

**Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board  
Meeting- June 6, 2019  
Frankfort, KY**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present**

Coleen Rene Bray, Terry Allen Rowlett, Dr. Mark Smith, Dustin Embry, Elbert Bennett, Bonnie Enlow, Douglas Johnson, Aaron Goodpaster

**Board Members Absent**

Brad Rainwater, Michael McNutt, Misti Drew, Sara Beth Guffey

**Department of Agriculture Staff Present**

Clint Quarles, Michael Grant, Keith Rogers, Joe Bilby

**Welcome & Call to Order**

Clint Quarles called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and welcomed those present. Guests were requested to sign the attendance sheet.

**Media Notification**

Michael Grant of KDA confirmed the media was notified about the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was held and a quorum was present.

**Approval of the November 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from November 1, 2018 meeting were approved without corrections.

**Election of Chair**

Mark Smith was nominated and unanimously elected Chair

**KDA Business**

Keith Rogers, the Chief of Staff for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture welcomed Board members and meeting attendees. Rogers noted that the ACAB is one of 84 boards and commissions with which the KDA is associated. Michelle Shane, the Board Coordinator, splits her time with the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners and acts to coordinate the other KDA boards' activities. Rogers cited the explosion of interest both in the state of Kentucky and among other states regarding Kentucky's hemp program. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> the state hemp program will be self-sustaining financially. He also noted since the June 2018 increase in required pension payments it has been cost-prohibitive to create new work positions within the KDA. Because of this, KDA employees are now stretched to capacity.

## **Old Business**

### **Regulation, Ready to File, Comments**

Clint Quarles of the KDA reported that the archived agenda and minutes of the Animal Control Advisory Board have been organized and placed online. He noted that it will be viewable by the public on the ACAB website. He also noted a future goal of placing Kentucky local animal control ordinances online.

Clint Quarles also reported on the Red Tape Reduction Initiative goals to cut, revise, or keep intact regulations from the past seven years. He stated that as of the present, he has received little feedback from constituent groups regarding changing livestock regulations. The goal was to have this project completed by fall 2019.

Finally, Quarles reported on the Kentucky Animal Care & Control Association's "Basic Animal Control Officer Online Training Program" available at no cost to the user on the KACCA website. Kentucky law requires this training. Coleen Bray said that the course takes twelve to eighteen hours to complete. Up to 150 individuals can be logged into the course at one time.

### **Kentucky Department of Agriculture Update**

Clint reported that the Kentucky State Board of Veterinarian Examiners is now housed in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture with a fulltime staffer, Michelle Shane. In other news, since the June 2018 increase in required pension payments it has been cost-prohibitive to create new work positions within the KDA. Because of this, KDA employees are now stretched to capacity.

## **New Business**

### **Spay/Neuter Grant Program and Application**

Michael Grant reported on the last year's Spay/Neuter program recipient cities and counties. Board members reviewed and approved the 2019 Spay/Neuter Grant Application. The Board approved a maximum \$2,500 for the grant award. The application will be posted on the ACAB website.

### **Public Comment & Questions**

Kathryn Callahan of the Humane Society of the United States proposed finding alternate sources for spay/neuter funding. Daniel Flinkfelt of Henry County Animal Control asked how non-Board members could become involved in ACAB activities.

### **Next 2018 Board Meeting**

The next ACAB meeting is proposed for this fall.

## **Adjournment**

Having no further business to come before the Board the meeting was declared adjourned.

**Approval**

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**Signature**

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**Date**