



**Animal Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2025 - 1:30 PM**

Public Safety Building
1305 E. Broad St., Mansfield, TX 76063

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director of Regulatory Compliance Nicolette Ricciuti called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Staff present: Director of Regulatory Compliance Nicolette Ricciuti and Animal Care & Control Field Supervisor Chester W. Arthur IV 'Quaid'.

Present 3 - Amanda Ryals, Lisa Carmichael, and Brent Newsom

Absent 1 - Veronica Munoz

2. NEW BUSINESS

Appoint New Chair

Nicolette changed the order for New Business to be moved to number two to appoint a new chair.

A motion was made by Board Member Ryals to approve the item. Seconded by Board Member Carmichael. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 3	Amanda Ryals, Lisa Carmichael, Brent Newsom
Nay: 0	None
Abstain: 0	None

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to address the Committee on agenda items and items not on the agenda may do so at this time. All comments are limited to 5 minutes. In order to be recognized during citizen comments, please complete a speaker card and present it to staff prior to the start of the meeting.

There were no citizen comments

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

25-963 Approval of February 26, 2025 Minutes

Chair Newsom asked for a motion to approve last meeting's minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member Ryals to approve the minutes. Seconded by Council Member Newsom. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Amanda Ryals, Lisa Carmichael, Brent Newsom
Nay: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

New Microchip Scanning Station (update)

Quaid presented the new Microchip Scanner Station that was discussed in the previous meeting. Mansfield's first Microchip Scanner Station is located at the Mansfield Animal Care & Control Shelter. He also stated a map has now been made under Mansfield's Lost and Found report page that will show the Microchip Scanner Station and the future ones to come.

First-Time Offender Animal Compliance Course (FOACC)

Quaid spoke about the update of what was the Animal Compliance Education Class, now called the First-Time Offender Animal Compliance Course. The classes on January 30, 2025 dismissed 11 citations and on April 17, 2025 dismissed 12 citations. The next session is scheduled for August 15, 2025.

New Shelter Update

Quaid presented updated pictures of the new shelter being built. Quaid stated that everything is still on schedule to open in the summer of 2026.

Quarterly Review

Quaid presented a quarterly update on statistics for January 2025 to March 2025, which included the following:

161 Public Drop Offs
148 Owner Surrenders
85 Reclaims
83 Transferred to Rescues
99 Dogs and Cats Spayed/Neutered
1246 Calls for Field Service
115 Adoptions
61 City Licenses
178 Doggy Day Outs
108 People who received assistance from the Pet Pantry
\$2939.50 Raised for the Lucky Fund

The presentation included some examples of the Lucky Fund recipients:

One collie mix dog had to have a leg amputated and one terrier mix was fully matted and needed an emergency groom.

Future Events

Quaid spoke about a couple of events coming up in August and September 2025.

August is national clear the shelters month by NBC5. This is a nationwide adoption event to help literally clear the shelters for all shelters, rescues, etc. Mansfield Animal Care & Control will waive all adoption, microchip and city license fees. Mansfield Animal Care & Control has also partnered with Mansfield Hawaiian Falls Waterpark to run a raffle for 2 pairs of 2026 Hawaiian Falls season passes. \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. All proceeds will go towards the Lucky Fund.

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mansfield Animal Care & Control will have their big annual clear the shelters adoption event that will have different rescues, another local municipal animal shelter and different vendors that will be at the shelter.

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, Mansfield Animal Care & Control will have their annual Lucky Luau event. This event partners with Mansfield Hawaiian Falls Waterpark, as well, where dogs will be able to run freely in the wave pool and have fun. However, this year will be different because there will be another partnership with Mansfield's Park and Recreation Department to combine both their Barks N Rec 5k and Mansfield Animal Care & Control's Lucky Luau. More details to come, but the date will be the same.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Proposed Presentation from (David Fuentes) Texas Livestock Protection Association

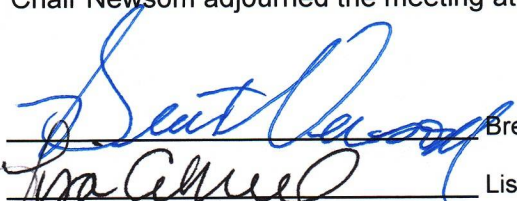
Quaid moved the meeting to Mr. David Fuentes for his Texas Livestock Protection Association (TLPA) presentation.

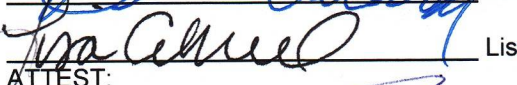
David Fuentes, Co-Founder and Director of the Texas Livestock Protection Association (TLPA), gave a presentation about his association. David Fuentes has 11 years of experience in animal cruelty investigations and rescue response in the public and nonprofit sectors. He is a Texas State Peace Officer and Animal Control Officer. He has a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. David is presenting to the committee in the hopes of becoming a partner with the city of Mansfield. After the presentation, the committee directed staff to look into the idea of this partnership, to investigate the association more and bring the partnership to city council. TLPA helps organizations with investigating cruelty to livestock animals. TLPA has just started and is in the hopes of adding cruelty to non-livestock animals depending on the future of TLPA. TLPA is looking to becoming partners with Mansfield to help investigate livestock cruelties.

David, along with Quaid and Nicollette, answered any committee questions. David also answered staff member questions.

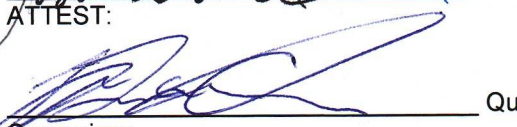
7. ADJOURN

Chair Newsom adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.


Brent Newsom, Chair


Lisa Carmichael, Secretary

ATTEST:


Quaid Arthur, Mansfield Animal Care & Control Field Supervisor