SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2020

The July 28th special board meeting is held both in-person with social distancing and face masks required, a conference calling option was also offered due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic.

Cathy Nelson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOH present: Bob Midden, Tom Milbrodt, Cathy Nelson, Nilgun Sezginis, Dallas Ziegler, DJ Mears, Richard Strow

BOH present on call: Betty Woods, Carolyn Rava, Sonja Apple-Chamberlain

Staff Present: Amy Jones, Tina Cox, Diane Krill, Ben Batey

Guests present: Debbie Rogers, Jan McLaughlin, Benjamin Robinson, Tammy Feehan, Garret Chamberlain – Fair board representative.

Cathy Nelson, board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Board of Health questions, comments and director updates:

Health Commissioner: Amy Jones informed the board COVID19 cases continue to rise adding today alone there were 51 cases reported. The HPP staff continue with the contact tracing and calls noting an increase in non-compliance to recommended guidelines of quarantining and limiting of large gatherings.

Resolution PRO#01-07-2020

Recommend to the Wood County Fair Board adopt a pull-in show for this year

Richard Strow made a motion to recommend to the Wood County Fair Board that the Wood County fair adopt a pull-in show for this year. Bob Midden seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, Sonja Apple-Chamberlain abstained. Motion passed.

Richard Strow added in doing this it would allow the ability to stagger. With keeping the concentration of people down, it would keep everyone safer through the ability to social distance.

President: Discussion was held with the board members and Garret Chamberlain, representative of the Wood County fair board regarding the Wood County Fair and the release of the new orders by the Governor in regard to all fairs, after July 31st, to be junior fairs only.

Cathy Nelson opened the floor to other board members that were not part of the interviewing subcommittee for the new health commissioner, an opportunity to ask questions of prospective Health Commissioner candidate, Benjamin Robinson. Ben’s resume was emailed to review prior to the meeting.

Dallas Ziegler made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering the appointment, employment and compensation of a public employee at 6:59 p.m. and inviting Amy Jones and Ben Batey. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Dallas Ziegler made a motion to return from executive session at 7:26 p.m. Richard Strow seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Resolution PER#01-07-2020  Motion to appoint Merrilee Ewing-Beckley to the Full Time Dental Assistant Position

Dallas Ziegler made a motion to appoint Merrilee Ewing-Beckley to the Full-Time Dental Assistant position. Ms. Ewing Beckley will be paid at Grade 3, Step 4 at the rate of $17.99 per hour and will serve a 180-day probationary period. Her start date is pending return of successful background check. Nilgun Sezginis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.


Resolution PER#02-07-2020  Motion to appoint Ashleigh Konopka to the Full Time Epidemiologist Position

Dallas Ziegler made a motion to appoint Ashleigh Konopka to the Full-Time Epidemiologist position. Ms. Konopka will be paid at Grade 10, Step 2 at the rate of $24.70 per hour and will serve a 180-day probationary period. Her start date is pending return of successful background check. Richard Strow seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.


Resolution PER#03-07-2020  Motion to appoint Benjamin Robison to the Full-Time Health Commissioner Position

Dallas Ziegler made a motion to appoint Benjamin Robison to the Full-Time Health Commissioner position. Mr. Robison will be paid at Grade 22; Step 5 at the rate of $51.80 per hour and 107,899 annually. His start date is pending return of successful background check. Bob Midden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.


DJ Mears made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. seconded by Richard Strow. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Cathy Nelson, Board President

Amy Jones, Interim Health Commissioner
Secretary to the Board

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