

Minutes of the Oconee Co. Animal Control Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

7:00 pm – Oconee Veterans Park

Call to Order

Chairperson, Debbie Caffery, Absent. Marie Williams, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. In attendance: Vice Chair, Marie Williams, Secretary, Audrey Haynes, Marsha Mitchell, and Angie Eades, as well as Oconee Animal Services Manager, Crystal Berisko; A quorum was present and noted.

Approval of Minutes (July 10, 2019)

Chairperson Marie Williams raised the review and approval of the minutes from the July 10 meeting after confirming that everyone had reviewed the minutes sent by Secretary Audrey Haynes. Haynes made the motion to approve and Eades seconded the motion. All members affirmed. The motion was passed, and the minutes were approved.

Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes) each

No public comments.

Manager of Animal Services Updates – Crystal Berisko

- Manager Berisko gave a shout out and thanks to Jean Spencer, who has donated her time and talent to painting much of the shelter.
- Stats regarding shelter activity: numbers are fluctuating. In Fiscal Year '19 there were 879 calls; so far since July 1, the new fiscal year '20 – over 200 calls. Intakes are at 329 since July 1. Last year's total: 1,092. 190 adoptions this fiscal year since July 1. Numbers are up in adoptions compared to last year.
- First volunteer appreciation was a success. Over 50 people attended, and it generated 14 new volunteers.
- Berisko communicated the need for a clerical volunteer coordinator who can help organize the routine volunteer activities that take place within the shelter.
 - Angie Eades, board member, volunteered to take the position.
- Discussion as to ideas about how to inform volunteers how to get certain things done; perhaps creating in house videos to explain processes/training.

- **Upcoming Events**
- **October**
 - October 19 PetSmart
 - FOCAS 10-17 to 10-31 - \$31 for adoption dogs over 6 months and all cats
Will not include foster to adopt; only adoption

 - 10/26 Rabies Clinic at Farmington Depot Gallery, 1001 Salem Road, Farmington
 - On FOCAS Facebook Page for promotion; great work on promoting events

- **November**
November 2 Cat adoptions only at Petsmart
November 8-10 - National Adoption Event
November 16 Santa Paws – portraits with your pets for Christmas Cards
November 23 Pub on Main Adoption Event
November 30 no events

Review of National Adoption Event (3 day event)

7 agencies at recent national adoption event – over 62 adoptions

- **Ordinance**
No updates. Still waiting on further input from county attorney.
- **Preparedness Plan**
 - More research activity; looking at other plans and resources.
 - Shelter evacuation plan is important to develop; also multi-agency preparedness plan.

Progress of Animal Shelter Renovation

Manager Berisko took the Advisory Board we are at 50% of the renovation process. Discussing potential changes to the plan.

Building likely to start in Spring.

Reminder: Upcoming Quarterly Meeting Dates

After brief discussion among the members and Manager Berisko, the following dates were agreed upon for this term's meeting times.

- January 8, 2019
- April 15, 2019

New Business

Marie Williams called for New Business. There was no New Business.

Closing comments

- Vice Chair Marie Williams motioned to adjourn; Eades seconded.
- Adjourned at 7:45 pm