



ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES

August 4, 2023

The City of Knoxville Animal Control Board considered the following permit applications for discussion at their August 4, 2023 meeting at 1:30 pm in the Young-Williams Animal Center conference room, 3201 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee.

This meeting and all communications between the Board members is subject to the provisions of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code. Ann. § 9-44-101, et seq.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Janet Testerman called the meeting to order at 1:37pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were Darlene Gwaltney, Deputy Chief David Powell, Sarah Glass, Janet Testerman,

Absent: Heidi Wyrosdick, Lisa Skinner, Dr. Lisa Chassy,

In addition: Doug Gordon and an intern from the Knox Co health Department.

PERMITS REVIEWED

- 1) #874 Billy Howell, 3105 Luwana Road for hen permit after needing more information. Janet Testerman motioned to approve, Darlene Gwaltney seconded. Unanimous **APPROVAL**
- 2) #887 Martin Witt, 902 Drive D for hen permit. Sarah Glass motioned to approve, Darlene seconded. Unanimous **APPROVAL**.
- 3) #883 Allison Clark, 2213 Croydon Road for goat grazing after being sent back for start and end dates. Darlene Gwaltney made a motion to approve, Sarah Glass seconded. Unanimous **APPROVAL**.
- 4) #886 Tennessee Valley Fair at Chilhowee Park for Animal Exhibition. Darlene Gwaltney, motioned to approve, Ashley seconded. Unanimous **APPROVAL**.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

Darlene said that Ashley Ramos had received her letter from the city for her appointment to take Darlene’s place on the board as the new representative from the Knox County Health Department and that this meeting would be her last.

Chair Testerman thanked her for her time served.

Doug Gordon also mentioned we need to think of a citizen-at-large to fill Lisa Skinner’s position who will be rolling off in December.

Doug also mentioned we were supposed to receive a permit request from a bridal show for the upcoming weekend who wanted to have donkey's, but we have not heard anything back.

Sarah Glass said dwarf caimans were supposedly being sold at the latest reptile show, which technically should be illegal. Chair Testerman said a caiman was recently abandoned.

Sarah then mentioned how pythons were being abandoned once they got too big and that people were being paid to hunt them because of the overpopulation in Florida that Chair Testerman equated to the over-abundance of deer in our area.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm.