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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING PURPOSE

Welcoming new board
Members and elect new
Board Chairperson

**MEETING DATE AND
LOCATION:**

July 25, 2022
Zimmerman Center
1801 Virginia Lane

ATTENDEES:

Animal Control Board
Members, John Scheuering,
Rhonda Smith, Michelle
Zarn, Amanda Tiernan

Animal Control Staff:
Tom Stinchfield, Animal
Control Supervisor

Yellowstone Valley Shelter
Director, Trinity Halverson

RECORDED BY:

Tom Stinchfield

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield called meeting to order

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 were approved

B. INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Rhonda Smith, Michelle Zarn and Amanda Tiernan were

Welcomed as new Board Members

C. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Rhonda Smith was elected as new Board Chairperson

II. ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD OPERATIONS

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield distributes a handout to all members
That briefly describes what the Board's responsibilities are and how it operates

III. ANIMAL CONTROL YEARLY STATISTICS

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield gives a copy to all Board Members
Of the most recent yearly statistics from the department

Animal licensing numbers are up for the City of Billings

IV. CIRCUS ANIMALS

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield leads discussion on Circus Animals
As that was a major talking point in the last Board Meeting.

- A.** Public support to create an ordinance against allowing Circus Animals
Into the City Limits seems to have diminished
- B.** It was decided that the topic be put on the back burner at this time
And if it becomes an issue that the Board will re-look at it at a later
Date

V. SHELTER OPERATIONS

Shelter director Trinity Halverson leads the discussion and explains what the
Shelter does and all the changes that have taken place

- A.** Controlling the flow of animals into the Shelter helps to save lives
- B.** Expanding on what they can provide the community to meet the current
Needs
- C.** Creating a program to help Seniors in the community care for their pets
Properly

Discussion had about animals being returned to the Shelter after Covid
Restrictions have lifted and the rental housing market not allowing pets

Emotional Support Animals VS. Service Animals

New Animal Control Board to tour Shelter

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Rhonda Smith makes a motion to adjourn meeting and the motion is seconded