



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2018**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on May 17, 2018, at 12:00 PM. in the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Conference Room, 500 East Front Ave. Board member Teri Benson-Holmstrom presided.

Advisory Board members present were Sue Buchholz, Teri Benson-Holmstrom, Myra Kosse, Terry Lincoln and Barb Plum. Others present included Lt. Jeff Solemsaas, Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek.

Board members Josh Askvig and Tait Sundstrom were absent.

Board member Teri Benson-Holmstrom called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Minutes

Board member Teri Benson-Holmstrom called for consideration of the minutes of the March 15, 2018 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

Motion: Barb Plum made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting. Terry Lincoln seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Education and Public Outreach

The board discussed creating a Facebook page for the Animal Control division of the Police Department. The Facebook page will focus on public education as well as give the public a direct link to the impounded animals at the shelter. Jeff Solemsaas will talk with the Chief of Police about having a page created and who will manage it. Jason Tomanek will check with the City's Public Information Officer regarding the City's policy on Facebook pages.

Discussion of scheduled meeting dates

The board discussed changing the standing meeting dates and times. Sue Buchholz motioned to make the new standing meeting the second Thursday of every month at 10:30 AM starting July 12, 2018. Myra Kosse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Other Business

Terry Lincoln notified the group of the Dakota Zoo's updated service animal policy.

Other Business

Jeff Solemsass updated the board on the number of animals they are currently boarding.

- 4 dogs
- 19 cats



Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Board member Teri Benson-Holmstrom at 12:47 PM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, June 21, 2018 in the main conference room of the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Building. Board members will discuss public education at the next board meeting.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen