

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

May 21, 2020

Members Present:

Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Chair
Raul Mendez, City of Hughson – Vice Chair
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford

Ken Irwin, City of Patterson
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County
Tom Westbrook, City of Ceres

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Martha Ruano, Business Manager
Daniel Solish, Deputy County Counsel

Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson Alt
Jewel Warr, - Stanislaus Co. Alt
Adrienne Rios, Confidential

Guests and Dignitaries:

None

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Joe Lopez, Chair.

2. **Roll call:** See above

3. Public Comment:

Augusta Farley recommended changing the agency's policies and procedures to reduce the cost of animal reclaims. Ms. Farley stated animals returning to their owners would increase by doing so.

Nancy Klein shared her thoughts on the shelter's animal reclaim process and what she believes are barriers to community members seeking to reclaim their animal. Ms. Klein mentioned her support of the Big Fix spay and neuter program. Ms. Klein also suggested changing the shelter's hours of operation to be closed on Monday and open on Sunday to better meet the needs of the community.

Cheri Tolar expressed concerns with the health of animals housed at SASA and the length of time it takes to receive information from shelter staff.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020.
(Patterson/Hughson – 6/0)

5. Correspondence: None

6. New Business:

- A.** Authorized SASA staff to transfer the Cherry Crawford Trust donation from the Donations Fund to the Operational Fund in the amount of \$45,000 and appropriate the \$45,000 donation to replenish the transferred appropriations in the Operational Fund.
(Hughson/Waterford - 6/0)
- B.** Annette presented information on the Maddie's Shelter Medicine University of Florida assessment, DocuPet, the Petco Foundation grant, debt service fund proposal, all of which directly impact the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Due to the major financial impacts of COVID-19, Joe recommended to delay acceptance of the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 until the June 18, 2020 meeting. Furthermore, it was recommended that a budget sub-committee is formed to assist with revising the Proposed Budget. (Hughson/Waterford - 6/0)

7. Committee Reports: None

8. Informational:

- A.** Financial Update: Martha provided a financial update for the month of May 2020.
- B.** Annette provided an overview of the agency's accomplishments during the COVID-19 emergency. During this time SASA implement a foster program and placed approximately 400 animals in homes. 70 percent of animals that were fostered converted into adoptions. To better serve members of the community, agency staff is working on an online appointment system where citizen will be able to self-schedule an appointment for services.

9. Member Referrals:

- A.** Raul welcomed Merry Mayhew as the new City Manager representing the city of Hughson effective June 1, 2020.
- B.** Ceres City Manager, Tom Westbrook was also welcomed to the Board.
- C.** The Board offered their thanks to Raul for his contributions and wished him well on his new professional journey with Stanislaus County.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:25 a.m.

ATTESTED: Adrienne Rios, 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.)