

**Animal Control Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 18:01 by Rita Weaver.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

Cesar Afanador, Citizen Member  
Steve Tuttle, Citizen Member  
Diane Harris, Animal Welfare Representative  
Rita Weaver, Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board  
Dr David Langford, Retired Veterinarian  
Susan Morris, Environmental Health Division  
Molly Schmeiser, Citizen Member

**Members Not Present**

Theresa Marlowe, Animal Services Manager

**A. Review & Approve Minutes**

I move to approve the minutes of the Nov 01, 2023, meeting as presented.

Motion by Molly Schmeiser, second by Dr David Langford.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Dr David Langford, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

**3. PRESENTATION(S)**

No Presentations

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Public Education and Outreach Subcommittee**

Dr. Langford gave an overview of the Public Education and Outreach Subcommittee meeting that was held on Dec 13, 2023.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Annual Report**

No approval due to the board not having a vacant position list. The Board would like to investigate how many voting members there should be.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Shelter Update**

Joy Wilson gave an update on the statistics and outcomes from the shelter from the shelter for 2023.

### **B. Election of ACAB Officers for 2024**

**Motion 1** - I move to enter into elections of officers, for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary for the Animal Control Advisory board for the year 2024.

Motion by Molly Schmeiser, second by Dr David Langford.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Dr David Langford, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

**Motion 2** - I move to elect Steve Tuttle for the Chairperson of Animal Control Advisory Board for this year.

Motion by Dr David Langford, second by Molly Schmeiser.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Dr David Langford, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

**Motion 3** - I move to elect Rita Weaver for the Vice-Chairperson of Animal Control Advisory Board for this year.

Motion by Diane Harris, second by Dr David Langford.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Dr David Langford, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

**Motion 4** - I move to elect Dr. Langford for the Secretary of the Animal Control Advisory Board for this year.

Motion by Rita Weaver, second by Diane Harris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Dr David Langford, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

## **7. BOARD MEMBER TIME**

- Susan Morris gave an update on the press release in reference to the rabid wildlife that has been recently discovered in north St. Mary's County.
- Cesar Afanador commented that the new County Ordinances need to be written with policy that supports the TNR program.
- Diane Harris gave an update on her schedule of spaying and neutering and locations for cat adoptions throughout the county.
- Steve Tuttle talked about the upcoming road expansion and the effect it will have on a cat colony in the county. He stressed he was not anti-animal. He encouraged residents to come out and speak at the upcoming public forum.

- Dr. Langford shared a development that may impact TNR. There is research that is showing promising for an injection that will result in sterilization for female cats.
- Molly Schmeiser commended ACO John Miedzinski for his professionalize to the job and his compassion towards the citizens of St. Mary's County. She also recognized Joy Wilson, Theresa Marlowe and Tina James for their current events held at the shelter and noted the level of organization that was displayed.
- Rita Weaver reminded everyone of the dropping temperatures and to be mindful of proper housing for all your domesticated animals.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

## **9. ADJOURN**

### **A. Adjourn**

I move to adjourn the meeting at 18:47.

Motion by Steve Tuttle, second by Diane Harris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Dr David Langford, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by Animal Control Advisory Board on March 6, 2024.