



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 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: June 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee Vice-Chair

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Health Director; Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist, Taylor Jorgensen, Environmental Specialist; Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Heather Bombei, Carrie (unknown last name), Maci Anderson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Paschen read the special note to the public: Due to the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting is provided in person or via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge to approve agenda (MCU)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve April 6, 2021, April 29, 2021, May 20, 2021, May 24, 2021 and May 27, 2021 minutes

2. PUBLIC FORUM: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Speck, Second Kluge to approve pay adjustments effective June 20, 2021 for Matthew Cory, Stephanie Jones and Taylor Jorgensen, and step increase plus longevity for Matthew Cory, effective July 18, 2021. (MCU)



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4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Crushed Rock Classic Bike Race

Scott Wall was not present. After discussion it was decided to move on while Wall was trying to be reached by phone, and would come back to the item.

COVID-19 Update

Les White provided an overview and stated that both the 7 and the 14 day positivity rate continues to decline. Mary Greeley is continuing to monitor the Test Iowa site and the contract goes through July. White provided current vaccination rates. Completed doses is now at 69.7% for ages 16 and older, and the entire population rate is 45% which is expected to raise as more individuals aged 12 and older are being vaccinated. The vaccine information card was recently sent out to all mailing addresses in Story County, not including Ames. Public Health has now moved to online scheduling for the vaccination. Public Health continues to work with community partners to provide vaccines to all residents of Story County. Pop-up clinics are being planned in the county, as well as working with the schools to vaccinate those 16 and older and then possibly 12-to-15 year olds. White stated that additional funding has been received from the state and that a vaccination campaign is being worked on. Billboards and bus advertising have been discussed as advertising possibilities. Kluge suggested going to the pools may be a good location to offer vaccinations. Heddens felt that city celebrations coming up during the summer would be a good opportunity to reach people.

Crushed Rock Classic Bike Race

Scott Wall joined the meeting at 2:15. Wall stated that this is coming before the Board of Health because last year it was required to receive approval from local Boards of Health to hold the bike racing events. Wall stated that the events are not yet permitted because he was waiting to talk to the Board of Health first. Wall would like to receive a letter stating the Board of Health met and approves of the events. Paschen felt it would be a good idea to give people a discount if an immunization card is provided.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai that the Board of Health does not object to the Crushed Rock Classic Bike Race and will provide a letter. MCU

Ames Grand Prix Bike Race

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai, that the Story County Board of Health does not object to the Ames Grand Prix Bike Race and will provide a letter. MCU

Iowa Games Gravel Grinder Bike Race

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai, that the Story County Board of Health does not object to the Iowa Games Gravel Grinder Bike Race and will provide a letter. MCU



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Face Coverings at Board of Health Meetings

Heddens stated that the Board of Supervisors recommended following the recommendations of the CDC. Masks are not required, but recommended if not vaccinated.

Recommendation To The Ames Community School District About Offering A Remote Learning Option For Next School Year Due To COVID-19

The Board of Health received an email request in regard to sending a letter to recommend that the Ames School District provide online learning next school year for all grades. Paschen stated that he does not know what COVID-19 will look like by the fall and it would be difficult to write a letter to the school at this time. Paschen stated he would be happy to re-address when it gets closer to the new school year. Tabatabai felt it is a reasonable recommendation since not all school age children can be vaccinated, but addressed that it appears both Pfizer and Moderna will be requesting approval to vaccinate children 6 months and up in the fall.

Environmental Health Interim Director

Paschen stated that an offer is being made soon, but there will be some time before the new Environmental Health Director begins. Alissa Wignall stated that reference checks are currently being worked on, but the hope is that by the beginning of July, the new person would be on board. The individuals are usually given 48 hours to consider the position, and then a drug screening and background check would be completed. Wignall stated an interim could be named, and policy states that the interim would have to do the entire capacity of the director's job duties. Heddens asked if an interim would need to have the registered sanitarian credentials. Wignall again stated that an interim would need to be able to complete all duties done by Jaynes currently as the Director. Lee asked if there are any downsides to having an interim during the transition, even if only for a short time. Heddens feels the department is needing a point of contact to ensure things are running smoothly and signing documents. Jaynes stated there are contracts to keep track of, someone would need to present the Tanning Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors, sign claims, provide direction to the new employee, make decisions, and coordinate current projects in order to pass information on to the new director, and recommended Matthew Cory be appointed as interim.

Paschen asked Cory if he would accept the interim position. Cory stated that he would accept the interim position because it would make things easier for the department, and further explained that someone being able to make decisions in an official capacity would be beneficial. Heddens asked if they could make Cory the point of contact, rather than Interim. Cory stated that the ordinances refer to the Environmental Health Director. Heddens stated the Septic Ordinance states Sanitarian. Cory stated that the county abolished the Sanitarian title in 2010 when the position was changed to Environmental Health Manager, and in 2012 it was changed to Environmental Health Director. Cory also pointed out that the job description states that there is one year to obtain the Registered Sanitarian credential. Additional discussion took place about whether an appointment could be made as an acting or interim



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director. Kluge felt that involving Ethan Anderson would be beneficial.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to appoint Matthew Cory as Interim Environmental Health Director subject to Ethan Anderson's approval, with duties beginning when Margaret Jaynes retires, until the new director begins. MCU

Grants To Counties Contract

Jaynes stated that since Cory will be the Interim Director this duty would fall to him and no further discussion was needed.

5. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Story County Public Health

Treasa Ferrari stated that there has been a huge turnout for the 12 and older age group at Ames Schools for the COVID-19 vaccine. Demand is down for people coming into the office to receive the vaccine. Ferrari stated no one is being turned away if they stop in for a vaccine, even if it means wasting some dosages. Ferrari stated that they hope to begin foot clinics again in August.

YSS

Ryan Doyle was not present.

Community and Family Resources

Maci Anderson stated over chat that she had to leave early and her documents were provided with the agenda for review.

Story County Environmental Health

Jaynes stated that the 28E agreement with the DNR has been received and is currently waiting for a signature from the DNR. Septic permit information was provided in the report, which was submitted with the agenda. The pumping ordinance that went into effect January 1, 2021 has caused lots of pumping to occur. Bills were introduced to the Iowa House and Senate denying counties the ability to impose fees or penalties for non-compliance, and none passed. Pool inspections are starting this week. The first public hearing for the Tanning Ordinance passed 2-1 with no one under 16 years old allowed to tan, and 16 and 17 year olds needing parental consent. Jaynes summarized on-going projects within the department consisting of: Boone County septic discharge possibly reaching Story County waters, Ames East Lincoln Way annexation, Demolition permits, Story City annexation, Pumping Ordinance implementation, binding agreements for time of transfer septic upgrades, water quality, a case file on a trucking firm located on Ada Hayden Lake, and the Tanning Ordinance.



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Recognition Of Margaret Jaynes For Her 27 Years Of Service

Paschen stated on behalf of the Board of Health that it has been an honor working with Jaynes, and that she has served the citizens of Story County well.

6. COMMENTS:

Staff: Cory asked if someone would still need to be present in the public meeting room for special meetings, or could meetings be Zoom only. Heddens thought it would be alright to put Zoom only on a meeting agenda.
Board: The board thanked Jaynes again for her work and wished her well.

ADJOURNMENT 3:19 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

CHAIRMAN

Title and Date

8/3/21