

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday**

**June 18, 2020**

**Members Present:**

Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Chair  
Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson  
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford (joined at 9:05 a.m.)  
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County  
Tom Westbrook, City of Ceres  
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson

**Staff Present:**

Annette Patton, Executive Director	Jewel Warr, - Stanislaus Co. Alt
Martha Ruano, Business Manager	Adrienne Rios, Confidential
Daniel Solish, Deputy County Counsel	

**Guests and Dignitaries:**

Supervisor Jim DeMartini

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Joe Lopez, Chair.
2. **Roll call:** See above
3. **Presentation:** Annette presented information on the trap-neuter-return program (TNR).
4. **Public Comment:**

Augusta Farley brought forth three items pertaining to the 2020-2021 budget proposal. Ms. Farley requested that SASA does not increase fees as increase may impact a pet owner's ability to reclaim their pet(s). She stated return to owner rates have declined since 2016-2017. Ms. Farley expressed support of the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program assessment recommendation for SASA to offer financial incentives in lieu of fees and fines to sterilize, vaccinate, and license (pg. 32 of assessment). She also indicated her support of the shelter's upcoming spay/neuter program The Big Fix. Ms. Farley stated she feels the number of adoptions have decreased while rescues and TNR have increased. Lastly, she is in support of filling the Rescue Coordinator position.

Nancy Klein questioned the JPA Board's closed session of the Executive Director's performance evaluation. She inquired about how best to participate and provide feedback in the evaluation process. Direction was provided to Ms. Klein on how and who to provide feedback to.

Cheri Tolar advocated to fill the Rescue Coordinator position as she feels it plays a critical role in partnering with rescue organizations. Ms. Tolar suggested an organizational chart may be helpful to the public when determining which staff member provides specific services. She also expressed her support of the agency hiring a full-time veterinarian. Ms. Tolar mentioned that the agency should consider opening on Sundays to better fit the needs of the community.

Nadia Borisova spoke to the legal case involving Turbo, animal ID number A429912. Ms. Borisova, along with others, is working hard to mitigate the situation and seeking a second chance for Turbo. According to Ms. Borisova, there are two out of state rescues that are willing to take Turbo.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020.  
(Ceres/Patterson – 6/0)

**6. Correspondence:** None

**7. New Business:**

- A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 20/21. Ceres City Manager, Tom Westbrook was elected Chair and Patterson City Manager, Ken Irwin elected Vice Chair.  
(Waterford/Hughson – 6/0)
- B. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Continued from the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting). Revised Recommended Proposed Budget was approved by the budget subcommittee. It was further clarified the carryover from fiscal year 2019-2020 is not included in fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. However, agency partners will receive communication from SASA on this matter at a later date. Annette mentioned a future need for a capital fund to prepare for long term facility maintenance. The agency will also entertain any potential for new city partners in the coming year. The Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was adopted.  
(Patterson/Waterford – 6/0)

**8. Committee Reports:** None

**9. Informational:**

- A. Financial Update: The board had no questions or comments regarding May's financial report.
- B. Operations update, May 2020: The board had no questions or comments regarding this report.

C. Executive Director Report: Annette mentioned the long impacts of COVID-19 on all animal shelters.

**10. Member Referrals:** None

**Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:11 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.)