



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2019**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on January 10, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the first-floor conference room of the City/County Building, 221 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Advisory Board members present were Sue Buchholz, Myra Kosse, Barb Plum and Tait Sundstrom. Others present included Jannelle Combs, Melisa Hilsendeger and Whitnie Olsen.

Board members Teri Benson-Holmstrom, Terry Lincoln and Shawn Oban were absent.

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Minutes**

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called for consideration of the minutes from the October 10, 2018 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

**Motion:** Barb Plum made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting. Myra Kosse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

**Community Outreach and Education**

Board members reviewed a list provided by board member Teri Benson-Holmstrom and discussion followed.

Top 5 concerns that the Animal Advisory Board will work to educate the public on:

1. Importance of spaying and neutering.
2. Importance of pet ID tags, microchipping and licensing and how easy it is and inexpensive.
3. Education on lost and found resources at the Bismarck Animal Impound Facility, where, why and what they do when they bring in a pet.
4. Leash laws for both dogs and cats-especially cats
5. Responsible pet ownership-education on all costs involved-Hopefully this will help the overcrowding in the rescues/shelters and the City's Impound Facility.

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom provided the board with a brochure example. Whitnie Olsen will email the brochure to the board members. Brochure will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

**Subcommittee Progress**

The subcommittee has not met, discussion is postponed until the next scheduled meeting.

**Other Business**

**Rewriting City Ordinance Title 3: Animal Control and Protection**

Jannelle Combs, Bismarck City Attorney, introduced herself. The City Attorney's office is reviewing the proposed changes. Once ready, they will bring back to the board for review.



**Committee Advisors**

Sue Buchholz, asked the board if they would allow her colleague to attend meetings. The board agreed that she would be welcome and would be able to act as an advisor.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 10:00 AM, April 11, 2019 in the first-floor conference room of the Bismarck-City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen