

SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Browne
Marianne King
Det. Monk
Bryan Wilson
Dr. Vizcarrando, DVM

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Magrath
Gayle Hair

OTHERS: Carole Coleman, Administrator
Denise Sims, Clerk to the Board
Albert Adams, Shelter Supervisor
Diane Gagliano, Program Coordinator
Shari Covell, Field Operations Supervisor
Dr. Amanda Grant, Shelter Veterinarian
Melissa Hernandez, Attorney to the Board
Robert McHugh, Attorney to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board (here in known as ACB) meeting held June 10th, 2021 at 6:00 PM, at 100 Eslinger Way, Rm #1-152, Sanford, FL. 32773,

I Call to Order.

- Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II Roll Call.

- Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III Read “The Purpose (Function) of the Board (Section 20.05) was read by Stephen Browne.

IV Public Commentary

- Carla Wilson:
 - 702 Heather Ln, Winter Springs, FL. 32708
 - Ms. Wilson spoke on SB 96 – Cross reporting of child and dog abuse, passed.
 - Resale Pet Sales ban, 79 communities already including Seminole County, HSUS has taken this to Tallahassee, where it passed the Senate, but not the House.
 - 6/22/21 Orange County will hold a meeting to vote on their retail puppy sale ban.
 - Also offered a print out on Feral Cats so that the Board can have both side of the story on Feral Cats, since at a previous meeting a gentleman from Audubon Society spoke on Feral Cats killing birds.

V Minutes: March 11th, 2021

- Bryan Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

VI Old Business

- The discussion of the proposal that Dangerous Dog Appeals being heard by a special magistrate vs the Animal Control Board was continued. The Board reviewed the answers to the questions from the previous board meeting that was provided by the County Attorney. They discussed the 58 Counties that were polled about their Dangerous Dog hearings. Brian Wilson asked why the Animal Control Board was given that authority, in order to find that answer they would have to go back to the County Commissioner meeting minutes on the day the Ordinance was passed. Also, the question as to hiring outside legal representation was asked, and they County Attorney is not opposed to hiring outside legal counsel to help represent Animal Services. Stephen Browne voiced concern with this conversation because the magistrate is hired for the County, and that the only reason this conversation came up is because the County is frustrated that it lost, and he is concerned whether a magistrate would have the same compassion and understanding as the Board does. Stephen Browne also pointed out that the current system is flawed as the Administrator of Animal Services (Carole Coleman) is in a sense the investigating officer, and the prosecutor. Stephen Browne recommended to see if former Administrator, and Board Member Bob Hunter could be invited back to give his prospective since he had been on both sides of a Dangerous Dog Hearing. It was determined that the discussion would be continued to next meeting, and that Bob Hunter would be invited to be a speaker.

VII New Business

- The Board was informed that in April Animal Services was reopened to the public and would resume regular business hours and all normal operations with masks and social distancing guidelines.
- A Vaccine Clinic was held where 96 animals owned by the public received rabies vaccines, and 43 animals belonging to County Employees were given a full set of vaccines.

VIII Program Coordinator Report (Events)

- One Blood Bus comes to the shelter ever week, and donators receive one blood gifts as well as an adoption voucher they can use later.
- BFF program is currently doing kittens but may return to dogs in the fall.
- There are currently 146 cats or kittens in foster care and that includes the BFF program.
- Girls Scout troop made 4 benches for the lobby and the new turnout yard.

IX Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes),

- Stephen Browne mentioned that the stats dates need to be corrected. He asked if there is any truth to animals being returned due to returning to work, Carole stated we have not seen that at our shelter, but Orange County has reported it.

X Future Agenda Items

- Continue discussion of special magistrate for Dangerous Dog appeals

XI Next meeting

- September 9th, 2021 – 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Sims
Clerk to the Board