

**DCHS Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2008**

**Board Attendees: Polly Duchow, Bridget Bush, Joyce Rose, Cathy Holmes, John Bloodgood, Jan Viney, Andrew Welyczko**

**Excused: Gary Godding, Ellen Markey, Dr. Sara Orvick, Joe Goode**

**Staff: Pam Tauscher-Coshun, Pam McCloud Smith, Sara Hoven-Finance Committee**

**Guests: Travis Myren - Dane County, Amy Manthe – Finance Committee**

**Call to order: 11:02 A.M.**

*Bridget Bush moved to approve the March 2008 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Seconded by John Bloodgood. No discussion, motion carried*

**County Contract**

Travis Myren from Dane County spoke to the board about the County's need for 2009 Animal Shelter and Care Services. As suggested by DCHS, the County will be issuing an RFP by early next month with hopes for all interested parties to submit bids by early July. Contract negotiations would then begin in July with a signed contract for 2009 completed in fall. Cathy Holmes asked if they will require all interested bidders to submit pricing for all three services (impounds, strays & abandoned animals) or if we could not submit a price for any one of the categories. Mr. Myren stated he would require all three to be bid on but may not award the contract for all three services. Humane Officers would not be part of this RFP.

J.R. Rose noted that the timeline for this RFP was very aggressive and expressed some concern over our ability to submit the bid within the time frame and the County's ability to follow the timeline as well.

**Financial Update**

Amy Manthe from the DCHS finance committee went over the Financial Statements from 2007 with the board.

**Highlights:**

- *Line of credit* is 0 (borrowed off of it throughout the year but paid it off)
- *Unrestricted Revenues and Gains* were down from the previous year (stock market decline)

- The *Supporting Activities (Management and General)* increased because of legal fees
- Net loss of \$550,000.00 (2007)

It was noted by both Amy and several board members how much appreciation we have for the hard work done by Sara Hoven in getting this information to the auditors in a very well organized way.

### **March 2008 Financials - Bridget Bush**

- Our investments went down due to declining stock market and borrowing for expenses.
- Our revenue was down for March
- Salaries are slightly under budget
- Operating expenses are over budget (had to purchase a Sanitizer and had legislative fees, computer services, pipe burst in back etc.)

### **Executive Director Update – Pam McCloud Smith**

Pam handed out a draft of numbers of expenses and income that she shared with her management team. She wants to get the leadership team involved in the financial situation DCHS faces and consequences of action on not meeting plan. All in all it was a positive thing and gave them more understanding of other departmental responsibilities and how one department affects another.

Pam also handed out a Development Department Report summarizing the events in planning, revenue goals and what is being done to achieve these goals.

Staff Morale: There has been a lot of change and the board discussed what we could do for the staff to boost their spirits. We came up with some ideas and left it to Pam to decide the best course of action.

### **Grey Wolf Position Statement**

*After all members reviewed the Draft Position Statement regarding the proposed hunting of the Grey Wolf, Cathy Holmes moved to approve the following position statement:*

**The Dane County Humane Society opposes the hunting of grey wolves. These hunts are not managed across all grey wolf populations, but instead conducted on a state-by-state basis. The increased killing could result in precipitous declines of the wolf population in our state. The return of this key carnivore to the wide variety of habitats it once occupied would help restore balance to those ecosystems, which cannot be achieved with increased hunting of grey wolves.**

*Motion was seconded by John Bloodgood. No discussion, motion carried.*

JR Rose talked to the board regarding the hiring of Scott Braught and Associates to help walk DCHS through the process of possibly changing our name.

The Branding Committee (via J.R.) requests motion to approve of \$10,000 to hire Scott Braught and Associates to help with the rebranding feasibility process.

*Motion to approve \$10,000.00 for the Branding Committee proposal as presented to the board at today's meeting by Joyce Rose. Seconded by Cathy Holmes. No discussion, motion carried.*

By laws: The board gave direction to the by law committee on how to move forward with changes.

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:02 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted By,**

**Ellyn Mohs  
DCHS Board Secretary**