

Health Board Minutes  
November 15th, 2022  
Members present in person at the Health Department

**Members Present:**

Linda Bauer  
Michael Day  
Thomi Elmore  
Thomas Martin  
Cindy Rose  
Catherine Rountree  
James Zimmerly

**Staff Present:**

Taylor Hardesty  
Judy Hess  
John Kennard  
Seleah Settle  
Dr. Norman Oestrike, Health Officer

**Approval of Minutes from September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to approve the minutes from the September 20th meeting passed unanimously.

**Dr. Norman Oestrike**

- a. House Bill 1245
  - I. Dr. Oestrike stated that everyone should have received a memorandum in their email from attorney John Reames addressing statutory changes set forth in House Bill 1245. He mentioned that if anyone had any additional questions, they should submit them in writing to either himself or John Reames.

**Front Office- Judy Hess and Taylor Hardesty – Report Mailed**

- a. Board Report
  - I. In Taylor Hardesty's portion of the board report a correction needed to be made from "forms that will be used for 2022" to the correct term "forms that will be used for 2023".
- b. Meeting Dates for 2023
  - I. The board reviewed and agreed to the proposed meeting dates for 2023.
- c. Admin Toolkit
  - I. Judy Hess stated that IDOH has now created a website containing an "Admin Toolkit" which gives several resources and information to health department administrators about policies and procedures.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to approve the amended front office report passed unanimously.

**Emergency Preparedness-Corey Frost– Report Mailed**

- a. Sonar Training
  - I. Jim Zimmerly asked Corey Frost for more details about the sonar training he attended. Corey said there is now advanced technology that connects to a boat to scan the bottom of a lake floor, even through muck and debris, to locate things such as dead bodies, sunken vehicles, and other items that may assist the police. The training was directed towards conservation officers and DNR. Brown County can readily access this equipment if needed.
- b. National Incident Management Structure (NIMS) Trainings
  - I. Cindy Rose inquired what the NIMS trainings entailed. Corey said that it is a national training framework on how emergency management responds to an incident or disaster. All firefighters must attend NIMS trainings to understand the proper order of command and the organizational structure of an emergency. All health department and EMA staff have been certified in these courses. Trainings for elected officials, now that some new officials will be entering office, is something that may be conducted in the future.
  - II. Dr. Day asked if Corey ever does practice exercises for disasters. Corey said annually he must do what the state calls a "pod exercise" which is a practice run-through of different emergency scenarios. Some years the state allows a smaller scale tabletop exercise, and some years Corey must put on a full-scale operation. The pod exercises used to take place at Parkview Church but with the size and functionality of the health department's new office, they will be performed there in the future instead.
- c. Active Shooter Training in the Schools

- I. Jim Zimmerly inquired if there are any active shooter trainings taking place at the schools with the recent uptick in school shootings. Corey said the schools do these trainings often, but the trainings are conducted with law enforcement. If an active shooter was to enter one of the schools, the duty of the police would be to mitigate the threat, rather than treat anyone wounded. Corey said a stop the bleed initiative and training has been conducted with the schools to show teachers and staff how to place a tourniquet and plug wounds.
- d. 53<sup>rd</sup> Civilian Support Team (CST)
  - I. Corey learned that the county also has access to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Civilian Support Team which is an active-duty army team that can be onsite within 2 hours. Everyone in the support team is also certified as hazmat technicians and communication experts. One of their many perks, is if all communications and internet is down, the CST would bring their large van with advanced technology and park it at the overlook to provide internet to everyone in the county. They have their own watch desk, so the governor does not need to be contacted to get their assistance.
  - II. Thomi Elmore asked if the CST would be willing to come and do a seminar about all the services they offer. Corey said he will reach out to them to inquire.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to approve the emergency preparedness report passed unanimously.

**Nursing- Seelah Settle – Report Mailed**

- a. COVID Vaccinations at the Nursing Home
  - I. Dr. Day noted that the nursing division vaccinated residents at Brown County Health and Living for COVID but asked who administered their flu shots. Seelah said the nursing home has a partnership with a pharmacy that handles the flu shots. Since they have that partnership, the nurses only administered the COVID shots due to a special request from the nursing home.
- b. Open Nursing Position
  - I. Cathy Rountree inquired what things the nursing division cannot do due to the lack of a third nurse. Seelah said that her and Kelly have taken on the extra workload rather well, but she would like to attend more meetings and webinars put on by the state.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to approve the nursing report passed unanimously.

**Environmental Health –Jennifer Heller – Report Mailed**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to approve the environmental health report passed unanimously.

**Environmental Health-John Kennard & Ernie Reed-Report Mailed**

- a. Harmony Tree Resorts
  - I. Thomi said that Harmony Tree Resorts had opened their restaurant and asked how a resolution regarding their sewage was met. John Kennard said they are temporarily on pump and haul. A permanent resolution has not been met but since they are a commercial property it is now the responsibility of the state.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to approve the environmental health report passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

- a. Open Burning & Illegal Dumping Ordinances
  - I. Thomi stated that after the holiday season she would like to revisit the discussion of the burn inconsistencies within the county. She would like to get a group together in January consisting of the sheriff's department, various fire departments, solid waste, and the health board to start a discussion about enforcing burning violations and understanding the laws. Cindy Rose agreed that looking at the laws and ordinances around burning and how they can be adapted should be discussed.
  - II. John said that the open burning and the illegal dumping ordinances were authored by the solid waste district. That district has no enforcement power, and the ordinances passed in 2006 are vague. John said that since the health department is the one that receives the illegal dumping and burning complaints, he believes updated ordinances should come from the health department instead of solid waste.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion to adjourn meeting at approximately 6:00 pm passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman Oestrike, MD  
Health Officer