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

Regular Meeting **Thursday** **June 20, 2019**

Members Present:
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford – Chair
Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Vice Chair
Raul Mendez, City of Hughson
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County
Toby Wells, City of Ceres
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson

Members Absent:

Staff Present:
Annette Patton, Executive Director
Jennifer Smith, Vol. Coord.
Daniel Solish, Deputy County Counsel
Aaron Dillon
Linda Ford, Confidential
Martha Ruano, Business Manager
Mavis Williamson, Client Services

Guests and Dignitaries:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Mike Pitcock, Chair.

2. **Roll call:** See above

3. **Public Comment:**

   Augusta Farley talked about Intake Management and asked about the possibility of fee reductions for low income and homeless dog owners.

   Nancy Klein talked about medical, photos, a spay/neuter message, a voice in the community and Best Friends in Utah.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

   A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2019. (Ceres/Hughson – 6/0)

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **New Business:**

A. Elected the Chair and the Vice Chair for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Modesto accepted the nomination of Chair and Hughson accepted the nomination of Vice Chair. (Hughson/Ceres - 6/0)

B. Established a Budget Sub-Committee, an Ad-Hoc committee to review and add input in SASA's budget, with the caveat that processes will be complete by fiscal year end. The Ad-Hoc committee includes Modesto, County and Hughson and the Executive Director. (County/Modesto – 6/0)

7. **Executive Director Report:**

A. Annette discussed several new programs and opportunities for the 2019/2020 fiscal year including the following:

Intake Mitigation including more patrol and education. Education will include spay/neuter programs, leash laws and animal care. Animals impounded will be taken home by the field officer when possible.

SASA and the City of Hughson are partnering up with Next Door. Any dog impounded from Hughson will populate on Hughson Next Door and Facebook, to get them home sooner, reducing length of stay.

Enhanced photos of dogs and cats in our care.

SASA will be working with Best Friends to reduce cat/kitten intake. We have already spayed/neutered 5,000 cats in our community.

SASA will be working with County Counsel to look at the possibility of utilizing Admin. Cites for back yard breeders, to reduce dog intake, to look at existing and non-existing fees.

SASA will continue to work with the SNIP bus in getting as many animals spayed and neutered as possible with money being donated to provide these services to the community.

SB64 – Microchips required for rescue organizations at $10 per microchip, unless they bring their own, then it will be no charge.

Hospital changes – With surgical capacity being so important, vaccination clinics will soon be held on Saturday's only, allowing more time in the surgery suite for the veterinarians. Animals adopted on Saturdays will be spayed or neutered the following week. iPads will be utilized in the clinic line to expedite processes, including payment for services.

U. C. Davis referred a Chief Veterinarian to visit SASA last week to look at processes and show us how shelter medicine will look.

Canvassers are being hired in July and will be attending PC832 training the week of July 29th through August 2nd thanks to Dennis Cordova.

We continue to work with our Stanislaus State University Intern on intake mitigation.

We will continue with the PetCo and continue with Best Friends Animal Society programs.

Thanks to Jennifer, we are looking at Volunteer Management Software that will make things much simpler for all involved. The software is already being utilized at Front Street who has a very robust volunteer program. We will be working directly with SBT. Cost is $867 annually.

8. Informational:

A. Operations Report: Dennis Cordova had prepared a handout, with the Monthly Operations/Staffing Reports for May 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.

9. Member Referrals: Becky and Tamra Helton from Humane Society of Stanislaus County are recognized for their fostering efforts. They support and assist SASA with pre-weans and NEO moms. The amount of work they do is astounding and we have done amazing things together. Fosters are always needed and keep expanding, the teamwork is exciting. Fostering is a full-time job, and they do this from their hearts.

Raul mentioned Next Door is a good pilot program and he is excited to see how it works.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:08 a.m. to go into closed session.

Closed Session:

Public Employee Evaluation – Executive Director, Government Code: 54957 (b)

Adjourned at 10:45 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.)