



LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence County Board of Health 03-19-2025 Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM.

Roll Call

Randy Lambert (President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Mark Dickess (Vice-President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Brenda Shipley	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Melanie Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Kevin Willis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Present

Also present was:

Tony Virgin (Health Commissioner)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Debbie Fisher (Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Angela Bostick-Doyle (Director of Nursing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Present
Paul O'Banion (Environmental Health Director)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Zach Schweinsberg (Fiscal Officer).	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present

Approve Minutes

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

Randy Lambert noted that no members of the public were present.

Financial

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



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Environmental

Paul O'Banion explained the need for Josh Murphy to have a septic variance. The Board of Health reviewed Josh's septic variance request application. Randy Lambert asked for a motion to approve the variance. Mark Dickess made the motion. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The Board of Health reviewed Resolution 03192025A, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH DISTRICT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE SEPTIC TREATMENT SYSTEMS. Randy Lambert asked for a resolution to approve Resolution 03192025A. Mark Dickess made the motion. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The Board of Health reviewed Resolution 03192025B, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEES FOR SEPTIC PROGRAM. Zach Schweinsberg explained that a cost analysis had been conducted for fees in the septic program. The cost analysis was prompted by the ODH site visit a few months ago. For some of the new fees with minimal data, \$100 was used as a baseline starting amount. Brenda Shipley made a motion to approve the resolution. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Debbie Fisher explained how the approval of CEUs can cause delays for septic contractors being able to conduct business in Lawrence County. It was suggested that the Board of Health give the Health Commissioner and Administrator interim-authority to approve Board of Health variances for septic contractors between meetings, so long as the variance relates to the approval of CEUs. Mark Dickess made a motion to grant interim-authority to the Health Commissioner and Administrator to approve Board of Health variances for septic contractors needing CEUs. Melanie seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.



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Personnel

The Board of Health reviewed a proposed update to the Health Department's vacation policy. The proposed changes mainly focused on clarifying existing practices. Mark Dickess made a motion to approve the policy. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The Board of Health reviewed a proposed update to the Health Department's drug-free workplace policy. The previous policy was outdated. The new policy closely follows the County's policy. Randy Lambert asked for a motion to approve the policy. Brenda made a motion to approve the policy. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Other Reports

The Board of Health reviewed the reports listed in section 6 of the agenda. Brenda Shipley made a motion to receive and file the reports as presented. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

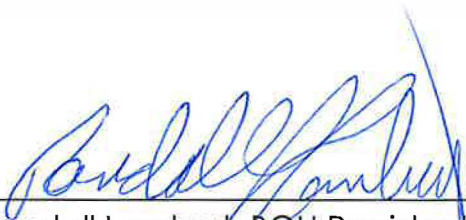
Debbie Fisher informed the Board of Health that the Accreditation Committee Action Requirements (ACAR) Report was submitted to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). PHAB will review LCHD's ACAR Report when they meet on May 8th, 2025. LCHD anticipates knowing more about its accreditation status in June 2025.

Adjournment

Having covered everything on the agenda, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 4:58 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 04-16-2025 at 12 PM in the Conference Room of Lawrence County Health Department

Minutes Approved by:



Randall Lambert, BOH President

4-16-24

Date

Resolution No. 03192025A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH DISTRICT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE SEPTIC TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

Whereas, the Health District of Lawrence County seeks to repair and/or replace failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the Health District of Lawrence County intends to apply to the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of a WPCLF assistance agreement; now therefore,

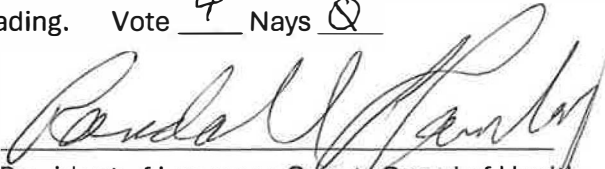
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Health District of Lawrence County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Tony Virgin, Health Commissioner, be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF Assistance agreement, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems on behalf of the Health District of Lawrence County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That is resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the Earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 3-19-25 after 1 reading. Vote 4 Nays 0

