

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Andrea Ratermann, President.

**Members Present:** Dr. Amy Waschull, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Terra Litchfield, Andrea Ratermann, Dr. Nicholas Doll, and Dr. Richard Minter

**Members Absent:** Becky Mahr, Gwynne Worthington, and Roger Ward

**Staff Present:** Kerri Allen, Jennifer Plate, Kathy Cleer, and Ben Thompson

**Visitors Present:** none

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**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Andrea Ratermann.

**Public Comment:**

none

**Minutes:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. AMY WASCHULL AND SECONDED BY DR. NICK DOLL TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12,2022 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2022, MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Claims:**

**DR. RICHARD MINTER MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY TERRA LITCHFIELD FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1,2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,562.04. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BLAKELEY-YES, DOLL-YES, LITCHFIELD-YES, MAHR-ABSENT, MINTER-YES, RATERMANN-YES, WARD-ABSENT, WASCHULL-YES, WORTHINGTON-ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**Board of Health-** NONE

**County Board-** Terra Litchfield asked about the joint building. Ben said he has asked Edgar but hasn't heard anything back. We may need to go to Finance Meeting or Building and Grounds to find out status of building.

**Directors Reports-**

**Environmental Health Division**

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris gave Kerri his report to read. Several residents have registered for cottage food licenses. Food Service class is coming up and we will have another one in October. Rachel Williams is presently doing an internship in EH. We now have our Healthworks software in place and learning how to use it. Anaiah, EH Program Assistant, is training as a sanitarian to free up Niki Duffy so she can do PIO duties. Ben mentioned we have a hazardous waste disposal coming up, but you need to call and make an appointment to drop things off. The state is paying for this company to come out and is providing porta potties and trash pickup. The date is set for June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 3. We will work people in if they don't have an appointment. No latex paint will be accepted. Last time we had this event was in 2017 and it was well attended.

### **Community Health Division**

Jennifer Plate, Community Health Director

Jennifer reported that her division is continuing to train and rebuild. Kerri and Jennifer are the only pre Covid nurses. Everyone else is training from the ground up. It is going to take years to build everyone back up. Dr. Ezike has stepped down effective March 12<sup>th</sup>. We have better staff coverage for our programs that two nurses did. Ashley Plate has been to some STI trainings and continues to train. Our IBCCP program is back up and running. We are trying to increase our WIC participation numbers by focusing on outreach. Niki Duffy, PIO is doing a good job of pushing out information.

### **Administrator's Report**

Kerri Allen, Administrator

Kerri reported that Robin Neve will be celebrating 30 years of service with the health department in March. Kerri has been training and delegating staff to their job duties. Our role on Covid has changed so now we are working on rebuilding programs, some from the ground up. We are working on bringing back some of our clients. Lots of hour retraining staff on what their job is. Several staff members are going to a PHEP Summit in Atlanta. Ben's training costs are free, and Jennifer, Kerri and Terri's will be paid for out of the Public Crisis grant. Contact tracing grant ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. We will purchase a carport for the trailer out of the Covid Response grant. Bathrooms are coming along nicely. Kerri contacted Eric Mansfield about his tenant with the auto repair shop driving through our grass lot. Kerri filed a report with Macomb Police Department since they continued to drive through the lot and have made some deep ruts. Kerri and Joby had a call with state on our IPLAN. They said it was great but wanted the minutes from the IPLAN meetings. County auditors have been working with Kathy for the last month. They suggested doing an addendum to the Schuyler County contract. HB457 was assigned to committee, and they plan to assign \$30 million to public health. It should be like ARPA money where we can use it wherever. FY23 grants are opening up and state is rolling out a new program called Amplifund for us to enter our reports. The current program is EGrams.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COVID 19 UPDATES**

Ben Thompson gave the Covid updates for McDonough and Schuyler Counties. Covid has been slow. Testing is down. We are offering a special of \$5 this month on Covid Testing. We are presenting certificates of appreciation to some people like Farm King for the use of their building. We will be doing a clinic at WIU on March 22. Region 2 is at 1.5%, McDonough is at 1.5% with 47% fully vaccinated. Ben was on a conference call about 6 months to 5-year vaccinations. It's on hold for now. We had a Covid hotwash last week to discuss what worked and what didn't. Brainstormed on ways to improve for the future. We will have another hotwash in June or July.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

DR. MINTER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MCHD ANNUAL REPORT AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. NICK DOLL. MOTION CARRIED.

**SEMI ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES**

DR. AMY WASHCULL MADE A MOTION TO KEEP CLOSED MEETING MINUTES CLOSED AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. RICHARD MINTER. MOTION CARRIED.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Dr. Amy Waschull said the staff is doing a great job and keep up the good work.

**Adjourn:**

TERRA LITCHFIELD MADE A MOTION AT TO ADJOURN AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. NICK DOLL AT 7:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Cleer  
Business Office Manager/CFO

***NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Wednesday , July 13, 2022 at 7 pm.***