

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Ashley Wildman, and Nate Bartz (Secretary)

Absent: Amy Lynch (Vice-Chair)

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- None

4. Discussion

- Discussed potential Emergency Animal Response training (for voluntary animal control officers to assist law enforcement in responding to animal welfare cases). Classes being held by Liz Ford (Trainer out of Iowa City). May reach out to Cedar County Sherriff's Dept and West Branch Police Dept (when fully staffed) to see if there is interest.

Old Business:

- Dog Park Expansion Project – Materials are ready, awaiting payment. Plan is to pour concrete first, then begin setting posts. Plan is to pour concrete and receive delivery of fencing materials during the week, then begin setting posts and completing fence on the weekend. This will be completed by volunteers. City will be placing concrete forms. Don Bickford will assist with the concrete and helping install bench. Additional coordination with these dates will be ongoing.

New Business:

- Police Report:
 - No Police Department representation present (no news to report).

5. Call to Adjourn Meeting

- Ashley moved to adjourn; Leesa seconded. Motion carried.