## November 2, 2023 ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OVERSIGHT BOARD **MINUTES** 3:00 PM

# 2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRES	<b>ENT</b>
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Vice Chairperson ...... Dr. Rex Sentell Members ...... Sarah Johnson Rita Nelson D/S William Weiss

ABSENT ......Sheila Biehl

#### STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney ...... Melissa Pietrzyk Commission Aide ...... Patricia Higginbotham

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 pm.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 20, 2023

- \* Rita Nelson moved approval of the minutes. Sarah Johnson seconded the motion.
- \*\*Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public - None

#### B. Members

Rita Nelson-asked for update on the ordinance

#### C. Staff

George Stokus-notified the Board, Dr. Richard Smith resigned and the need for another veterinarian; Dr. Rex Sentell was moved to Chair; Sheila Biehl was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chairperson

Melissa Pietrzyk-commented on Rita's request, details cannot be discussed when in litigation

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Adopt 2024 Meeting Schedule (Agenda Item 24-0243)

Board accepted new 2024 schedule.

Rita Nelson moved approval of the minutes. Sarah Johnson seconded the motion. \*\*Motion carried unanimously.

## **B. TNVR Program Update**

Martin County: 2020: 2,408, 2021: 305, 2022: 338, 2023: 199 (Clusters have been mostly found in Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach, and Indiantown)

#### 2013 - Current:

Martin County - 16,013 Out of County - comparable

#### 6. COMMENTS

- A. Public None
- B. Members Dr. Rex Sentell inquired about status of local rabies cases; asked veterinarians be notified
- C. Staff George Stokus noted items for the next Board meeting, April 11, 2024:
  - 1. George/Deputy Weiss/DOH: notify local veterinarians about rabies cases
  - 2. Notify the Board when Legal resolves litigation and update on ordinance
  - 3. Invite DOH, Nick Clifton to do presentation on rabies

#### 6. ADJOURN

Recorded and Prepared by:

Patricia Higginbotham, Commission Aide

Dr. Rex Sentell, Chair

12-5-23

Date

Date