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Jo Daviess County Board of Health

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Brandon Behlke, Vice-President of the Board of Health, called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Kim Barrett, Brandon Behlke, Elizabeth Blair, Matthew Gullone, Gary Jobgen, Ralph Losey, and Stephen Petras. Not Present: Nikki Chamberlain Pham. A Quorum was established.

Staff Present: Sandra Schleicher, Juanita Bielenberg and Marcia Christ

Others Present: Ron Lubcke, Jamie Petras, John Hay, State's Attorney, Wyatt Potter and Ben Crist, students from River Ridge

3. Election of Board President

Brandon Behlke mentioned to board members that Ron Lubcke's reappointment to another term on the Board of Health was not approved by the County Board. Brandon stated that he was not in favor of this decision; that he felt it was mainly due to different personalities, as well as county board turnover and new members not seeing the bigger picture of the past 6 years and the scope of what kept the Health Department going.

Brandon stated that a new board member, Peg Dittmar, will be appointed by Scott Toot at the next meeting.

John Hay stated that regarding the Board of Health; the County Board can approve or deny budgets and appointment of board members. John stated that Ron's term had ended April 30, 2019.

Board members voiced their disappointment that they had not been notified and made aware of this decision prior to this meeting. Ralph Losey immediately turned in his resignation as a member of the Board of Health, followed by Gary Jobgen; both stating that this action of the county board was not in the county's best interest, and left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Brandon Behlke stated that a new BOH President would need to be elected and until that time he would be willing to stay on as Chair.

Following no further discussion, Elizabeth Blair made a motion to elect Brandon Behlke as Board of Health President; seconded by Matthew Gullone. All were in favor, the motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) April 3, 2019 Board of Health Meeting Minutes; Elizabeth Blair motioned to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Kim Barrett. All were in favor, the motion carried.

5. Citizens' Comments: Ron Lubcke addressed the Board of Health stating his name where he resides and presented the following comments;

“As you may already know, the County Board did not re-appoint me to another term on the Public Health Board. At the time Jim Lander was stepping down as President of the Board of Public Health, Dan Gilbert then the Assistant State’s Attorney, was recruiting me for the position. Being a relatively new board member, I was somewhat reluctant but agreed to accept the responsibility. I am happy that I did because I have had the opportunity to meet and work with dedicated, caring and professional people I otherwise may have never known. I would like to thank the Board and Staff for your work, support and service over the past years and wish you good luck”.

“As members have left the Board they have offered recommendations for replacement. Under the circumstances I will not be doing so. I believe we have a strong clinical component on the Board, but would recommend reaching out to restaurant, bed and breakfast, veterinarian or contractor candidates to provide insight, oversight and guidance for Environmental Health and Animal Control”.

“The County Board plays an important role in county governance, but it operates in a cerebral vacuum when it comes to Public Health. As we have discussed before, their education on Public Health issues and mission is imperative. Consider current events as a shot across Public Health’s bow and that the County Board will impose their will, given the opportunity”.

Ron then thanked Board of Health members and staff and left the meeting.

6. Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation from Social and Environmental Health Committee to change Farmer’s Market permit fee for out-of-county residents.

Sandra Schleicher stated she will have additional information regarding Farmer’s Market Permit fees available at the next scheduled meeting.

b) Discussion and possible action on approval of policy 15-080 Workplace Breastfeeding Policy.

John Hay stated that he had forwarded the policy to an outside attorney to review who confirmed that the language that had been added and underlined in order to include policy for outside of the workplace was not needed.

Following no further discussion, Matthew Gullone made a motion to approve Workplace Breastfeeding Policy 15-080 with the exception of the underlined portion; seconded by Kim Barrett. All were in favor, the motion carried.

7. New Business

a) Discussion and possible action on Elizabeth property

Sandra Schleicher mentioned that all demolition to the Elizabeth property was complete with the exception of a final grade which will be done once there is dry weather. Sandra then stated she was looking for further direction from board members on the property; there was no further discussion, comments, or actions made.

b) Discussion and possible action on approval of revised Environmental Health Job Descriptions.

Sandra Schleicher stated that she had posted a new EH position and wanted to update department job descriptions to include both a EH Sanitarian with their LEHP and a Sanitarian without, noting that both position will have the same job requirements, but an LEHP would be at a higher wage. Elizabeth Blair made a motion to approve revised Environmental Health Job Descriptions; seconded by Matthew Gullone. All were in favor, the motion carried.

c) Discussion and possible action on approval of STI Testing Program Policies.

Juanita Bielenberg, Director of Clinical Services, stated that a Medical Advisor and Standing Orders are needed for this program. This item was removed from the Agenda at this time due to the resignation of Dr. Ralph Losey.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board had no reason to enter into closed session.

9. Possible action as a result of Closed Session:

Did not enter into closed session; no action needed.

10. Administrator's Comments:

- The Elizabeth property demolition was complete.
- The Local Health Protection Grant had been paid and that an approximate \$6000 increase is being offered in order to cover additional immunizations.
- A new Health Department Generator has been installed
- She had applied and been accepted for a Leadership Course offered to city and county officials.

11. President's Comments: No additional comments

12. Citizens' Comments: Jamie Petras stated she wanted to express that she felt the County Board's decision was unconscionable. That Ron Lubcke was a strong leader; that this has nothing to do with his leadership, they just don't have the Board of Health's back. Jamie stated that members should have been made aware, that this is not how you function in government and that the board and county residents deserve more respect. Jamie asked if there was anything legally that could be done. John Hay stated there is not, that board members would have the option of attending the next county board meeting in order to express their opinion and concerns.

13. Next Scheduled Board of Health Meeting: June 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM

14. Adjourn: Matthew Gullone motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stephen Petras. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.