



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2021**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on January 14, 2021, at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams in the Mayor's Conference Room of the City/County Building, 221 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Advisory Board members present were Teri Benson-Holmstrom, Myra Kosse, Terry Lincoln, Barb Plum, McKenzie Smith and Tait Sundstrom. Others present included Whitnie Olsen, Jeff Solemsass and Jason Tomanek as representatives of the City of Bismarck.

City Commission Member Mark Splonskowski was absent.

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Minutes**

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called for consideration of the minutes from the July 9, 2020 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

**Motion:** Teri Benson-Holmstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting. Barb Plum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

**New Member Introduction**

McKenzie Smith was introduced to the board as she was participating as an elected member of the board for the first time.

**Goals for 2021**

1. Rewrite of Title 03 - Animal Control and Protection, of the City of Bismarck Code of Ordinances.
  - a. Dog at large
  - b. Licensing

**City Attorney, Janelle Combs, will be working with Bismarck Animal Control to address some issues with the current Animal Control and Protection Ordinances.**

2. Advertisements
  - a. Licensing
  - b. Adoption Checklist

**Vice-Chair Sundstrom presented three advertisements to the committee relating to care for your pets and cold weather.**

**Motion:** Teri Benson-Holmstrom made a motion to approve the advertisements after editing of spelling mistakes. Barb Plum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

**Other Business**

1. Jason Tomanek, a representative of the City of Bismarck, addressed the board regarding the Bismarck's Planning and Zoning Commission's discussion on modifying the zoning ordinance to allow people to keep chickens in city limits. A stakeholder group has been formed and will provide the Commission with information as to how urban chickens would impact the City. Discussion Followed. The board asked Mr.



Tomanek to keep them apprised of developments from the stakeholder group and decisions of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Terry Lincoln indicated he is part of the stakeholder group.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 10:00 AM, April 8, 2021 in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck-City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen