

Health Board Minutes

November 19, 2024

Members Present:

Thomi G. Elmore, Chair

Michael Day

Cynthia S. Rose

Linda S. Bauer

Catherine Rountree

Thomas J. Martin

Staff Present:

Dr. Norman Oestrike, Health Officer

Melissa Stinson-Waddell

Addison Volbrecht

Corey Frost

Seleah Settle

Ernie Reed

Sherri Rice

Meeting Called to order at 5:15 pm.

Approval of minutes September 17th, 2024:

Minutes were read and approved by all members present. Cynthia Rose made a motion to approve the minutes. Thomas Martin Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeal septic-Tim and Angela Huffman

Tim and Angela Huffman are wanting to rebuild their house with the pre-existing septic, but their septic is not big enough, and they do not have enough property to add a new septic. Their project started back in January 2022 with a remodel with John Kennard and Jerry Cleefman, John wanted them to submit a drawing, but they were denied the first time to add a level for another bedroom. Then they decided they were going to add to the basement, the foundation is sinking on one side. They resubmitted it in March, they were reminded they only have seventy-two sq ft of septic. Angela talks about adding a bedroom to the top of the house, not changing the structure just adding a bedroom. Tim and Angela Huffman have been instructed to speak with Ernie Reed and Dr. Norman Oestrike on a later day to see if there is another resolution for them to be able to build on their property.

Health Officer's Report-Dr. Norman Oestrike

Dr. Oestrike talks about the people that have applied for his job position and the interviews will be next Monday at 5, one is a health officer in another county and the other is a retired oral surgeon.

Front Office- Melissa Stinson-Waddell- Report Mailed

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Approve the Front Office report passed unanimously.

Melissa and Addison attended the administrators boot camp conference back in August, then Melissa and Jennifer attended the AIC conference in September. Melissa talks about how the other counties were having troubles with submitting their septic ordinances and only two had been submitted since attending the conferences. Melissa talks about the changes that were made to job descriptions to be able to hire for the environmental health side, the HFI will go away in 2026, and this is what is paying for the new positions. Ernie, Jennifer and Melissa have been discussing and trying to figure out how to revamp the environmental side, by dividing the supervisor's position between Jennifer and Ernie then flipping it on the back side to have one of the positions in the 1159 fund while still being allowed to hire someone from the HFI fund. In November Melissa attended a health needs assessment where it was established that Purdue extension would take care of collecting data and the YMCA would help fund, there was another meeting with IU Health about Alfa-gal since June there have been over one hundred record cases. There will be tick training and conferences starting in December Jennifer will be attending.

Emergency Preparedness- Corey Frost- Report Mailed

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Approve the Emergency Preparedness report passed unanimously.

Corey will be teaching an EMR class starting in January, he is also planning a district exercise and educational conference in April down in French Lick. He mentions that the department completed the public health, health care risk assessment which was submitted and will have result in February. Corey talks about how he is collaborating with a few doctors at Riley's Children Hospital to put together a Disaster Pharmaceutical program.

Nursing- Seleah Settle- Report Mailed

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Approve the Nursing report passed unanimously.

Sherry is working closely with the schools on getting vaping sensors put in the bathrooms at junior high and high school, along with bringing back a dental program for the students due to the fact not a lot of dentists will not take Medicaid. In January and February there will be a seal dental clinic by the School of IU Dentistry. Sherry will also start a hand washing program in December, in the spring a health and safety fair to cover's one of the KPI's for trauma and injury prevention we will be handing out gun locks, sleep sacks, and life vests. Jen is going to get handouts on Alfa-gal syndrome for all the children to take home. Seleah talks about how they go to Hickory once a month, and she is working to partner with the Purdue extension on the Food is Medicine program. She is also moving toward working with Silver Sneaker to work on blood pressure, hemoglobin, and A1C. Seleah mentions how the nurses have been discussing going to mother's cupboard on the food night doing health screenings and giving out flu shots.

Environmental Health- Jennifer Heller- Report Mailed

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Approve the Environmental Health report passed unanimously.

Environmental Health- Ernie Reed- Report Mailed

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Approve the Environmental Health report passed unanimously.

Ernie the goat conspiracy on Kemp Road there was secondary treatment on a sand line filter, which did not perform well so the people that owned the property turned it into a commissary.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Bauer motion to adjourn meeting at approximately pm. Thomas Martin Seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Oestrike MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "N" and "O" being particularly large and stylized.

Norman Oestrike, MD

Health
Officer