



**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE'S
ANIMAL SHELTERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

VIA ZOOM video conferencing

APPROVED MINUTES

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March 20, 2025

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Shelter Committee called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair, Stacie Voss.

Roll Call:

Dr. Tom Parker

Dr. Nicole Vigil

Jackie Roach, Secretary

LaVaughn Hart, Vice-Chair

Stacie Voss, Chair

Agenda posted to NM Board website

Dr. Parker voted to approve the agenda, LaVaughn seconded it, all voted and approved the agenda.

Dr. Vigil arrived at 4:03 pm

Draft minutes reviewed and noted no corrections. Dr. Parker motioned to approve the February 26, 2025 draft minutes, LaVaughn seconded it, all voted and approved minutes.

Brief meeting on Monday, the legal counsel for the State has changed. The newest development is that the plaintiffs have created a motion to envelop the Vet Board into the lawsuit, they were not a party in the suit previously. The reason they did this is because the vet board approved the rules and are therefore part of it. The

24 attorney for the State offered three options: The Vet Board could not do anything
25 while pending, they could go against legal advice and distribute the money, or they
26 could go before a judge and ask permission to distribute the money.

27 HB113 Animal Welfare Trust Fund, it's unlikely that this will not be heard by the
28 Senate.

29 There is only \$1M appropriated in the budget, starting July 1, 2025, for
30 distribution.

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32 **Discussion**

33 The committee reviewed and edited the Guidelines for the New Mexico Spay and
34 Neuter Grant Program Information and Guidelines. Chair, Voss supplied the
35 updated documents. We determined the need to keep a historical record of the
36 previous guidelines that contained information for individuals seeking grants. We
37 will omit this option; the grants will only be made available for organizations until
38 it's determined that we have the bandwidth to add individuals.

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40 The committee reviewed and edited the Grant Application Form. Chair Voss
41 supplied the updated documents. Chair, Voss is creating a Google Form; it's not
42 known the format that will be used.

43 We determined that the grant application window will be open for 45 days,
44 allowing time for municipal organizations to submit if they need to go through a
45 chain of command and to also allow time for marketing. The Veterinary Board
46 meeting on 4/23/25 will dictate the timing of when the grant cycle can be
47 opened, we will utilize APNM to assist in marketing. The goal is to open in May.

48 Stacie will present the Guidelines and the Application to the NM Veterinary Board.

49 We agreed that there is a need for a communication strategy.

50 We estimate 1-2 months for application distribution and scoring, Stacie reminded
51 everyone that there will be an involved process, expect 3-4 meetings from the
52 committee to review, score and rank. The Vet Board will call a special meeting to
53 review recommendations presumably in August.

54 **Next Meeting**

55 We agreed to monthly meetings, 3rd Thursday at 4:00 for future meetings except
56 for April, and that meeting will be held on April 24th at 4:00 pm.

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58 **There being no further business before the Board, Stacie Voss adjourned the**
59 **meeting at approximately 5:18pm.**