

SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 8th, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle Hair
Det. John Monk
Bridget Lake
John McGrath
Dr. Vizcarrondo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Wilson
Kris Buchanan

OTHERS: Alan Harris, Chief Administrator
Carole Coleman, Administrator
Denise Sims, Clerk to the Board
Diane Gagliano, Program Coordinator
Albert Adams, Shelter Supervisor
Lauren Watts, Field Services Supervisor
Desiree Elliott, Attorney to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board (here in known as ACB) meeting held June 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM, at the Seminole County BCC Chambers, 1101 E 1st St, Sanford, FL 32771.

Call to Order

John McGrath, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Duty/Function of the Board

Duty of the Board was read by the Vice Chairman

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, A quorum was met.

Minutes:

1. A motion to accept minutes was made and seconded, the minutes were approved by the board.

Old Business:

1. TNVR update

Albert Adams, Kennel Supervisor, gave an update on the TNVR. 35 cats in March, 37 cats in April, 34 cats in May were transferred to TNVR program. The TNVR program has now become a registered 501c3 so that Seminole County Animal Services can work directly with the program, meaning that the microchips will now be directly registered to the TNVR group.

Stephen Rodusky of 31 E 2nd St, Chuluota (Oviedo), requested to speak publicly about the TNVR program. He had some concerns about the program continuing to trap cats that he personally had spayed/neutered and vaccinated and released into the neighborhood. Alan Harris told Mr. Rodusky that we will reach out to continue this conversation and work with him on this issue, with the hopes of registering him as a care giver with the TNVR program.

2. Cateo Project

Carole updated the Board on the upgraded cateo area. This will allow the cats a larger outdoor area for adoptable cats to be interacted with. She also invited all the Board members to the upcoming yarn cutting ceremony to be held at the shelter.

3. New Meet & Greet Yard

Diane Gagliano update the Board on a new meet and greet yard that is located outside of the adopt building, this yard will allow customers to meet and spend time with possible new pets. A boy scout will be working on a project to put in pavers and plant stands to make the it more inviting and relaxed.

4. Surgical room

Carole update the Board that the X Ray machine and needed training to work with the machine is completed and has already been in use. We are locally the first Animal Control to have one installed. It cost approximately \$33,000.00 dollars that was paid for out of donations made to the shelter.

New Business:

1. Animal Abuse Registry

Alan Harris informed the Board that a group of citizens has requested an animal abuse registry. This would be a list of individuals that had been charged with animal abuse. This was mainly for informational purposes that if anyone from the Board was approached, they know that it is already in discussion. There is a review by both legal, and risk management as to the liability for the County.

Event Updates:

Diane Gagliano updated the Board on the events for the months of April, May, and June. Including multiple adoption specials, public education, and a “Protect Your Pet” rabies & microchip clinic.

She informed them on the volunteer orientations on, that included volunteers for the BFF program which centers around high school students wanting to get their volunteer hours by foster kittens. Also on the reoccurring social media posts, and CW 18 Furry Friends, along with Sanford Herald featured pet.

She informed the Board that we continue to do shelter tours even with renovations going on, we just changed the tour to avoid the renovation areas.

Kennel Statistics:

The Board reviewed the statistics with no questions for the staff.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting was confirmed for September 14, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.