

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pat Galarowicz, Sally Leaser, Dr. Kristine Flowers, Robert Benishek, Pat McKinney-Rice

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes

ABSENT: Dale Dahms, Jerrold Burns and Richard Hurlbert

1. B. Benishek called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above.
3. Motion by P. Galarowicz, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the January 9th, 2013 board meeting were approved with motion by S. Leaser, seconded by P. Galarowicz. Motion carried.
5. Review bills paid.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6th, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – The WI Counties Association, on odd years, go around the state and have regional forums. They will be coming to Antigo on March 20th from 1-4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express to review the state budget, etc. Information was passed around and board members are all encouraged to attend.
8. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for January was passed around and discussed. Motion by P. Galarowicz, seconded by S. Leaser to approve the data report for January. Motion carried.
 - b. General Public Health Update— Communicable diseases update. Karen mentioned that Lyme's is still being tested. No pertussis cases this month. The Health Department hosted a Hepatitis C clinic last week. The afternoon was full of appointments and we anticipate hosting another clinic in the near future. Flu in the state of Wisconsin is low. Flu vaccine in all forms, is still available.
 - c. B. Benishek brought up the discussion in regards to the new building at the fairgrounds. There is a policy in the works but B. Benishek was concerned with food and eating in the building. Ron already talked with the Sanitarian. As long as there are no animals in the building, you can eat in it however, it will need to be cleaned up and sanitized after animal events. A lot of details will need to be worked out as well as e-coli issues as far as how long e-coli can be present, etc. B. Benishek would like this topic to be added to the agenda from now on for discussion.
9. Personnel Update: No update.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles and radio ads.

11. 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, however, there is no agenda yet. Motion by P. McKinney-Rice, seconded by S. Leaser to approve any BOH member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.
2. Staff—Reviewed list.

- b. Animal bite policy and procedure review – Ron has talked with law enforcement and Robin Stowe. The current policy is mostly statute driven and that being the case, limits the authority of the Health Officer to order an animal to be confiscated and euthanized. It was decided to keep everything in place the way it is because it seems to be working. The Health Officer will rely on law enforcement to decide if an animal is considered “vicious” and/or if it should be euthanized related to unprovoked incidents.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for March meeting - None.

13. Motion by P. McKinney-Rice, seconded by P. Galarowicz to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine