MARION COUNTY DOG CLASSIFICATION BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING February 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Dog Classification Board was held on February 19 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium at 601 SE 25 Ave., Ocala, Florida.

Board members present: Eddie Leedy, Mike Deen and alternate Barbara Tucker. Chairman Linda Norman, Vice Chairman Debbie Carney, and Kerry Crawford were excused absent. Animal Services Director Kyra Lynch, Board Attorney Valdoston Shealey and Board Secretary Andrea Davis were present.

Mike Deen made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 23, 2024 meeting. Second by Barbara Tucker. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A24-155585

Geona Roberts

Geona Roberts requested a hearing regarding the classification of her dog "Alvin."

Humane Investigator Joshua Music presented proof of service, photos, and gave testimony.

Victor Behan appeared via remote video conferencing and provided testimony.

Geona Roberts was present and provided testimony.

Mike Deen made a motion that after hearing substantial, competent evidence that the dog "Alvin", a neutered male, white in color, Dogo Argentino type canine, has aggressively bitten, attacked or endangered or has inflicted severe injury to a human being on public or private property, the Board finds that Animal Services has sufficient cause to classify "Alvin" as dangerous per Marion County Code Chapter 4, Section 4-2 and Section 4-22 and Florida State Statute 767.12. Second by Eddie Leedy. After discussion, motion passed by unanimous decision.

Mike Deen moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Chairman

Witness

Date Adopted