

MINUTES

February 26, 2024 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Kathy Glickfield
Dr. Hoeksema
Dr. Ihrke
Dr. Pearson
Brandy Poling
Sarah Seward

Members Absent

Dr. Bragg

Health Department Staff Present

Dr. Woods
David Glickfield
Tara Street
Jeff Couch
Cassie Leech

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Dr. Jeanette Hoeksema was introduced and welcomed as the newest member of the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the November 13, 2023 Health Board Meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Election of Officers

Dr. Ihrke nominated Dr. Pearson for the role of Board President, 2nd by Kathy Glickfield, unanimous yea.

Dr. Pearson nominated Sarah Seward for the role of Board Vice President, 2nd by Brandy Poling, unanimous yea.

Division Reports

Division Reports were briefly discussed and unanimously accepted into record as submitted.

Health Officer Comments

Dr. Woods shared brief comments expressing her confidence in health department employees.

Old Business

- a) On-Site Septic Ordinance - tabled to the March 25th meeting
- b) Tattoo/Body Piercing Ordinance – the need for amendments to the current Tattoo/Body Piercing Ordinance were discussed. Sarah Seward motioned to approve the revised Grant County Tattoo/Body Piercing Ordinance, 2nd by Dr. Ihrke. Board voted unanimously to approve the ordinance (with corrections). Ordinance will be sent to the Commissioners for consideration at their March 18th Health Board meeting.
- c) HFI Spending Plan – Dr. Woods discussed plans to provide funding to:
 - Local walking programs
 - diabetes and maternal mental health continuing education courses for local providers

- classes offered through Purdue Extension
- CORE + Program.

Dr. Ihrke motioned the board support these plans, 2nd by Sarah Seward, unanimously approved.

New Business

- a) Animal Bite Investigations – Jeff Couch explained the requirements for registering and investigating all animal bite reports received by the health department expressing the frustrations and challenges resulting from the failure of the reporting facility to fully complete the form. Sarah Seward will follow-up with Marion Health and Urgent Care in an attempt to help rectify the problem.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

Next regular meeting March 25, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street