MARION COUNTY DOG CLASSIFICATION BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING April 2, 2025

A regular meeting of the Dog Classification Board was held on April 2nd 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: Chairman Linda Norman, Vice Chairman Debbie Carney, and Kerry Crawford. Eddie Leedy, Mike Deen and alternate Barbara Tucker were excused absent. Animal Services Director Kyra Lynch, Board Attorney Valdoston Shealey and Board Secretary Andrea Davis were present.

Debbie Carney made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 19, 2025 meeting. Second by Kerry Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A24-154387

Timothy Ricks

Timothy Ricks requested a hearing regarding the classification of his dog "Fisher."

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

Timothy Ricks, Easton Ricks, Tyrian Gartenmayer and Auviana Lawson were present and provided testimony.

Kerry Crawford made a motion that there was not substantial, competent evidence that the dog "Fisher", a male, liver ticked in color, German Shorthair Pointer type canine, has aggressively bitten, attacked or endangered or has inflicted severe injury to a human being on public or private property, and that the Board finds that Animal Services does not have sufficient cause to classify "Fisher" as dangerous per Marion County Code Chapter 4, Section 4-2 and Section 4-22 and Florida State Statute 767.12. Second by Debbie Carney. After discussion, motion passed by unanimous decision.

Debbie Carney moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Chairman M.M. S-21-2025

Witness

Date Adopted