

SEMINOLE COUNTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2009  
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris LaSage  
Debra Garrambone  
Kathleen Prince  
Dr. Joe Vaughan  
Keith Weissman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Wittmer

OTHERS: Tad Stone, Director of Public Safety  
Morgan A. Woodward, Animal Services Manager  
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney  
Elaine RiCharde, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held March 12, 2009, at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 150 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Ms. LaSage<sup>1</sup> called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk to the Board. A quorum was present.

III. Minutes: October 16, 2007.

IV. Minutes: September 4, 2008

V. Minutes: September 11, 2008.

VI. Minutes: October 16, 2008.

Motion by Dr. Vaughan to approve all the minutes. Second by Ms. Garrambone. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business.

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<sup>1</sup> The persons holding the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman declined to be re-appointed to the Board. Accordingly, Ms. LaSage, the longest serving Board member, opened and initially chaired the meeting.

A. Tad Stone, Director of Public Safety, RE: TNVR Recommendation.

Mr. Stone introduced himself to the Board. He recently met with representatives from the Friends of Feral Animals (FFA) to discuss what must be done to achieve a TNVR program. Mr. Stone has agreed to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FFA. The MOU can be executed after FFA has 501(3)c status, and, according to members in attendance at this meeting, that process has been initiated.

#### VIII. New Business.

##### A. Nomination of Officers.

Ms. Prince nominated Dr. Vaughan for Chairman. Second by Mr. Weissman. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Prince nominated Ms. LaSage for Vice Chairman. Second by Dr. Vaughan. Motion passed unanimously

##### B. Adopt Rules of Procedure.<sup>2</sup>

Motion by Ms. LaSage to adopt the Rules of Procedure. Second by Ms. Garrambone. Motion passed unanimously.

##### C. Review Revised Fee Resolution.

Mr. Stone reviewed the following proposed major changes to the fee resolution: pet license fee differential between intact and altered animals, dangerous dog registration fees, impound fees and boarding fees.

The Board suggested \$20 as an appropriate increase for the intact pet license fee, with the possibility of a one time reduction to \$15 if the owner has the pet microchipped. **ACTION ITEM** Staff will submit language to accommodate this suggestion.

There was consensus the annual dangerous dog registration fee was excessive. **ACTION ITEM** The Board requested staff submit a proposal to gradually reduce the fee (contingent on compliance) over a period of years.

There was a discussion about the \$5 adoption fee for sterilized dogs and cats and small animals. **ACTION ITEM** Staff will analyze revenue statistics and gather fee information from surrounding counties for the Board's review at the next meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Vaughan chaired the meeting from this point of business to adjournment.

D. Review Revised Seminole County Code, Chapter 20, Animals and Fowl.

Morgan Woodward introduced himself to the Board. The first draft was reviewed by the County Attorney's Office, and staff is working on changes that office recommended.

E. Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Garrambone asked the status of an Order of Business for dangerous dog public hearings and if those hearings qualified as one of three required meetings per year. Ann Colby responded those hearings would count as a required meeting. She suggested a dangerous dog public hearing be confined to only that business.

Dr. Vaughan initiated a discussion on public participation at Board meetings. Motion by Ms. LaSage to designate one meeting per year to hear public commentary. Second by Ms. Prince. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Weissman to designate the September meeting to hear public commentary. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Mr. Weissman to allow the Animal Services Manager to use his discretion based on the amount of business for the Board's consideration to select the meeting to hear public commentary. Second by Ms. LaSage. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Vaughan called for any future agenda items other than those already discussed. There were none.

IX. Reports

- A. Transport Statistics.
- B. Euthanasia Statistics.
- C. Customer Contact Statistics.
- D. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics.

The Board reviewed and discussed these reports.

X. Confirmation of Next Meeting.

- June 11, 2009
- September 10, 2009
- December 10, 2009

Motion by Ms. Garrambone to accept the proposed meeting dates.  
Second by Ms. LaSage. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment.

Motion by Ms. Garrambone to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Second  
by Ms. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board