

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pat Galarowicz, Sally Leaser, Robert Benishek, Pat McKinney-Rice, Dale Dahms, Jerrold Burns, Richard Hurlbert

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes

EXCUSED: Dr. Kristine Flowers

1. D. Dahms called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above.
3. Motion by J. Burns seconded by D. Hurlbert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the March 6th, 2013 board meeting were approved with motion by J. Burns, seconded by B. Benishek. Motion carried.
5. Review bills.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1st, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – The WI Counties Association meeting was held in Antigo on March 20th from 1-4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. Reviewed current legislative events happening. Several county board members did attend and Ron felt it was a very informative meeting.
8. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for March was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Burns to approve the data report for March. Motion carried.
 - b. General Public Health Update— Flu is reportedly low however, they expect once schools resumes and summer camps start, we may see an increase in influenza and pertussis.
 - c. County Health Rankings – Copies were passed around and discussed. Langlade County improved 13% from last year. B. Benishek would like the Health Department staff to review this report and look at where the county needs to improve and report back at the next meeting. Ron will also share hospital assessment data. Karen shared informational sheet from UW Extension, that was shared at the last hospital health assessment meeting, which shows the population and demographic information for our townships. After discussion, Ron and Kari Lazars were invited to present this information at the next county board meeting. B. Benishek would also like to see how our neighboring counties rank.
9. At approximately 10:55 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c), Wis. Stats., to review applicants for member at large positions on the Board of Health. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Burns to move into closed session. Roll call vote. D. Dahms aye, J. Burns

aye, P. McKinney-Rice aye, P. Galarowicz aye, B. Benishek aye, D. Hurlbert Aye. S. Leaser was excused. The committee commenced in closed session at 10:55 a.m.

10. At approximately 11:10 a.m., return to open session with possible action taken on any matter discussed during closed session. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to have Ron Barger, J. Burns and D. Dahms do interviews and bring back the name of the selected individuals to the next Board of Health meeting in May. Motion carried.

11. Old Business:

a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles were shown along with radio ads. Public Health week is in April, so there will be more articles in the paper as well. D. Dahms also sent kudos to Karen for all her grant writing as this is an asset to the county.

12. New Business

a. Conference/Workshop Attendance

1. BOH members—Ron reminded everyone about the annual WALHDB state conference meeting will be May 21-23rd in WI Dells. Board members are invited. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Burns to approve any BOH member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.

2. Staff—Reviewed list.

b. Update on sanitation policy related to new buildings at the fairgrounds – Ron passed around copies of the sanitation policy recommendations he drafted.

c. Ron also shared information on an MOU that was approved by Marathon County and other surrounding counties, that will allow Health Departments to share staff, etc. if an Public Health Emergency should arise. Ron will share this information with Robin, so Langlade County can partner with surrounding counties as well.

13. Referrals/Recommendations for May meeting - None.

14. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine