

**Minutes  
Iowa County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, August 23, 2010**

Members Present: Interim President/Treasurer Todd Novak: Mike Wagner, Secretary: Mary Whitmar, Carrie Baumhover  
Others Present: Outreach Director Cheri Phillmore  
Shelter Director Teresa Duerst

Board meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

The board would like to recognize and thank the citizens who were present and participated in the board meeting this evening.

**Minutes**

The board did not hold meetings in June or July. The minutes of the May 24, 2010 board meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Mike to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Reports are attached.

Todd reports we are in our Summer Blues phase. The good news is that last year we ran out of money in June and this year we made it until August. This time of year is always the most challenging for us as far as income goes. Things will remain tight until October when regular money will start to come in again. The situation is worse because we are now paying rent on two buildings. At this time shelter numbers are up and donations are drastically down. We are in dire need of supplies; cat litter, bleach, canned cat food etc. Please refer to the wish list on the website for more ideas.

The board is delighted to report we have finally reached a resolution with the IRS debt. Starting with a debt of around \$200, 000 dating back to 1999 the board has spent three years in trying to resolve it. By June the amount was reduced to \$98000 and we were finally able to settle for the amount of \$10,000. \$25000 has been paid with the remainder due in December.

We have some outstanding bills but the Dodgeville Chronicle, Murphy & Desmond (attorney fees) and Dodgeville Veterinary Service have told us they are willing to wait on payment.

Motion was made by Carrie to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

**Discussion with public on new building and related fundraising.**

Carrie gave an overview of the upcoming relocation plans. The Iowa County Humane Society is very excited about our new future home at 305 Hwy. YZ, Dodgeville, WI. We have signed a 3 year lease on the old Silicon Sensors/ Advanced Photonix building with an offer to purchase in place for each year.

This location will give us double our current space with clarification that we do not anticipate doubling our capacity but instead being able to spread out and create a healthier, more efficient environment for the animals.

We are starting with a blank slate in this building and will be able to put in place safer and healthier building conditions, eliminating many of the health issues we face in our current location. There will be space to designate for exams and minor surgeries, indoor exercise areas, rooms for meetings, education programs and public functions.

This building while not having the large number of outdoor play runs will allow for supervised outdoor and indoor play and socialization activities. The potential is GREAT! We also will have a

very large storage shed to meet those needs as well as provide room for potential bad weather protected kennels and exercise area.

The ICBS has signed a conditional use permit with the City of Dodgeville involving commitments to maintain the exterior of the building and grounds and regarding location of kennels, hours the dogs are outside etc. with most of it conforming to our current operation schedule.

We will be approaching this in two phases and there is a lot of work to be done. The building has been sitting empty for several years so there is much basic maintenance needed. The board has taken action to get the basics started. Unfortunately our time frame is VERY short, we have just four months so the first phase will include just the basics of getting the plumbing set up and installing dog kennels and cat housing. We are looking at an expense in the area of \$250, 000 to accomplish this first phase. Overall we are looking to raise \$500,000.

While this is a great deal of money it is no where near the expense of purchasing land and building new.

We are fortunate to have an architect from Menominee who is donating his assistance in the planning and design for the new facility. He specializes in designing veterinary clinics and kennels.

We are currently waiting for some initial drawings from him before we can start breaking down projects and ways that the public can be of assistance. We will be doing as much of the work as we can on our own and with the help of the public.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were many excellent questions and comments from the public. Many people let the board know about items that had been donated in the past that should be able to be brought with us such as most of the outdoor kennels around the building, several of the cat cages, a large bale of cyclone fencing etc. Someone suggested contacting Alliant Energy to do an energy audit once we have things up and running. Everyone was very supportive and eager to help once we have more information.

The board will try to schedule another public meeting in the next two to three weeks to update everyone on where we are at and what they can do to help. For now we ask that they spread the word and contact anyone who may be able to help, especially financially at this time.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mike, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Stonefield apartment homes meeting room in Dodgeville.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar  
ICBS Board Secretary