

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday**

**July 21, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson, Chair – Present  
Jewel Warr, Alternate for Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County – Present  
Scotty Douglass, Alternate for Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Present  
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford – Present  
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson – Present  
Alex Terrazas, City of Ceres – Present

**Staff Present:**

Sweena Pannu, Deputy County Counsel  
Vaughn Maurice, Executive Director  
Veronica Ayon, Business Manager  
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant

**Guests and Dignitaries:** None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chair, Merry Mayhew.

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Roll Call (Silent):** See Above
3. **Presentations:** None
4. **Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person):** None
5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**
  - A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting minutes from June 16, 2022- Regular and Special meetings (City of Patterson/County of Waterford; 5-0, Stanislaus County abstained)
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **New Business:**
  - A. Motion to approve the purchase of a piece of hospital equipment (Autoclave: Midmark Automatic Autoclave M11-043) for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency's (SASA's) Hospital at a total of \$5,960.63,

supported by the donation of \$90,000 (\$17,056 remains) received from the Jacqueline E. Foret Trust – A donation accepted by the SASA JPA Board (Board) on October 21, 2021. (Stanislaus County/City of Ceres; 6-0)

## **8. Committee Reports:**

### **A. Executive Director Report:**

- i. Veronica Ayon, Business Manager at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA) has resigned with 7/22/22 being her last day. We wish her well in her future endeavors.
- ii. Veterinarian job posting-the Director has updated the job listing to reflect a more accurate number of spays/neuters we do on a daily basis. He also posted the job listing on the AVMA, American Veterinary Medicine Association. We are hoping this will generate some interest in our position.
- iii. Operations Manager recruitment-we have some good applicants. Job posting will close on 7/28/22 and we will proceed with interviews.
- iv. Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR program)-Dogwood has expanded its cat program to include community cats and feral cats. This means that the Dogwood program had expanded in our community. This is a good thing for cats in Stanislaus County.
- v. Administering the Dogwood program in our County-SASA has been the middleman in the program. Now Dogwood is going to work directly with Valley Pet Care to do the billing for its program and this will take SASA out of the middle. It makes the Dogwood program even more customer friendly and helps the community.
- vi. Contract with Valley Pet Care-our contract is expired-the Director is working on getting that renewed. We are currently providing our cooler, oxygen, and dead animal disposal for no charge. This is something that needs to be reviewed in the next contract.
- vii. The Big Fix program-this SASA funded program helps the large dogs that the Dogwood program doesn't cover. Such as, dogs over 40lbs and dogs other than Huskies, Pitbull's, and German Sheppard's.
- viii. SASA auxiliary-It is a 501c3 organization and a partner organization to SASA. It currently fundraises between \$500-\$2000 per year. We are looking to invigorate the organization to bring in more fundraising revenue. Our County has no other animal organization to compete with for fundraising. The organization consists of 2 Board members, a husband-and-wife team. They are currently working on a Frisbee golf tournament fundraiser.
- ix. Vehicle Donation fundraising-the Director worked with a local organization who takes in vehicle donations, refurbishes them, and then sells them on their own car lot. We will receive approximately 80% of the sales price of the vehicles. We will

receive 50% if a vehicle goes to pick pull. This would be done through the SASA auxiliary.

- x. UC Davis grant-we received a \$5000 grant from UC Davis that the former Interim Director applied for. We will need to provide UC Davis our shelter statistics for the next 5 years. Our shelter already keeps our own statistics so this should not be a problem to do.
- xi. Current promotion with Best Friends-on July 22-23, we are doing a promotion with the Best Friends organization called "Name your price". Citizens who adopt dogs or cats on these days can name the price they would like to pay. Then Best Friends will pay us \$100 per dog and \$50 per cat for each animal adopted on these specific days.
- xii. New Social media coordinator-new part time person started work on 7/18/22 and will work approximately 20 hours per week. This will increase our presence on social media.

**9. Informational:** None

**10. Member Referrals:** None

**11. Closed Session:** None

**12. Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:20am (City of Patterson/City of Waterford; 6-0)

**Adjourned:** 9:20am

ATTESTED: Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant  
of the Governing Board  
of the Joint Powers Agency  
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency  
State of California