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Lawrence County Board of Health June 21st, 2023, Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Board Members present included Randy Lambert (President), Brenda Shipley (Vice-President), Mark Dickess, and Melanie Taylor.

Also present was Debbie Fisher (Administrator) and Paul O'Banion (Director of Environmental Health).

Approve Minutes

Brenda Shipley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Public Comment

The President of the Board noted that no members of the public were present for public comment.

Financial

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to approve expenditures, pay bills & salaries, and accept financial reports. Mark Dickess made the motion. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to waive the three reading rule for Resolution 06212023a. Mark Dickess made the motion. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 06212023a A RESOLUTION THAT LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL TRANSFER \$23,500.00 CASH FROM E00 BOARD OF HEALTH FUND TO E10 SEWER/SEPTIC FUND. Mark Dickess made the motion. Melanie seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Environmental

Randy Lambert explained that Attorney J.T. Holt, representing Mr. Keith Bryant, contacted Debbie Fisher (Administrator) and arranged a meeting at Land of Goshen on 06/08/2023. Randy stated that the following people were present, but not all at the same time: Attorney



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J.T. Holt, Mr. Keith Bryant, Debbie Fisher (Administrator), Paul O'Banion (Director of Environmental Health), Ben Kerns (Hamilton Township Trustee), and Bob Blakenship (Hamilton Township Trustee). Randy stated that when he was there, water appeared to be clear with a gray sediment in the bottom of the creek. While Randy was there, the group spoke to Travis Little (with Little's Septic Service) and John Haskins (an independent water treatment specialist) via telephone. After this meeting, Randy said he received a text message from Attorney J.T. Holt on 06/16/2023 showing an issue with the quality of the water. Debbie Fisher (Administrator) went to Land of Goshen with Steve Rudd, Mitchell Jenkins, and Jessica Stapleton on the same day, shortly after communicating with Randy Lambert about the picture that Mr. Holt sent. John Haskins also showed up. Debbie stated that pictures were taken and that the water was clear.

Debbie stated that she reached out to someone with the Mineral Resource Division with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and is waiting for follow-up.

Further general discussion was held about Mr. Bryant's complaint and the condition of Land of Goshen's NPDES system. It was concluded that Health Department staff have done everything they can to address the issue and for now the Health Department will wait to see what ODNR has to say about the creek.

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to receive and file the environmental health report. Brenda Shipley made the motion. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Personnel

Debbie Fisher explained Paula Carpenter was hired to work in the front office and that Paula stood out from among the other applicants for the position. Also, Debbie explained that Angela Clarkson was a nurse who has been working at the Health Department through Pro-Link throughout the Covid pandemic. The Health Department needs additional nursing staff to effectively carry out the objectives of the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program. For now, Angela Clarkson is only scheduled to work 2 days per week. Paula Carpenter will be a full-time employee. Debbie also disclosed that Paula Carpenter is Garrett Carpenter's mother.

Brenda Shipley made the motion to hire Paula Carpenter. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion.



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Other Reports

Debbie provided a summary for how the grants were doing. She mentioned the intent to use grant funding to purchase a new vehicle. Debbie also discussed the possibility of using grant funding to purchase an elevator, or to install something else to make the Health Department basement more accessible.

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to receive and file the reports listed under item 6 of the agenda. Brenda Shipley made the motion. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Randy Lambert asked for motion to adjourn. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 07/20/2023 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room of Lawrence County Health Department

Minutes Approved by:



Randall Lambert, BOH President

7-20-23

Date



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Resolution 06212023A

A RESOLUTION THAT THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH WILL TRANSFER \$23,500.00 CASH FROM E00 BOARD OF HEALTH FUND TO E10 SEWER/SEPTIC FUND

WHEREAS Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.14 (E) permits Lawrence County Board of Health to transfer money from its general fund to any other fund of the Health District, and;

WHEREAS the unexpended balance of the expense budget for fund E10 Sewer/Septic is approximately \$35,500.00 and the cash balance for fund E10 Sewer/Septic is only \$12,000.00;

The Lawrence County Board of Health hereby resolves to transfer \$23,500.00 cash from E00 Board of Health Fund to E10 Sewer/Septic Fund.

Adopted, 06/21/2023

President of Lawrence County Board of Health

Attest:

Administrator