



# MINUTES

## ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

### 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MEETING 2022

**DATE:** September 28, 2022

**Location:** Michigan City Police Department's Community Room

**Time:** 2:00pm

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:02pm.

### Roll Call

#### Present:

Jillian Ashley

Jacqueline Euler

Karen Edwards

Chairperson / MCPD

Director of Animal Control (A/C)

Michiana Humane Society (MHS)

#### Absent:

Dr. Rex Bailey

Michael Mack

Michigan City Animal Hospital

Michigan City Council Member

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting dated June 29, 2022.

**Motion:** Approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022 meeting minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> – Director Euler

2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Edwards

The motion was approved by all board members present - *Motion carries.*

### Unfinished Business

1) None

### New Business

1) **ARPA Funds appropriation has been approved for the following:**

a. Animal Control Vehicle \$65,000.00

b. Expansion of Kennels \$135,000.00



## **Review of Michigan City Animal Control Activities for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022 presented by Director of Animal Control Euler:**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

Total impounds: 102

Dogs: 71

Cats: 31

### **DOGS**

Michiana Humane Society (MHS): 9

LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter: 16

Owner reclaims: 39

Rescue: 16

Deceased: 1

Still in Animal Control's care: 6

Euthanize: 0

### **CATS**

Fried's Cat Shelter: 10

MHS: 2

LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter: 4

Owner reclaims: 4

Deceased: 11

Euthanize: 0



**Review of IN-TAKE Reports for Fund Disbursement 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2022 presented by Chairperson Ashley:**

- **Fried's Cat Shelter**
  - 10 Cats
- **LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter (LCSAS)**
  - 16 Dogs and 4 Cats
- **Michiana Humane Society**
  - 10 Dogs and 2 Cats

**Public Comments:** Mayor Duane Parry advised that he is working on plans for the recent ARPA Funds appropriation for the expansion of the kennels. The Mayor and Director Euler will continue to work on the expansion of the kennels plan.

**Board Comments:**

**1) Chairperson Ashley:**

- a. Thanks to: The entire Animal Control Division / Police officers who assist with Animal Control related calls / Kennel volunteers / Citizens and businesses who donated to Animal Control / Mayor for his assistance with the kennel expansion plans.
- b. We will welcome a new probationary Animal Control Officer to the team within the next couple of weeks.

**2) Director Euler:**

- a. We will be announcing a new ACO soon! We will have myself as well as two ACOs on duty.
- b. We were approved for ARPA funds and hope to have an addition built onto the kennels soon, as well as have an additional truck. Right now, we have 7 kennels for dogs and 3 kennels for cats. Unfortunately, at this time the cats and dogs are housed in the same area, and we are hoping to have that changed. We are also hoping to have in the addition an office area, an animal bathing station as well as a bathroom.



- c. As always, we need volunteers. If you are interested, please email MCAC@emichigancity.com. You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. Our kennels stay full unfortunately, so any help is always appreciated. Volunteers walk dogs, clean kennels, wash dishes, fold laundry, etc. They work with us while we are at the kennels.
- d. We can always use donations of soft treats and canned food and durable squeak toys.
- e. Please remember that State law mandates your animal, cat or dog, is current on rabies vaccines. I have heard from several members of our community that they did not realize this. And once you have your rabies certificate, please stop into the police station and get your city tags! Cold weather is approaching, please make sure that any animals that are housed outside have proper shelters in place.
- f. We have just not been able to keep up with the demand for TNR'ing (Trap, Neuter, Release). We are still trying to get through our list, and it grows daily. If you would like, you can reach out to Frieds cat shelter. The number for the TNR Program is 219-252-2872
- g. On October 1st and 2nd, from 10-2, we have once again teamed up with Guardians of the Green Mile and our local R.P. Home and Harvest store to provide free microchipping of your pet. Guardians was able to acquire 130 microchips this time, so while supplies last. Last time we had 75 and they went fast! Microchipping your pet means your pet gets home quicker when they are lost.
- h. Thanks to: The mayor / Kennel volunteers / A/C Denham / Board Members / Shelters and Rescues.

3) **Karen Edwards:**

- a. Concurs with everyone and all she heard today.
- b. Thanks to: The A/C Division / Mayor / Kennel volunteers.

**Adjournment**

*Motion:* To adjourn the meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> – Director Euler

2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Edwards

The motion was approved by all board members present - *Motion carries.*