



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

900 6TH STREET

NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV.

DATE: April 8th, 2025

Molly Lee, DVM, MPH – Chair

John Paschen, MD – Vice-Chair

Mike Badger

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Public Meeting Room – Story County Administration

900 6th St

Nevada, IA

Betsy Matos, PhD, MPH

Sherri Pleis, DVM

Lisa Heddens (Ex-Officio Member)

Special Note to the Public: This meeting was also offered via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Molly Lee, John Paschen, Mike Badger, Sherrie Pleis.

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: Betsy Matos, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).

Others Present: Jane Esterly-Rettig (zoom), Treasa Ferrari (zoom), Eric Adelmund, Shanda Metzler, Laura Pierce, Marlo Cabral, Heather Krusemark, Hannah Park, Sherry Zook, Yara Salti, Savannah Strahan, Anna Roser, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston, Allie Hoffman (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

Lee called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve agenda as submitted. Motion passed on voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve minutes from February 4th, 2025 meeting as amended. Motion passed on voice vote.

4. Consent Agenda:

Acknowledgement Of Approval Of The Signature Of The BOH Chair, Molly Lee; In Signing For Immunization Services Contract FY26

Acknowledgement Of Signing FY25 PWG PUHE-ENH-25-085 Story Reallocation Amendment

Amendment to our FY25 Private Well Grant (PWG) with HHS to reallocation an additional \$18,000 to our contract, signed by Environmental Health director, authorized BOH signatory.

Consideration Of Personnel Actions

Annual step increase for Laura Johnston @ 31.80, effective 5/18/25

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Paschen to approve consent agenda. Motion passed on voice vote.

5. Public Forum:

None.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 ACCESS; Laura Pierce

Pierce provided the update for ACCESS. Lee questioned if ACCESS has any data on the number of people they reach with their programs? Pierce informed the Board that they do have that information yet she does not have the numbers right now so will have to send the information to the Board at a later date. Agency report included in agenda packet.

6.2 Community & Family Resources (CFR); Heather Krusemark & Hannah Park

Krusemark provided the update for CFR. Lee inquired whether why ISU does not want to work with CFR on a policy? Krusemark answered that ISU has their own policy that meets the standards of what is needed. Lee asked how CFR reaches out regarding alcohol community events? Krusemark stated that CFR finds the event coordinators, meets up with them, goes through the event, and then creates and implements the policy. CFR also then attends the event to perform their safer assessment to make sure the event coordinators are following protocol. Lee questioned if the events are held annually, would the policy recycle and hold up for the next year as well or is it required to go through the process again? Krusemark informed the Board that it is required to go through the process again. Agency report included in agenda packet.

6.3 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Savannah Strahan

Strahan provided the update for YSS. Paschen asked for clarification about state or county laws being able to be more restrictive vs having to be less restrictive? Discussion between Board on county possibilities for ordinances or guidelines for restrictions on smoking/vaping. Lee questioned if CFR has guidelines for parents on how to talk to their kids when they find vapes and/or other concerning objects? Strahan commented that yes YSS does and she can pass along. Pleis asked if YSS has anything for information on the mushrooms, or Kratom, to hand out to parents? Strahan commented that she was unsure of specific handouts for those items but will look into finding or creating some. Agency report included in agenda packet.

6.4 Story County Public Health (PH); Eric Adelmund & Sherry Zook

Adelmund and Zook provided the update for PH. Paschen commented that the old Burger King could be a good station for the homeless population. Paschen then questioned if any new legislature or state laws regarding vaccines have come out yet? Adelmund replied no. Lee asked if PH has seen any funding cuts? PH answered that they have not seen too many yet for Story County but have noticed some other counties struggling due to the cuts. Lee then inquired if PH has any contingency plans for funding cuts? Adelmund stated that a lot is funded through their ASSET program and they are keeping open minds for other funding options. Agency report included in agenda packet.

6.5 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Grandinetti provided the update for EH. Lee asked what ISAC stood for? Cory answered that it is the Iowa State Association of Counties. Paschen inquired as to what was burning? Grandinetti replied that it was wood chips, they were smoldering. DNR knew of the smoldering and worked with the local fire department to take care of it. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7. Additional Items:

7.1 HHS Realignment Update; Eric Adelmund & Kimberly Grandinetti

Adelmund & Grandinetti provided an update on the HHS realignment. Paschen asked what BOH's do in other counties? Grandinetti responded that all Boards hold a minimum of 6 meetings per year, however, each county is a little different, especially in how PH and EH departments are organized. Adelmund added in that no PH department is exactly the same in each county. Lee inquired if the work was all being done by the same contractor? Adelmund replied that the contractor did the work and gave HHS the report, now it is up to HHS to implement. Lee further inquired if the town halls and everything are now HHS? Grandinetti commented that it seems like a different group within HHS. Adelmund stated that HHS has a planning group, however if the town halls are like last year then it'll mostly be Ken Sharpe, Doctor Kruse, and Director Garcia and they will get feedback from the counties.

8. Comments:

Staff: None.

Board:

Badger: Thank you to Laura for taking the time to do soils with me for land applying possibilities.

Paschen: April 25th is my retirement party, Allie will send out to BOH members and staff.

Lee: Last meeting there was a long discussion about a position statement, our county attorneys had concerns and provided some guidance. They suggested we, the BOH, might want to approach it differently when it is political as well as PH related and/or take a different path.

9. Adjournment

Paschen moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Pleis.

Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:57 PM.



Approval of Minutes

BOH Chair, 6/3/25

Title and Date