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To: City Council
From: Mayor Alan Hanks *AH*
Ref: Appointment to Humane Society Board
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Please confirm the five appointments for the City of Rapid City to the Humane Society. All appointments are residents of Rapid City and will be appointed to a three year term in addition to being a voting member of the Humane Society Board.

- *Gwendolyn Chambers*
- *Christopher Eakins*
- *Phyllis Okrepkie*
- *Kristine Reed*
- *Kenneth Varns*



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1. **NAME:** The name of the organization shall be **HUMANE SOCIETY of the BLACK HILLS (HSBH)**. Located in Rapid City, South Dakota at 1820 E St. Patrick Street.


2. **MISSION STATEMENT**

A. The Purpose for this society is the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education for the public.

B. It is the policy of the society to provide humane care and treatment for all animals needing protection in the area served by the society; to seek to return lost animals to their owners; to seek suitable homes for animals without owners; and to provide humane euthanasia when necessary.

3. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

A. **MANAGEMENT:** The management, concerns and direction of all the affairs, property and interests of this society shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

 The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than nine (9) and not more than fifteen (15) individuals. Five (5) of the individuals shall be appointed by the Mayor of Rapid City. The exact number of Directors shall always be determined in accordance with these bylaws and may be changed at the direction of the Board from time to time.

B. **PURPOSE** The Board of Directors shall provide the leadership and direction necessary to enable the Society to carry out its mission and to promote the bond between humans and animals.

C. **QUALIFICATIONS:** The Board of Directors shall be comprised of community members who possess interest, advocacy, and support for the mission of the HSBH organization.

D. **TERM:** Directors are elected for a term of three (3) years. Service is limited to two consecutive terms. After completion of two 3-year terms, directors rotate off the board. Previous directors are eligible for candidacy for board positions after being off the board for one year.

E. **NUMBER OF DIRECTORS:** The regular number of Directors is flexible and shall have no less than nine (9), but no more than fifteen (15), unless increased pursuant to the following provisions.

I. A majority of the Board of Directors, may at any time, temporarily increase the number of directors of the society to carry out any special project of the HSBH to completion. Expanding the Board on a permanent basis requires amendment of the bylaws as specified in Article 6.

II. In addition to the regular voting members, the Executive Director shall serve in an ex-officio (non-voting) capacity.