

Oconee County Animal Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Animal Services Conference Room, 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order 6:13 PM

In attendance: Chair: Kelsey Fox, Terry Ruffen, Melodie Brooks

Not in attendance- Shannon Martin

Unable to contact- New Board Member- Benji Shaw

Meeting minutes taken by Manager- Crystal Berisko

2. Approval of May 3, 2023 Minutes- No minutes for approval- No vote

3. Public Comments – limit of 5 minutes each- No comments

4. Introduce new members / Elect Officers- Introduction: Melodie Brooks

5. Manager of Animal Services Updates – Crystal Berisko

Budget-

Projects- Epoxy floors/ Soundproofing

Need to verify/ get update estimates

Need to get a few more estimates for submittal and approval for projects to begin

Ordinance- Proposal for changes

Registration- Voluntary and mandatory

Transient Sales

Unsterilized reclaims- 1st reclaim they can voluntarily get animal sterilized and provide proof within 30 days. 2nd impound unsterilized will be mandatory sterilization. If they breed they will have to be licensed by GDA.

Animal in locked in vehicles

Additions to TNR section

Feeding unsterilized cats outside

Not reporting stray cats

Stats- January- July 12

Last year

Intakes: 589

485

See reports: Outcomes, Cases

****Have 100 more animals than we did this time last year.**

Events- PetSmart, Pet Supplies Plus, South Main Brewing, Pack Hikes

Scheduling: PetSmart this weekend

PSP- August- 12th

South Main Brewing- Thursday afternoon for Thankful Thursday

Pack Hike- July 29th Possible date

Need to recruit volunteers for offsite events! Subscribing to GivePulse and sharing info on all Social Media should help get the word out.

Other- Dangerous Dog declaration- Payne Road- Board Members Terry Ruffen, and Melodie Brooks voted to hear the appeal and Chair- Kelsey Fox voted to have the quorum.

Appeal will be held on August 9th- Called meeting.

6. Meeting dates: October 4th but would like to change to October 11th

7. New Business- none

8. Closing Comments-none

9. Adjournment 8:11 PM