



Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

September 15, 2025 4:00 PM

Regional Animal Shelter, 21001 E. M-78 Hwy., Independence, MO 64057

CALL TO ORDER

Cody Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Members present during the meeting were Cody Atkinson, Linda Humphrey, Terri Hoefflicker, Rachel Eis, Linda Pringle, Tamara Huff, and Ted Luce.

Staff present were Major Troy Hanenkratt and Christina Heinen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tamara motioned to approve the minutes, 2nd by Rachel; motion passed by all present at 4:02 pm.

DATA REVIEW

Prop P draft report presented to committee; motion by Tamara Huff to submit report to Council as drafted; 2nd by Linda Pringle, approved by all present at 4:14 pm.

The committee discussed and reviewed the budget and shelter report. Major Hanenkratt shared regarding changes with Animal Control, case volume, and the incinerator.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteer subcommittee: Rachel shared that she had attended a volunteer orientation and made a motion that all committee members should commit to volunteering at least 4 hours/month.

Approved by all at 4:46 pm.

Communication subcommittee: Tamara shared that the group had met with Tonya Hampton-Lopez, the volunteer coordinator for the shelter. The group discussed current events being held and encouraged members to share Facebook posts from the shelter. Group discussed presenting to HOAs to reach residents and improving the signage on the building.

Fundraising subcommittee: Group discussed efforts to start a 501c3, setting up a possible website to accept donations and holding a quarterly fundraiser with the first as early as

December. Terri made a motion to explore opportunities for a December fundraiser, 2nd by Ted, and approved by all present at 5:14 pm.

Legislative subcommittee: This group is scheduled to meet after the committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting to be held on December 8 at 4 pm.

Motion made by Ted Luce to adjourn, 2nd by Linda Humphrey, approved by all present at 5:26 pm.