing would double the cost.

Maintenance:

- **Blacktop:** Estimate from the Highway Department came in at \$15,274.30.
- **Cat Room Ventilation:** Welke updated that the Northwest Refrigeration and B&B estimates have been received and Maintenance got it pushed through and it will be started next week.
- **Generator:** Welke updated that the Property Committee approved the purchase and invoice is being done.

Spay/Neuter Fundraising Opportunity: Welke informed committee of opportunity to have boxes put in parks with matching donations, information was handed out explaining the fundraiser. Motion by Pedersen, second by Mai to authorize the fundraiser. Motion carried.

Budget Review: Budget copies passed, reviewed and discussed.

Review Bills: Invoices reviewed and discussed. Motion by Pedersen, second by Christianson to approve payment of invoices. Motion carried.

Set Next Regular Meeting Date: Next meeting April 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Christianson, second by Pedersen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

