

**ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2015**

Board Members Present

Elbert Bennett
Gerald Foley
Steve Devary
Danny Wilkinson
Linda Grimes
Cathy Gilbert

Others Present

Ellen Sam
Pam Rogers
Clint Quarles
Kathy Harp
Chris Culler
Michael Grant
Joyce Parman

As there was not a quorum for the June 10, Dr. Grimes used this meeting as a review of the different issues to be discussed at the next meeting.

Kathy Harp and Chris Culler, IT Personnel at the Department Agriculture, discussed changes for our website and asked for suggestions. Cathy Gilbert volunteered to obtain from board members facts, data and interesting information that Ms. Harp and her team can develop.

Pam Rogers, Humane Society Organization, gave a review on the duties and workings of her office.

Dr. Grimes set the next ACAB meeting will be.....

ACAB BOARD MEETING
July 29, 2015

Board Members Present

Cathy Gilbert
Danny Wilkinson
Judge Hugh McCormick
Mike Cassidy
Steve Devary
Sarah Beth Guffey
Linda Grimes
Elbert Bennett
Gerald Foley

Others Present

Frank Roggiero
Kathryn Callahan
Michael Grant
Joyce Parman
Clint Quarles
Kathy Harp

Dr. Grimes called the meeting to order. She asked each person to introduce themselves and the organization they represent. She asked for approval of the December 18, 2014 minutes. Judge McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Cassidy. Motion passed.

Dr. Grimes introduced Ms. Harp, the Agriculture Director of Information Technology, who has been working with Board member, Cathy Gilbert, regarding a makeover of the Agriculture spay/neuter website. There will be a "pop up" to submit donations. Ms. Harp gave a detailed talk regarding current website information on the shelters, the changes already completed and potential new spay/neuter posters. Non-profit and Rescue organizations will not be listed on the website at this time under Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program. Ms. Harp asked for suggestions, facts and interesting information from Board members in order to create an effective website. The draft website can be accessed at KDA test.com. Any areas with "Latin" appearing wording need to be filled in, those are just place holders. After lengthy discussion, Ms. Gilbert asked that all future information is to be passed to Ms. Gilbert, who will pass on to Ms. Harp. Please send any high resolution photos of people and pets with their plate to Cathy's facebook page. The Jessamine County Shelter will be the first to be featured as a shelter grant recipient.

Mr. Quarles gave a report on the spay/neuter fund and the general fund. In the general fund there is a balance of \$1,692.71; the spay/neuter fund has a balance of \$79,220. The spay/neuter plate sales were \$18,130.00. Dr. Grimes said Auditor bill, when it is received must be paid from the spay/neuter fund. The Board again discussed how important donations are. The major source of funds is the renewal or sale of s/n license plates. Ms. Gilbert has a specific interest for financial growth to increase the sale of license plates and donations. History of requesting a pet food tax/fee was discussed. Judge McCormick explained that with reduced coal severance and gas taxes fiscal courts have even less funding.

Dr. Grimes asked for a committee to go over the grant applications and make a decision concerning each one, amount of funds requested and the amount that would be awarded. Ms. Gilbert, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Foley, Judge McCormick, and Dr. Grimes are the Board members that will serve on the committee to make recommendation for the awards of grants. For now the primary factors in evaluating applications will be the average cost per procedure, whether it is a new or existing program, the number of counties serviced, the number of animals that would be altered, and prior completion of grants. For now \$5,000 should be reserved to pay for the audit and \$1,800 for the Somerset/Pulaski Humane Society who should have been included in the 2014 S/N Grants. $79,220 - 6,800 =$ at most 72,420 available for 2015 grants.

There was a question about why non-profit organizations had been allowed to apply and have been awarded spay/neutered grants, since they (unless under contract with a county to provide shelter services) would not be subject to the minimum standard requirements. A discussion followed with one point being that many times non-profit humane society and rescue organizations were more adept at organizing and providing spay/neuter services than counties and were very helpful.

Dr. Michael Grant provided an update on shelter grants. No updates on the \$60,000 recently granted. Reports are not due until January 31, 2016. Five counties – Leslie, Lincoln (\$680.00), Nicholas, Taylor (\$15,000), and Wolfe (\$10,300) have not yet received their final 10% reimbursements so these are not yet closed out.

Under legislative activity for 2015, the only pertinent change made was that the stray holding for equines was reduced to 15 days which should help shelters.

Mr. Quarles said the ACO regulations have not yet been filed.

Dr. Grimes set the next meeting date as Thursday, September 24 2015.

Meeting adjourned.

ACAB BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2015

Board Members Present

Dr. Linda Grimes
Gerald Foley
Mike Cassidy
Cathy Gilbert
Donna Herzig
Judge McCormick
Steve Devary
Elbert Bennett

Others Present

Katherine Callahan
Dr. Michael Grant
Clint Quarles
Joyce Parman

Dr. Grimes called the meeting to order. She asked that each one themselves and the organization they represent. She asked for a motion to approve the July 29, 2015 minutes. Judge McCormick made the motion to approve the minutes seconded by Ms. Gilbert. Motion passed.

Dr. Grimes asked for an update on the new spay/neuter website. The website was placed on the computer screen and Ms. Gilbert read the information she had received from Ms. Harp, Ag Dept. IT Director, regarding the additional information that will be included. The Board was very pleased with the changes, new information and positive look of the website. Ted Sloan, Information Officer, will add a few details as well as the shelter spotlight on Jessamine County Animal Shelter.

Dr. Grant was asked for an update on the 2010/2011 shelter projects that are not complete. The shelters are Leslie, Lincoln, Nicholas, Taylor and Wolfe counties.

The 2014 Shelter Grants totaling \$60,000 – these reports are not due until January 31, 2016.

Mr. Grant asked to have any active applications to have red or flashing symbol to show deadline. If deadline is past, put Expired in red.

Spay/ Neuter Fund: The general fund has a balance of \$1,692.71 and spay/ neuter fund has a balance of \$79,000. It was suggested by Dr. Grimes to hold out \$5,000 for operating expenses and the auditor's charge. The balance of \$74,000 is to be used for spay/neuter applications.

Ms. Gilbert, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Foley, Judge McCormick and Dr. Grimes met before the Board meeting to review all applications and give their recommendations. Their decision (1) was to award all qualified applicants equally, which would be 112 applications and \$660 each or (2) award only qualified county applications equally. There were 48 fiscal court grant application and 68 NGO grant applications. After further discussion, there was a vote 4 to 3 vote in favor of awarding all qualified applications for 2015. Voting in favor were Ms. Gilbert, Dr. Grimes, Ms. Herzig, and Judge McCormick. Those opposed were Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Foley, and Mr. Devary. (Mr. Bennett ??)

Mr. Quarles will write letters to 6-7 disqualified applications explaining that their applications were incomplete or that we had no history with their organization.

There was a discussion regarding specific items that need to be discussed with legislators – especially funding for spay/neuter, animal control officer training and enforcing shelter regulations.

Dr. Grimes asked for motion to dismiss – motion made by Judge McCormick, seconded by Mr. Devary.

Next meeting will be.....
