

SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2019 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Browne
Gayle Hair
Bryan Wilson
Robert Hunter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Stephen Wiseman, DVM
Marianne King
John McGrath

OTHERS:
Denise Sims, Shelter Supervisor
Melissa Hernandez, Assistant County Attorney
Albert Adams, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held March 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 100 Eslinger Way, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 6:07PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III. Minutes: September 13, 2018.

Stephen Browne called for a review of the minutes for September 13, 2018. Robert Hunter motioned to accept the minutes, and Gayle Hair seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes were accepted.

IV. Public Commentary

A. Read "The Purpose (Function) of the Board (Section 20.05)

Stephen Browne read the function of the board and announced that the Board would take public commentary and called for the first speaker.

No speakers were present, Stephen Browne closed public commentary.

V. Old Business.

A. Front Lobby Renovations

- Diane advised that the renovations have been completely finished. She also advised that T.E.A.R.S. has a table in the lobby with pet supplies that you can purchase for a donation that will help fund animals at the shelter. Also a pet window with 4 cats in them that customers can view as they are entering the shelter.

VI. New Business

A. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

- Stephen Browne was nominated by Gayle Hair as Chairman with Bryan Wilson seconding the nomination, and a unanimous vote the appointment.
- Robert Hunter was nominated by Stephen Browne as Vice Chairman with Gayle Hair seconding, and a unanimous vote for appointment.

B. Review of "The Florida Sunshine Law", Ethics & Public Records Law

- Melissa Hernandez provided the yearly mandatory review for all ACB members and SCAS staff that were in attendance. Stephen Browne asked if it was a violation to have discussion prior to the board meeting. Melissa replied "yes".

C. Criminal Penalties for Negligent Dog Owners

- Stephen Browne advised that he had a conversation with his appointed commissioner and wanted to see about getting stricter penalties for negligent dog owner who have not complied with paying their citations. Bob Hunter advised Animal Services is on there to enforce civil infractions and not criminal. Melissa Hernandez informed the board that SCAS only has authority to enforce civil infraction and would recommend giving this to the commissioners to get authority.

Melissa Hernandez also stated that the information needed to go through SCAS Administrator who would proceed to letting the Chief Administrator of Office of Emergency Management know. Robert Hunter made a motion that the Board supports the efforts of the Chief Administrator to present the resolution for change of Administrative Codes to the Seminole County Commissioners. Gayle Hair seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

D. Program Coordinator Report (Events)

- Diane Gagliano started by giving a huge “Thank You” to Gayle Hair for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Diane advised the board of all the wonderful events that were going on at the shelter.

E. Future Agenda

- a. The board asked to have a Legislative Update of SB17-38.

VII. Reports.

A. Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes),

- Stephen Browne asked a question of why the euthanasia statistics for the cats not match up. Denise advised that the reasoning is because there were 2 cats that were not counted in the statistics.

B. Statistics – County License Purchases.

- Robert Hunter advised that it looks like we are on track with the licensing but seems to be lower than previous years when we were with PetData. Denise advised this is due to because we are still in the transitioning phase.

C. Cisco Phone Reports

- Robert Hunter asked if we still needed the phone reports on the agenda. Stephen Browne answered “no”. Bryan Wilson made a motion to discontinue the cisco phone reports from the agenda. Robert Hunter seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting.

- Meeting date for June 13, 2019 at 6:00pm was confirmed. Assistant County Attorney Melissa Hernandez advised that she will not be able to attend but will have another attorney fill in as her replacement.

Judy from Pet Rescue by Judy asked where we can go to propose getting an SPCA police to get jurisdiction to remove an animal that is in an unsafe situation. Robert Hunter advised he is unsure of how you would address that situation locally. Gayle Hair advised to go to the city directly.

IX. Adjournment.

- Stephen Browne adjourned the meeting at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board

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