



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2019**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on April 11, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the first-floor conference room of the City/County Building, 221 N 5th St.

Advisory Board members present were Teri Benson-Holmstrom, Sue Buchholz, Myra Kosse, Barb Plum and Tait Sundstrom. Others present included Sgt. Timothy Bleth, Jannelle Combs, Jason Hammes, Whitnie Olsen, Cameo Skager and Jason Tomanek.

Board members, Terry Lincoln and Shawn Oban were 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 January 10, 2019 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

Motion: Teri Benson-Holmstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting. Myra Kosse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Community Outreach and Education

Board members provided comments on the brochure Vice-Chairman Sundstrom created. Discussion followed. Board members Teri Benson-Holmstrom and Tait Sundstrom will collaborate with Cameo Skager to create items to be shared on Dakota Media Access and on social media. They will focus on the top 5 concerns provided by board member Teri Benson-Holmstrom at the January 10, 2019 meeting.

Top 5 concerns that the Animal Advisory Board will work to educate the public on:

1. Importance of spaying and neutering.
2. Importance of pet ID tags, microchipping and licensing and how easy it is and inexpensive.
3. Education on lost and found resources at the Bismarck Animal Impound Facility, where, why and what they do when they bring in a pet.
4. Leash laws for both dogs and cats-especially cats
5. Responsible pet ownership-education on all costs involved.

Subcommittee Progress

The subcommittee has not met. Board members agreed that it was not necessary for the Subcommittee to meet before the next scheduled meeting.

Rewriting City Ordinance Title 3: Animal Control and Protection

Jannelle Combs, Bismarck City Attorney introduced a revised version of City Ordinance Title 3. Board members reviewed the ordinance. Jason Hammes, Assistant City Attorney led discussion on the ordinance and how offenses would be prosecuted. Jannelle Combs will continue to revise the ordinance based on the board's discussion.



Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 10:00 AM, July 11, 2019 in the first-floor conference room of the Bismarck-City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen