

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

May 09, 2014

The Vernon County Board of Health met Friday, May 09, 2014 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Frank Easterday, Glenda Sullivan, Shawn Redington, David Banner, Brian Turben and Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN.

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer

Excused: Sherrie Seidel

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Chair JoAnn Nickelatti at 1:00 PM.

AFFIRMATION OF PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of Meeting was properly advertised and posted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER

Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN, Hillsboro was introduced as the new Vernon County Board of Health Member replacing Ruth McClurg, RN. Mrs. McClurg has been the nurse representative on the Board of Health since 1994.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Frank Easterday nominated Glenda Sullivan for the position of Secretary of the Board of Health. Seconded by Shawn Redington. Motion carried.

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the April 10, 2014 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. Shawn Redington moved to accept 4/10/14 minutes as presented. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for April 2014 were presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to allow payment of bills for April 2014. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Public Health

-Discussion of Public Health Preparedness and Response, SouthWest Consortium update and purchase of equipment/supplies.

- Work continues on 2013-14 Public Health Capabilities with the Consortium.
- During 2014-15 contract year, a Mass Fatality Exercise will be required.

NEW BUSINESS

- WIC Program update/Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for April 2014 was distributed to the Board of Health.

-Public Health

● Update on Environmental Health Activities

- Tires from property in Redmound have apparently been taken to a neighboring county.
 - Property in Westby has apparently been cleaned up – guardian of individual requesting guidance as to next steps.
 - Property in White City. Owner recently passed away so wife and son will begin the cleanup. Mr. Moris, RS, Environmental Health Consultant will be working with this family.
 - Corporation Counsel is asking for assistance with a property in Bloomingdale. Mr. Moris will be working with the owner in an effort to get it cleaned up.
 - Report of several small calves being thrown over the bank in the Township of Sterling. Worked with Law Enforcement, Township officials and Mr. Moris in an effort to resolve the issue.
- **TNC Program.** The DNR Water Specialist came to the Health Department recently to assist staff with the sanitary surveys and water samples. Mrs. Peggy Norris will be returning to assist staff with more of the surveys. UW Oshkosh has agreed to do the Nitrate testing for the Health Department and the samples can be batched and sent once every two-three weeks with the cost at less than half of what the State Laboratory of Hygiene charges. The samples for bacteria testing will be sent to the WI State Laboratory of Hygiene, Madison and tested at no charge. They need to be mailed and received by the laboratory within 24-30 hours.

- **Budget Reports -April 2014.** Budget reports for April 2014 presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to approve the April 2014 budgets as presented. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.

- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for April 2014. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.

- Staff has been working with two families exposed to Tuberculosis in March 2014. As it turns out, all contacts were negative – chest x-ray, blood tests &/or TB skin tests. Discussion followed on what transpired during the investigation and the work that went on to make sure everyone exposed was contacted and tested. This work took many hours and days to accomplish. It involved medical providers, County Health Departments, hospital staff, State TB Program Staff.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT MEETING DATE AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING A VOTE

- Next Meeting

- The June 2014 meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014 @ 12:30 PM
- The July 2014 meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2014 @ 12:30 PM

ADJOURN

David Banner moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shawn Redington. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Sullivan, Secretary

