

# Washington County Board of Health

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2009 @ 7:15 a.m.

*Orchard Hill Building #2, Washington, Iowa*

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaVerta Eberly, RN, FNP, Chairperson

Don Miller, MD

Wendy Miller, BS, DVM

Jim Miksch, Board of Supervisors

Lori Bauer

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Environmental Health: Jennine Wolf, Lori Swan

Public Health: Edie Nebel, Peggy Wood

### VISITORS:

Linda Wenger, Washington Evening Journal

Call to Order: Chairperson LaVerta Eberly called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

The meeting minutes from May 21, 2009, were approved on a motion by Jim Miksch, second by Wendy Miller. Motion carried.

### Environmental Health Report

Lori Swan provided an update on the new time of transfer law. Initially, time of transfer was to take effect on July 1, 2009. A portion of the bill was amended which would have caused the effective date to be postponed until July 1, 2010. Numerous letters of concern were sent to the governor. The Governor has line item vetoed the bill so the effective date of time of transfer will remain July 1, 2009. A septic inspection will be required prior to the transfer of property. Exemptions are stated in Senate File 261.

Lori shared a letter in regards to the Rubio Project in determining whether the private sewage disposal systems would require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has concurred with the Washington County Board of Health (BOH) decision that no NPDES General Permit #4 will be required for the proposed systems in Rubio.

Lori also reported on the DNR's decision concerning an open dumping complaint within the county. Upon investigation, the DNR has determined, due to the fact that the new property owner did not cause or allow the dumping to take place, no further action is being required at this time. However, the DNR strongly recommends that steps be taken to clean up the solid waste. The letter concluded that if future dumping is identified and confirmed by the department, the dumpsite would then be considered active and the department could require cleanup of the site.

Jennine provided an overview of the rules for temporary food events. Jennine handed out a flow chart outlining when a temporary license is required for a non-profit organization. Jennine proceeded to give examples of particular events and the guidelines affecting whether a food vendor would need to be licensed.

Jennine presented the new On-Site Wastewater Assistance Program (OSWAP) brochure featuring Jeff Thomann as a representative of the OSWAP Program. Jeff is a big advocate of the OSWAP program. Through Jeff's continued success in the program, Washington County continues to be the leader in OSWAP loans.

Jennine also presented a Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Award certificate. The award recognizes the Washington County Environmental Department for exemplary service and leadership in protecting and enhancing Iowa's Natural Resources.

### **Public Health Report**

Eddie Nebel presented a financial update of the agency's revenue and expenses. Eddie noted that due to various staff vacancies during the year the expenses reflected the decrease in allowable spending.

Eddie informed the Board that the newly hired RN, Lauren Nelson, was adapting well and encouraged by her work ethic. Eddie also noted that the Home Care Director would be taking a medical leave of absence.

Eddie provided an update from the Building and Finance committee meeting held Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee continued review on potential building locations and funding sources. Eddie indicated that the transportation surveys would be in place for another two months. The committee approved a motion for recommendation to the Board of Health to proceed with a professional architect to evaluate the cost of a Public Health building. The cost evaluation is to include Building 1 at Orchard Hill as well as a new facility. Dr. Don Miller made a motion to proceed with the recommendation and present to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Second by Wendy Miller. Motion carried. Jim Miksch indicated that he would ensure the item was placed on the Board of Supervisor agenda for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Eddie reviewed the final funding recommendations from the local Empowerment Board. The Parents As Teachers and Parent's Place funding requests were approved at a 10% decrease. The Child Care Nurse Consultant and Preschool Fluoride Varnish applications were recommended at 100% funding.

Eddie requested a motion to approve the FY2010 School Based Sealant grant application in the amount of \$12,000. This year's application is the final year of a five year grant cycle. Wendy Miller made the motion to approve the application as written. Second by Lori Bauer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 7:15 a.m., Federation Bank 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.