



Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

March 9, 2026 4:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Tamara Huff, Cody Atkinson, Terri Hoeflicker, Linda Pringle, Linda Humphrey, and Ted Luce

Staff present: Christina Heinen, Christine Blank

Cody called the meeting to order at 3:59 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed and approved by all at 4:00 pm.

DATA REVIEW AND PROP P REPORT

Christina shared the Prop P Use Tax draft report with the committee for review. The group discussed the different accounts, and Christina explained why an item may be charged to one account and not another. Tamara made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Terri. Approved by all present at 4:08 pm

Christina shared that the animal services officers had moved back to the Health & Animal Services Department from Police. The group discussed the efforts underway to hire a vet and discussed the budget as compared to what Great Plains had budgeted.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications subcommittee: Cody suggested that the group reach out to Wes Epperson for a possible presentation.

Volunteer subcommittee: The group discussed committee members volunteering and publicly sharing their work to encourage friends/family to also volunteer.

Legislative subcommittee: Cody shared updates on State initiatives including bills regarding confiscation, felonization of intentional starvation, cross-reporting, bereavement leave, adoption

tax credit, vet pre-emption, and allowing vet techs to administer rabies with indirect supervision. Fundraising subcommittee: Cody and Linda Pringle shared that the 501c3 had been established and that the fundraiser had been scheduled for June 7 from 3-6 pm at Uptown Market. This will be a doggie fashion show with kitten corner. The goal would be to raise \$10-15k by selling tickets and sponsorships. Shelter was asked to provide photos or before/after of shelter animals and to draft an email asking if the volunteers will assist during the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Humphrey made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ted Luce. This was approved by all present at 5:19 pm.