

**MINUTES OF THE UINTAH ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER SPECIAL SERVICE
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON April 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., in the
Uintah County Building at 152 East 100 North, Vernal, Utah 84078.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Laursen, Nile Mathisen, Brent Bastian, and Dan Olsen

UTAH STATE EMPLOYEE PRESENT: Clay Crozier

BLM DISTRICT MANAGER: Elijah Watters

STAFF PRESENT: Devin Cobb, Abbigayle Jackson, Donna Long, Colt Atwood and Justin Moosmann.

WELCOME: Nile Mathisen welcomed everyone to the meeting and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

STANDING BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2024, MEETING: Nile Mathisen asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the minutes from the meeting. The Board had no concerns. *Dan Olsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. John Laursen seconded the motion. The motion passed with Olsen, Mathisen, and Laursen voting in favor.*

REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES REPORT FY2025: Devin Cobb presented the report to the board for evaluation. The board had no concerns.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

NONE

POLICY AND LEGILATION

NONE

MANAGMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER REPORT-: Dan Olsen read the treasurer’s report as follows; \$239,839.55 in the Zions account. \$966,813.45 in the PTIF regular and \$204,588.50 in the PTIF capital projects account. For a total of \$1,411,241.50. On 03/01/2026 there was a Mineral Lase deposit to PTIF Regular in the amount of \$83,333.33. On 03/03/2026 there was a withdrawal from the PTIF regular to Zions Bank in the amount \$75,000. On 03/31/2026 the PTIF Capital Projects Reinvestment Dividend got \$3,174.64. On the same day, 03/31/2026 the PTIF Capital Projects Reinvestment Dividend was \$688.44. The district’s interest rate on the PTIF is 3.8595%.

MONTHLY PAYMENT APPROVAL REPORT-: The Board reviewed the report and had not comments. *Dan Olsen moved to approve. John Laursen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Dan Olsenaye;
Nile Mathisen.....aye
John Laursen.....aye;

FINACIAL STATEMENT-: The board reviewed this statement and had no concerns. *Dan Olsen moved to approve. John Laursen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Dan Olsenaye;
Nile Mathisen.....aye
John Laursen.....aye;

DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT-: The board reviewed this statement and had no concerns.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS-: Colt Atwood stated things in Animal Control are going well. During the month of March Animal Control received 53 smaller breed dogs living in not ideal situations. These animals were surrendered to the shelter. All 53 dogs were rescued or adopted through the shelter. Colt also stated Animal Control should receive their new dog boxes sometime during May.

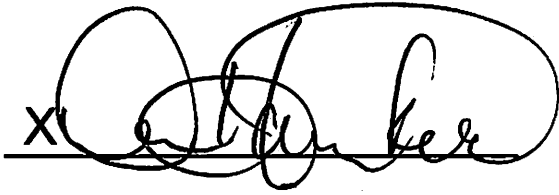
SHELTER STATISTICS-: Donna Long stated all 53 owner-surrendered dogs were rescued from the shelter within the week and are all doing well. CAWS rescue was a tremendous help in accomplishing this task. Donna also stated she is impressed with the monthly stats from the shelter. Every animal currently impounded is from either February or March. Donna also discussed how rescue operations work for the shelter on Facebook and how she has improved the process. During the month of March, the shelter had a total of 24 adoptions.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES REPORT-: Devin Cobb stated he with the help of Animal Control had a few new ordinances passed. The remaining horses from the horse gather were taken to Loma Colorado to the livestock auction after serving their stray hold. The shelter is still operating within budget. Colt also stated March 31st will be Senior Officer Collins last day. Justin Moosmann will be replacing Angel Collins. Justin is excellent at his job and has fine attention to detail. The entry animal control position was opened and filled. The new officer cannot start until May 18th. During the month of March Animal Control received 224 calls for service. All together 100 dogs, 53 cats, 15 livestock and 1 other were impounded. The shelter received 90 visitors during the month. All shelter staff have been participating in training through Maddie's Fund. The shelter currently has no diseases. Devin also stated he attended commission meeting and Vernal City council meeting. Devin also discussed Nile Mathisen leaving the board and Brent Bastian will be replacing him and will need to be added to the Zions bank account.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES & REPORTS: Elijah Watters presented a proposal for another horse gather located on BLM lands. Elijah explained the protected Saguaro cactus located in Southwest Uintah Basin and how the feral horses are disturbing the environment these cacti prosper in. The BLM has been tasked with removing these feral horses but in a cost-effective way to further protect the cacti. Elijah explained the district would be the ones to facilitate and impound these horses and would be reimbursed for the cost of this gathering, including an administrative fee. The BLM envisions the oil and gas companies will fund this gather in a central account. Elijah Watters explained he also has a meeting planned with the Ute Business Committee at the end of the month. The board wanted further information and contracts before deciding.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, *Nile Mathisen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.*

ATTEST:

X 

Chair-person

X 

Secretary