



**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: October 5, 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: Kimberly Grandinetti, Environmental Health Director; Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist, Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary; Taylor Jorgensen, Environmental Specialist

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Heather Bombei, Sherry Zook

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Speck, Second by Lee, to approve agenda with moving item 5.11 before 5.1. (MCU)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lee, Second by Tabatabai, to approve August 3, 2021 Minutes with an amendment to add the vote to the COVID recommendation to schools.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: None

5. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

YSS

Ryan Doyle presented the first quarter report and provided a short update on the following items they currently have going on:

- Sexual Resistance Avoidance Education Grant
- Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Grant
- Child Safety Programming
- Substance Use Prevention (elementary and middle schools, and college)



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- Prevention Outreach activities

Story County Public Health

Treasa Ferrari provided an update. Information was provided on the following:

- Communicable disease cases
- School and daycare audits
- Redistribution of COVID vaccine to clinics and pharmacies
- Vaccine clinics will be set up for teachers to begin COVID booster shots
- Foot clinics have started
- Regular immunization clinics remain slow
- Approximately 50 COVID test kits are being handed out per week

Story County Environmental Health

Kimberly Grandinetti provided an update. Information was provided on the following:

- 64 new septic permits issued
- 82 Time of Transfers
- 34 alternation permits issued
- 440 septic tanks have been pumped for regular maintenance so far this year
- 156 maintenance contracts are up to date
- Story County Housing Trust approved use of funding of up to \$12,000 for septic system improvements
- Grants To Counties - \$40,400 awarded for FY22, and \$19,348.70 was claimed out of \$30,300.00 in FY21
- Complaints Received – Stover fire, rental properties (mold, smells, general conditions), trash
- 80 reviews completed with Planning and Development
- 1 Demolition permit issued
- Miscellaneous items – Watershed Workgroups, PIP program, Staff meetings, Staff trainings and meetings

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

October, 2021 Watershed Awareness Month

Sara Carmichael provided information about October being Watershed Awareness Month and asked that the Board pass the proclamation.

Motion by Kluge Second by Tabatabai to proclaim October, 2021 as Watershed Awareness Month. MCU

COVID-19 Update

Les White provided an update on COVID stats for the county.

- The IDPH website is updated weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- There are currently 12 hospitalized in Story County with COVID, and only 4 are vaccinated
- 7.7% 14 day positivity rate



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- 7.8% 7 day positivity rate
- Vaccination Complete Rates
- Story County Public Health continues to offer online scheduling for vaccines, or individuals can also call to schedule an appointment. Currently working with United Way to provide gift cards to those who get vaccinated through an IDPH grant
- Working with ISU to help with clinics
- Home test kits are available, and ask individuals to stay in car, call and wait for a kit to be brought outside
- 3rd doses have started for those that are immunocompromised and booster clinics
- Continue to provide education to daily positive cases
- Working with ISU to develop video production and the information will be passed out to individuals that pick up test kits

Discussion took place about providing education to individuals while picking up tests rather than calling those whose tests come back positive. White stated that an assistant director has been hired and she is looking forward to having assistance with the public health programs.

Possible Further COVID Recommendations To Story County Schools And Possible Recommendations To The Story County Board Of Supervisors

Paschen asked if additional COVID recommendations should be provided from the Board of Health. Paschen would like to reiterate the recommendation to the schools for everyone to wear masks, and everyone that can be vaccinated should be. Paschen also feels it is reasonable to request the Board of Supervisors to require everyone who works for the county be vaccinated or tested weekly. Tabatabai thinks it is reasonable to make strong recommendations. Paschen stated recommendations are great, but requirements work better. Heddens stated that there has not been any discussion about this by Board of Supervisors and no direction has been received from OSHA. Lee wondered if there would be possible staff turnover created by a vaccination requirement and wondered if there has been any data from others who have implemented vaccination requirements.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai that Story County Board of Health reiterate the recommendation to schools that everyone wear a mask while indoors and everyone that can be vaccinated should be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Voting Aye: Kluge, Tabatabai, Lee, Paschen

Voting Nay: Speck

Not Voting: None

Vote: (4-1)

Motion by Lee, Second by Kluge that the Story County Board of Health recommends that the Board of Supervisors implement mandatory vaccination or routine testing for county employees.

Heddens feels that first receiving guidance from OSHA would be beneficial. Paschen stated the Board of Health cares about the health of the community so creating an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to



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discuss would be a start. Lee feels that the vaccination rate is inching up pretty slowly so attempting to help it go higher would be beneficial.

Voting Aye: Lee, Kluge, Tabatabai, Paschen
Voting Nay: Speck
Not Voting: None
Vote: (4-1)

Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(l) - "To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of An Individual Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance, Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That Individual's Reputation And That Individual Requests A Closed Session."

At 3:10 p.m., **Motion by Lee, Second by Speck** that the Board go into closed session.

Voting Aye: Speck, Paschen, Kluge, Tabatabai, Lee
Voting Nay: None
Not Voting: None

Paschen reconvened the Board in open session at 3:37 p.m.

Environmental Health Director Two Month Performance Review

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to complete and submit the two month performance review of Kimberly Grandinetti, Environmental health Director. MCU

7. COMMENTS:

Staff: None

Board: Heddens reiterated that the Board of Supervisors have been waiting for information from OSHA about vaccination requirements.

ADJOURNMENT 3:38 p.m.


Approval of Minutes


Title and Date