



## Bismarck Animal Advisory Board Minutes

1/13/2022 - Minutes

Call To Order

Commissioner Splonskowski called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

### 1. Roll Call

Advisory Board members present were Myra Kosse, Barb Plum, Tait Sundstrom, and Commissioner Mark Splonskowski. Others present included Jannelle Combs, Whitnie Olsen, and Jason Tomanek as representatives of the City of Bismarck.

Board members Teri Benson Holmstrom, Terry Lincoln, and McKenzie Smith were absent.

### 2. Public Comment

Valerie Feist attended the meeting as a member of the public.

### 3. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Barb Plum made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting as presented. Vice-Chair Sundstrom seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

### 4. Goals For 2022

Commissioner Spolonskowi opened a discussion of goal setting for 2022. Jason Tomanek addressed the board about establishing goals for the upcoming year. He noted that if the committee felt they had met all of their goals, dissolving the board is an option. Discussion followed.

Goals

1. Help rescue agencies get animals adopted
  - o Education for pet owners
  - o Responsibilities
2. Participate in events
  - o "Piggyback" on other scheduled events
  - o Use as a test to determine the efficacy
3. Break the stigma of the Animal Impound as a "kill only" shelter
  - o Work with Bismarck Police Department Animal Impound Staff

4. Update informational flyers
  - o Winter, spay/neuter, microchipping
5. Increase social media presence through education/ Impound education

Vice-Chair Sundstrom made a motion to approve the goals as stated. Barb Plum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

#### 5. Other Business

Furry Friends Rockin Rescue invited the board members to attend their three upcoming events at Gateway Fashion Mall. This would provide the board with time to speak with and educate members of the public. Committee members will provide informational material for the events and attend when possible. The event dates are:

- January 15, 2022
- February 12, 2022
- March 19, 2022

#### Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 10:00 AM, April 14, 2022, in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck-City/County Building.

