Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission

**(MADACC)**

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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## Meeting of April 18, 2023 – 1:00pm

Meeting Via Teleconference

**Members Present:** Ms. Jackie Ove, City of South Milwaukee

Mr. Paul Boening, Village of Whitefish Bay

Mr. Don Schaewe, City of Milwaukee

Mr. Tim Sowinski, City of Greenfield

Mr. Jim Archambo, City of Wauwatosa

Ms. Rebecca Grill, City of West Allis

**Members Absent:** Ms.Shaketa Winters, City of Milwaukee

**Staff Present:** Ms. Karen Sparapani, Executive Director, MADACC

Ms. Laura Proeber, Operations Manager, MADACC

1. **Roll Call**

The Microsoft Teams conference id 601 728 734# was convened at 1:00pm; roll call was taken by Ms. Proeber and members in attendance, absent and excused were noted.

1. **Public Comment**

None.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ove and seconded by Ms. Grill to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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1. **Executive Director’s Report**

**a. Statistical Update – March 2023**

Ms. Sparapani reported Admissions were up 8.15% for the month, or 59 animals, compared to 2022.

Ms. Sparapani reported Transfers were up for the month, while Adoptions and Reclaims were down for the month compared to last year.

Ms. Sparapani reported Wisconsin Humane Society took in 37 animals, with Urban Cat Coalition pulling 16 animals and Washington County Humane Society taking in 9 animals.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Boening and seconded by Mr. Archambo to approve the statistical report for March 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Operational Update**

Ms. Sparapani reported on a new adoption program for weekday adoptions of most dogs.

Ms. Sparapani reported the new engine for the broken-down van is coming in this week.

Ms. Sparapani noted it is both animal control officer appreciation week and volunteer appreciation week.

**c. Supervisor's Report**

Ms. Proeber had nothing to report.

**d. Friends of MADACC Update**

Ms. Sparapani reported on upcoming offsite vaccine events sponsored by FOM.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. **Financial Statements – March 2023**

Mr. Schaewe asked if there were any questions on the treasurer’s report submitted by Ms. Winters.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Sowinski and seconded by Mr. Boening to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for March 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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* 1. **2023 Budget Amendment Proposal**

Ms. Sparapani reported when the previous veterinarian left, MADACC’s numbers were low and veterinary services slowed. MADACC did not expect the spike in animal numbers, as has been seen throughout the country. Ms. Sparapani noted the market for veterinarians has dwindled, especially in shelter medicine. Ms. Sparapani would like to keep the current veterinarian and attract a new veterinarian into shelter medicine versus joining a private practice which pays quite a bit more and offers incentives to work at private clinics. Ms. Sparapani would like to raise the current veterinarian’s wage from $44 an hour to $51 an hour and hire a new veterinarian at a base salary of $43.27 per hour plus a sign-on bonus of up to $25,000, given a work duration of three years.

Mr. Schaewe noted the adoption program and low cost spay/neuter services is what got MADACC out of the red and into the black, after years of struggling financially.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Grill and seconded by Mr. Boening to approve and present the budget amendment to the full board of directors. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Grill and seconded by Mr. Boening to adjourn the meeting of April 18, 2023, at 1:17pm.  The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Proeber

Operations Manager