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Manatee County Animal Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2018

Jana Martin called meeting to order 5:47 p.m.

In attendance: Lisa Williams, Jana Martin, Gerald Thomas, Hans Wohlgefahrt.

Minutes were approved from last meeting held on Oct. 25, 2017.

Hans Wohlgefahrt presented Manatee County Animal Services chief updates.

He included that the November and December 2017 save rates were 91 and 92 percent.

The shelter census as of Jan. 24, 2018 was: 119 dogs, 62 cats and 1 bird.

There was a job opening for an animal care specialist and a new vet would be starting.

FoMCAS raised the funds for the new turf and there will be an event in March to announce and reveal the improvement.

There are currently three new volunteer orientations each month. There will be Open Paw training to teach basic manners.

New website for animal services is nearly finished.

Public comment:

Animal Network announcements presented by Deb Starr and Sue Kolze. New president Pam Freni, Sue Kolze is new treasurer. The organization is working on a shelter diversion/pet retention project which includes spay and neuter information and mandatory microchips.

Gerald Thomas brought up previous issue concerning selling pets and breeding licenses. There is a state law that should be posted so that buyers and sellers understand the law. Gerald Thomas to attend the abuse registry workshop with BOCC when notified. It was scheduled for Jan. 30, 2018.

Jana Martin brought up finding a way to ask county commissioners about renewing the doggy dining ordinance and is also asking chief how we can change the advisory board meeting time.

The Manatee County Animal Advisory Board will continue to work on new issues.

Public comment:

None.

Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Williams, Secretary

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