

Washington County Board of Health

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2008 @ 3:30 p.m.

Lexington Blvd Office Complex, Bldg 2, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaVerta Eberly, RN, FNP, Chairperson

Dr. Don Miller

Wendy Miller

Jim Miksch

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Environmental Health: Jeff Thomann, Jennine Wolf, Lori Swan

Public Health: Edie Nebel, Peggy Wood

VISITORS:

Ken Ross, Washington Evening Journal

Call to Order: Chairperson LaVerta Eberly called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes from February 19, 2009, were approved as corrected on a motion by Don Miller, second by Jim Miksch. Motion carried.

Environmental Health Report

Jennine Wolf presented a power point presentation. The presentation provides an overview of the regulations we enforce and the programs and services we provide.

Jeff Thomann presented the newly adopted IAC 567-Chapter 69 rules, effective March 18, 2009.

Jeff gave an overview of the major changes. The new rules will enact Time of Transfer.

Exemptions to Time of Transfer were discussed. Exclusions are stated in Senate File 261. Time of Transfer will take effect on July 1, 2009. Jeff explained that one of the most significant changes to Chapter 69 is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit #4 requirements.

Jeff proceeded to explain the guidelines and affects that general permit #4 may have on the Rubio sewer project. There was discussion as to whether a discharge permit would be required for the Rubio sewage disposal systems. Questions were raised as to what precautionary measures could be taken to ensure the safest discharge. Several options were discussed in great length to ensure effluent discharge will be clean as possible but not cost prohibiting.

Jeff will contact Regional Utilities Service Systems (RUSS) requesting a cost report to install and maintain a UV system. In addition, Jeff will suggest other options such as extending the discharge pipe, and the option to fence the discharge area and include signage. Jeff will also convey that the BOH does not want the project to be abandoned, but do want installation of the systems to provide a safe environment for the community.

Jeff presented a letter from Gingerich Well Service pertaining to a well variance that was approved on the Jim Franckowiak property. Upon opening what was believed to be a hand dug well, Gingerich Well Service discovered it to be a cistern. Jim Franchowiak is seeking approval to keep the cistern intact. Dr Don Miller suggested there is no need to take action on the variance if the well does not exist. The request to keep the cistern intact was approved on a motion by Dr Don Miller, second by Laverta Eberly. Motion carried.

Public Health Report

Eddie Nebel presented a financial update of the agency's revenue and expenses. The Agency expenses were lower than anticipated due to the fact the RN position is still vacant.

Eddie provided a handout to Board members outlining the recent State funding reductions. Eddie estimated that the anticipated reduction of 14.5% in Empowerment funds would represent approximately \$30,341.00 to Public Health in FY10. Empowerment funds are currently used for the Parent as Teachers home visitor program, Fluoride Varnish, Child Care Nurse Consultant and Parent's Place. In addition, the Maternal Child Health grant was reduced by 15.6% effective immediately, with another 15% hold until July 1st. The two reductions totaled approximately \$11,000.

Eddie presented several State grant applications with submission deadlines in early April. The Maternal Child Health (MCH) grant, the Local Public Health Services (LPHS) grant and the Empowerment applications were approved for submission on a motion made by Jim Miksch, second by Dr. Don Miller. Motion carried.

Eddie reviewed information about the local funding received through the Social Services Block Grant (SSGB). WCPH was awarded \$5,993 as one of the thirty-eight counties eligible to receive funding for FY09. Eligibility criteria included being one of the eight-five presidentially declared disaster counties and having spent at least 75% of HCA or PHN funds in the FY09 LPHS grant. The contract amendment outlining the spending requirements was approved on a motion made by Jim Miksch, second by Dr. Don Miller. Motion carried.

Eddie explained the FY09 LPHS Contract Performance Measure and requested approval to submit to IDPH for the \$1000.00 incentive. Motion made by Wendy Miller, second by Dr. Don Miller. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jim Miksch, second by Wendy Miller. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Next Meeting Date - Thursday, May 21 at 3:30 pm, Federation Bank 5th floor conference room.