

**THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE JOINT POWERS AGENCY OF THE
STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY (SASA)**
Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday

May 16, 2019

Members Present:

Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford - Chair
Scotty Douglass, Alt. City of Modesto - Vice Chair
Raul Mendez, City of Hughson
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County
Toby Wells, City of Ceres

Members Absent:

Ken Irwin, City of Patterson

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director	Linda Ford, Confidential
Tina Rocha, Stanislaus County Alt.	Martha Ruano, Business Manager
Daniel Solish, Deputy County Counsel	Mavis Williamson, Client Services

Guests and Dignitaries:

Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Supervisor
Galen Carroll, Chief – Modesto Police Department

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mike Pitcock, Chair.
2. **Roll call:** See above
3. **Public Comment:**

Augusta Farley talked about her part in assisting a Patterson resident in getting her pet back after it had been impounded. She further mentioned intake mitigation and asked if there was a possibility of fee reductions for those that are unable to pay the Agency's Board approved fees.

Debbie Fraiser asked about fines being paid for the kennel next door to her in Salida then said she would reach out to Dennis Cordova upon his return.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2019.
(Modesto/Hughson – 5/0)

5. Correspondence: None

6. New Business:

- A. Annette introduced Hans Hussman who provided a power point presentation addressing his Stanislaus State University Internship and his accomplishments with SASA. Hans had been with SASA for the last eight months under the master's program learning a lot regarding Social Work and Animal Services. He has worked on pet retention, adoption policies, rehoming referrals, shelters/homeless camps and resources for displaced animals. His thoughts for the future:
The need for Pet retention, a webpage, forms, appointments, adoption counseling and a pets for vets program. His thesis next year will be the homeless and their animals and how to overcome social isolation. Animals help reduce both mental and physical health issues. Hans was thanked by the Agency Board for his dedication, service and presentation.
- B. Approved the final budget for fiscal year 2019/2020. (Ceres/Hughson – 4/1 – Modesto - Nay)

7. Community Reports: None

8. Informational:

- A. **Operations Report:** Dennis Cordova had prepared a handout, with the Monthly Operations/Staffing Reports for April 2019, Field Reports including Activity Reports by Jurisdiction, with City of Modesto included, Kennel/Live Releases Statistics, Vaccination Clinics Statistics and Volunteer hours for April 2019. Any questions can be brought back to Dennis upon his return next week.
- B. **Financial Update:** Martha mentioned the financial reports had been sent with the meeting packets and said if there are any questions to feel free to reach out to her.

C. Executive Director Report: Annette Patton shared the recent mentoring done with several Animal Services Agencies that see SASA as a benchmark. Another County will visit later today, and tomorrow a city shelter.

Annette expressed a desire to sit in on the upcoming Budget Committee meetings to help answer questions.

9. Member Referrals: None –

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:50 a.m.

ATTESTED: Linda Ford, Clerk

of the Governing Board
of the Joint Powers Agency
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency
State of California

(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Joint Powers Agency. Complete minutes are available from the Clerk at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way in Modesto, CA.)