

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 700 East Oak Street, Canton, in Room 103.

President Dr. Ben Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with members K. Leffler, K. McKinley, Dr. B. Phillips, Dr. R. Gowda and M. Wagahoff present. Dr. Stinauer and Nancy Schell were absent. Laura Kessel joined the meeting in progress at 7:11PM. Staff attending the meeting were A. Edwards, K. Lynn, A. Rose and S. Thompson. March 2022 minutes were presented. Schell made a motion to approve the minutes with McKinley seconding the motion. All ayes, motion approved.

Public Comments: No Public comments.

Katie Lynn gave the financial reports for the month of March and April. Kay McKinley made a motion to approve the reports with Dr. Gowda seconding the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

- A. Administrator Katie Lynn spoke of some Capital improvements that the building needs to have done. A new roof and flooring in different parts of the building are the most pressing. It was recommended by the Board to have the roof evaluated and then an update will be given at a future meeting.
- B. Environmental Health Director Stacy Thompson introduced a proposal to make a change to the Food Sanitation ordinance. This change would reduce the amount of time required to apply for a temporary seasonal food permit from seven to four days before the event, in order to avoid a late fee. Dr. Gowda made a motion to approve the change with Michael Wagahoff seconding the motion. All ayes motion passed.

Old Business:

Division Reports:

Family & Community Health Services Division-

Amy Edwards reported that programs are staying busy. Most programs are starting to go back to in-person visits. WIC clinics will be opening up to in-person in August. Wednesday May 24th there will be a Wellness Wednesday Event from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be screenings available at a reduced costs, some classes, and recycling.

There are still openings for RN positions.

Environmental Health Division-

Stacy Thompson reported that staff have been busy. The Spring Dive was held the first weekend in May. They had about 35 food vendors participate.

Staff start to mosquito trapping soon, checking for West Nile Virus.

IDPH has sent out surveys to see if counties are interested in tick surveillance. If we receive funding staff will be doing tick drags and tick trappings to check for tick species and numbers. They will catch them and send them off for identification.

EH are working with the State's Attorney on a few garbage haulers and one food establishment who are out of compliance.

Dental Clinic-

Dental clinics have had a better show rate. We are still looking for hygienist and assistant.

Administrator's Report- We are looking at leases for renters. Most grants have been submitted for the next fiscal year.

The local health protection grant has had a push to increase the funding in the State's budget. The grant has not been released yet, so there may be some additional money.

Katie Lynn will reach out to State representatives to see if they have any funding or programs to help fund some capital projects.

The county fiscal report was finished at the beginning of May.

President's Report- No report.

Kessel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM, with McKinley seconding the motion. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. U. Gowda, MD, Secretary