



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on January 18, 2018, at 12:00 PM. in the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Conference Room, 500 East Front Ave. Vice-Chairman Sundstrom presided.

Advisory Board members present were Tait Sundstrom, Teri Benson- Holmstrom, Sue Buchholz, and Barb Plum. Others present included Lt. Jeff Solemsaas, Whitnie Olsen, Jason Hammes and Jason Tomanek.

Commissioner Josh Askvig joined the meeting at 12:53.

Board members Stacy Voegele and Terry Lincoln were absent.

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Minutes

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called for consideration of the minutes of the December 21, 2017 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

Motion: Barb Plum made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2017 meeting with the corrected spelling of Tait Sundstrom’s name on the first page. Teri Benson-Holmstrom seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Review Animal Control Draft Ordinances

Vice Chairman Sundstrom opened discussion for the Animal Control Draft Ordinances. In depth discussion followed focusing on retention of animals, animals running at large, penalties and required notification of found animals. It was agreed among the board that the draft ordinances would need more time and discussion. Discussion will continue at the next scheduled meeting.

Education

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom suggested that the group create educational handouts for the public regarding various animal health and safety topics. The board agreed that getting information, such as the City’s ordinances, to the public would be beneficial. Sundstrom will compile sample documents to share at the next meeting.

Other Business

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom recommended that the board discuss the AVMA Public Policy/Animal Welfare Division on assistance animals: rights of access and the problem with fraud at the next meeting. Topic will be added to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.



Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Tait Sundstrom at 1:17PM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 12:00 PM. on Thursday, February 15, 2018 in the main conference room of the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Building. Board members will review and discuss draft animal control ordinances, discuss service animal rights and responsibilities and review options for public service announcements at the next meeting.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen