

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time:	Wednesday, April 16, 2025 *4:30PM
Location:	Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center 5615 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48604
Council Members Present:	Dr. Mielke, Tracey Slodowski, Cynthia Winiecke, Kelli Scorsone, Carol Pickelmann, Jonna Godley, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Demetrios Scott (Arrived at 4:45PM), Sharon Maher
Council Members Absent:	Emilie Lyday
Others in Attendance:	Jack Tany, Jennifer Broadfoot, Robin Gover, Rachel Horton, Jaime Ceja, Mary Catherine Hannah, Pam Goodeyne, Diane Niederstadt, Dolores Kellet, Lori Brown, Lindsay Sammons, Alycia Norton, Diane Booth, Linda Harper, Jen Speckhard, Christine Madrigal-Sawyer, Alissa Specht

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Slodowski called the meeting to order at 4:30PM

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Lutenski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2025. Member McIntyre supported. Motion passed (9-0).

III. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT, RACHEL HORTON, DIRECTOR**

- a. **Surgical Center** – Ribbon Cutting will be on April 30th, private event. There will be a large community opening in May in conjunction with a vaccine clinic. April 29th veterinarians have been invited to come and tour the center with Dr. Mielke and Rachel. Power washing and window cleaning have been scheduled.
- b. **Best Friends** – Still working with Best Friends and the Partner up Challenge, Paws up Challenge and Leadership for Managers programs.
- c. **Shelterluv** – Software will be ready to deploy end of April, beginning of May. It is cloud based with tablet capability.
- d. **Spay it Forward** – Member Lutenski asked if there had been any donations to this fund. Member Maher stated she made a donation. Director Horton acknowledged Kelli Scorsone, and the Bar Association also made a donation.
- e. **Telephones** – Member Lutenski stated that she has called the shelter and always gotten a VM. The solicitation letter stated to call and maybe that's why there are minimal donations.
- f. **Vaccine Clinic** – Member Pickelmann stated that there was talk of doing a vaccine clinic right after the ribbon cutting on April 30th. Director Horton stated that it was decided to push it to May to get press involved and sponsorships. More importantly we are also in the process of training new employees in microchip training and shelter procedures. We want everyone fully trained before allowing a large magnitude event to take place to ensure safety with animals, handling and staff.
- g. **Community Opening** – Chair Slodowski asked if the shelter will need council help at the community opening. Director Horton stated that it will be a process more efficiently run with staff to ensure that all safety protocols are followed.

IV. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. Surgical Center – Grand Opening – Sub Committee meeting immediately to follow the regular council meeting.

V. **NEW ISSUES- N/A**

- a. Member Scorsone would like to add education to the next agenda. Council volunteers who would go to schools and day cares to help educate kids about animal care. Member Slodowski asked if there was any education about kitten season currently in effect. Director Horton stated that volunteer Chirstine does a great job of putting infographics and general info on the FB page. SCACC also does pretty intensive bottle feeding seminars for those who want to volunteer to bottle feed kittens.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT N/A**

VII. **NEXT MEETING**

1. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Member Pickelmann made a motion to adjourn. Member Winiecke supported. The meeting adjourned at 4:41PM.