

## **WRAS&R minutes March 19, 2025**

**Present:** John Aegerter, Liz Mowrey, Gina Clark,, Rhonda Hirata, Jim Felton, Louise Duffy, Skip Duffy, Shelli Holcomb, Jon Holcomb, Aleina Cudnofskey, Tammy Wykes, Thea Bendix, Kelli Banks, Dan and Judy Randleman, John Burke.

**The minutes** from the February meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** As of March \$2271 left in: spay and neuter. There is a CD \$100,000 Idaho Central with 4.45%. John A. said there are CD's that earn 5% for 13 months. Initial deposit is \$500. John would like to take another \$100,000 and invest it for 5% for 13 months. Jim said we should buy four CD's for \$25,000 each so that if we need to cash one in and lose the interest, the rest will be left at 5%. If we got an okay for the U.P. to buy the property, we should be able to do everything in this first year for around \$50,000. John Burke said to make sure that we have \$50,000 easily available.

**Union Pacific property:** Don't know when we will hear from U.P. The woman who is in charge of this area will be back tomorrow and we'll see if we'll get a response. Louise said we could see how U.P. wants to be paid. John A. and Gina will go tomorrow morning to set up the four CD's, and Louise will get a check ready. Louise makes the motion that we buy four CD's at 5%, Tammy seconds, and it was passed.

**Phone call reports:** 73 calls last month. John said Kory Rex spoke to Jenn Huff about whether they could get money for a dog park. He didn't know more than that right now.

**Pet Friendly Spay/neuter project:** Jim has a list of all the people who have gotten spay/neuters and he will go through those with Shelli and cross off who has gotten it done, and then call those who have been approved. Jim said we have until the end of May to spend about \$2400. There are a few from Martha's clinic that got done but that was our money, not the Pet Friendly grant. Rhonda has a cat named Leo that still needs neutering. John A. told Rhonda to just get him done. Make an appointment with Chris/ Martha.

**By-laws Review:** John met with several groups to look at our by laws. Next month will be the last review and then the secretary signs it.

**Proposed shelter property:** Steve Mendiola said he want three lots (one with the building) of the 14 lots on the property. If we get the property, we can either sell or lease those lots to Farmer Supply Co-operative.

**Expo trip:** Gina, Jon, John and Aleina are going to Las Vegas for an gathering. ([humane.pro.org](http://humane.pro.org)) Expo 2025. They will learn about how to plan for animal shelters. Jon made a motion to move April's meeting from the usual third Wednesday to the 23rd

instead of the normal time, so that the four will be back for the meeting. Seconded and passed.

**Idaho Gives:** April 28-May 1. Jim brought up Idaho Gives for this year (we are signed up for it), and recommended that we watch some of the live webinars, Best practices, expanding your reach, etc. There are also nine training videos, to help us know how to make a better presentation for our group. Jim asked that we get on this site and watch some of these videos.

Jim has all the tee shirts, a few colored, long sleeved, youth. He has them all stored in plastic tubs. \$25 long sleeved, \$20 short sleeved..192 shirts.

John A. brought up articles for our next newsletter: He is asking for ideas to be sent to me so I can take those ideas and put the next newsletter together.

**Meeting adjourned.** The next meeting will be at 7 pm at the Bee Tree on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.