

Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

May 15, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council was held on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Senate Committee Room F at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The chairman, Jeff Dorson, called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll and the following was noted:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Dorson, Chairman

Gary Balsamo, DVM, TM

Tirzah London

Cathy Wells, Designee for State Senator J.P. Morrell

Dana Nesbitt

Michelle Newfield, DVM

Diane Stacy, DVM

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cathy Wells made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting, without objection, the minutes were approved.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Gary Balsamo made a motion, second by Diane Stacy, for Jeff Dorson to hold the office of the chairman, without objection, the motion was approved.

Jeff Dorson, made a motion, second by Diane Stacy, for Gary Balsamo to hold the office of vice-chairman, without objection, the motion was approved.

Jeff Dorson, made a motion, second by Gary Balsamo, for Cathy Wells to hold the office of secretary, without objection, the motion was approved.

Jeff Dorson, made a motion, second by Diane Stacy, for Deanna Theis to hold the office of treasurer, without objection, the motion was approved.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Chairman Dorson made a motion, second by Cathy Wells, to allocate \$25,000 in grant funds to qualified applicants.

Michelle Nesbitt made a substitute motion to allocate \$3000.00 to Union Humane Society and \$1800.00 to each qualified applicant, without objection, the motion was approved.

The following entities received \$1800.00 in grant funding:

	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
(1)	Cat Haven, Baton Rouge	\$1800.00
(2)	Feliciana Animal Welfare Society, East Feliciana	\$1800.00
(3)	Friends of Lafayette Animal Shelter	\$1800.00
(4)	Trans Feral Cat, Madisonville	\$1800.00
(5)	Union Humane Society	\$3000.00
(6)	Robinson's Rescue, Caddo	\$1800.00
(7)	Loveabulls, East Baton Rouge	\$1800.00
(8)	Project Spay/Neuter, New Orleans	\$1800.00
(9)	Spay/Neuter Iberia Project	\$1800.00
(10)	Baton Rouge Spay Neuter	\$1800.00
(11)	Amite Veterinary Services	\$1800.00
(12)	Companion Animal Alliance, East Baton Rouge	\$1800.00
(13)	Lovers Not Biters, Orleans	\$1800.00
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$24,600</u>

The following applications were deemed not-qualified pursuant to the council's enabling statute (R.S. 47:463.60):

- (1) Riverlands
- (2) Friends Underwriting Rescues
- (3) 4 Paws Rescue
- (4) Vet Care, LLC

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Cathy Wells made motion, second by Gary Balsamo, to authorize Chairman Dorson to contract with a licensed CPA for the council's financial records.

Michelle Newfield offered to develop a reporting form for the grant recipient's final report (copy attached).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council, Gary Balsamo, second by Diane Stacy, moved to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dorson, Chairman

Approved: _____