

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **MEETING PURPOSE**

Welcoming new board  
Members and elect new  
Board Chairperson

### **MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:**

July 25, 2022  
Zimmerman Center  
1801 Virginia Lane

### **ATTENDEES:**

Animal Control Board  
Members, John Scheuering,  
Rhonda Smith, Michelle  
Zarn, Amanda Tiernan

Animal Control Staff:  
Tom Stinchfield, Animal  
Control Supervisor

Yellowstone Valley Shelter  
Director, Trinity Halverson

### **RECORDED BY:**

Tom Stinchfield

#### **I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield called meeting to order

##### **A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 were approved

##### **B. INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Rhonda Smith, Michelle Zarn and Amanda Tiernan were

Welcomed as new Board Members

**C. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

Rhonda Smith was elected as new Board Chairperson

**II. ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD OPERATIONS**

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield distributes a handout to all members  
That briefly describes what the Board's responsibilities are and how it operates

**III. ANIMAL CONTROL YEARLY STATISTICS**

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield gives a copy to all Board Members  
Of the most recent yearly statistics from the department

Animal licensing numbers are up for the City of Billings

**IV. CIRCUS ANIMALS**

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield leads discussion on Circus Animals  
As that was a major talking point in the last Board Meeting.

- A. Public support to create an ordinance against allowing Circus Animals  
Into the City Limits seems to have diminished
- B. It was decided that the topic be put on the back burner at this time  
And if it becomes an issue that the Board will re-look at it at a later  
Date

**V. SHELTER OPERATIONS**

Shelter director Trinity Halverson leads the discussion and explains what the  
Shelter does and all the changes that have taken place

- A. Controlling the flow of animals into the Shelter helps to save lives
- B. Expanding on what they can provide the community to meet the current  
Needs
- C. Creating a program to help Seniors in the community care for their pets  
Properly

Discussion had about animals being returned to the Shelter after Covid  
Restrictions have lifted and the rental housing market not allowing pets

Emotional Support Animals VS. Service Animals

New Animal Control Board to tour Shelter

**VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Rhonda Smith makes a motion to adjourn meeting and the motion is seconded