Approved 3-19-25


President of Lawrence County Board of Health

Attest: 
Fiscal Officer


Board Member

Offered by: MARK DICKESS

Seconded by: MELANIE TAYLOR



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March 19th, 2025

Resolution 03192025B

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEES FOR SEPTIC PROGRAM

WHEREAS Lawrence County Health Department has the statutory authority to assess fees and penalties under various sections of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code;

The Lawrence County Board of Health hereby resolves to approve the proposed fees below:

Fee ID	Description	2025 Total	Local Amount	State Amount	Late Fee	Total with Late Fee	Statutory Authority
1	An application for site review of an HSTS or GWRS (includes soil evaluation and/or design)	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00	OAC 3701-29-09 (A)(1), OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(1), ORC 3718.06 (A)
2	Permit for the installation of a new or replacement HSTS and GWRS	250.00	176.00	74.00	-	250.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(4), ORC 3718.06 (A), ORC 3718.06 (B)
3	Permit for the alteration of an existing HSTS and GWRS	285.00	250.00	35.00	-	285.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(5), ORC 3718.06 (A), ORC 3718.06 (B)
4	Permit for the operation of a standard tank, leaching, one-two foot soil depth (includes inspection)	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(8), ORC 3718.06 (A)
5	Permit for the operation of an NPDES / Aerator System (includes inspection)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(8), ORC 3718.06 (A)



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6	Permit for the operation of any other type of HSTS that is not otherwise covered on this fee schedule (includes inspection)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(8), ORC 3718.06 (A)
7	Registration of septic installers	170.00	170.00	-	42.50	212.50	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(9), ORC 3718.06 (A), ORC 3709.09 (D)
8	Registration of septic service providers	170.00	170.00	-	42.50	212.50	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(9), ORC 3718.06 (A), ORC 3709.09 (D)
9	Registration of septic haulers	170.00	170.00	-	42.50	212.50	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(9), ORC 3718.06 (A), ORC 3709.09 (D)
10	Vehicle permits for septic haulers	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 12.50	\$ 62.50	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(10), ORC 3718.06 (A), ORC 3709.09 (D)



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11	Inspection of a GWRS or a STS as authorized in division (A)(7) of section 3718.02 of the Revised Code or for re-inspection to ensure compliance with this chapter as allowed in rule 3701-29-09 of the Administrative Code.	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(11), ORC 3718.06 (A)
12	Abandonment of a STS or GWRS (not needed if paying for replacement)	88.00	88.00	-	-	88.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(12), ORC 3718.06 (A)
13	Application for a variance	50.00	50.00	-	-	50.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(13), ORC 3718.06 (A)
14	Collection and examination of effluent samples taken to determine compliance	\$100 + lab fee (lab fee billed to client)	\$100 + lab fee (lab fee billed to client)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(14), ORC 3718.06 (A)



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15	A site review, evaluation and approval/disapproval of land application of septage	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(15), ORC 3718.06 (A)
16	Review of a subdivision or lots in accordance with rule 3701-29-08 of the Administrative Code	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(16), ORC 3718.06 (A)
17	Sale of Property Inspection / Septic Tank Inspection (non-refundable; includes soil evaluation, design, and/or consultation; does not apply for complaint investigation,)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (D)(17), ORC 3718.06 (A)



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Fee ID	Description	2025 Total	Local Amount	State Amount	Late Fee	Total with Late Fee	Statutory Authority
18	Penalty for the installation of a new or replacement STS or GWRS prior to a permit being issued	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 625.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (E), ORC 3718.06 (A)
19	Penalty for the alteration of an existing STS or GWRS prior to a permit being issued	625.00	625.00	-	-	625.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (E), ORC 3718.06 (A)
20	Penalty for a person who performs the duties of an installer, septage hauler, or service provider prior to obtaining registration or a vehicle permit as required in OAC 3701-29-03	625.00	625.00	-	-	625.00	OAC 3701-29-05 (E), ORC 3718.06 (A)

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21	Penalty for purposeful violation of ORC 3718.08 - intentional violation of Ohio Septic Code	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	ORC 3718.99

Adopted 03/19/2025

Lawrence County Board of Health

Attest:

Administrator