



**STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**  
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV)**

**DATE:** February 1, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00p.m.

**PLACE:** Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

John Kluge

Molly Lee Vice-Chair

Betsy Matos

Sherrie Pleis

\*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:** Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Heather Bombei, Feleecia Watkins, Sherry Zook

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Pleis, to approve agenda. (MCU)**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Pleis, Second by Kluge, to approve the January 12, 2022, December 21, 2021, and December 7, 2021 minutes. (MCU)**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**5. PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**6. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Story County Public Health**

Treasa Ferrari stated there has been a decline in COVID positive cases, as well as a decline in hospitalizations. Only about 10 individuals a day are being seen for COVID vaccinations, sometimes less. Ames was the only school district that was interested in setting up a COVID vaccination clinic. Paschen asked if any schools are requiring masks. Ferrari does not believe any of the schools are currently requiring. Absenteeism rates are improving in schools and no long-term care facility



## STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

outbreaks have been reported. There was a homeless outbreak, with 5 individuals being housed at Microtel recently. Public Health will be helping to assist with providing the homeless facilities with testing supplies and PPE. Ferrari stated there will be a COVID testing site opening soon in Ames, which will be located at the CIT bus barn, which was the previous Test Iowa location. Other diseases have been slow with only one E. coli. Hepatitis B follow up has gone back to the state.

### YSS

Feleecia Watkins provided an update on the Mentoring Program. She stated they have had several staff vacancies for the prevention department, but a new substance abuse coordinator will be starting later in the month, as well as prevention specialists. Programming for substance abuse prevention, teen outreach program, adolescent pregnancy prevention, and child abuse prevention programs have still been taking place in schools during the staffing shortage. Watkins explained that the mentoring program grant includes such things as providing substance misuse presentations to the public, as well as to the program participants. Connecting parents, caregivers, and mentors with resources about substance misuse has been focused on. Upcoming presentations include nicotine/vaping, youth drug trends, and problem gambling.

Team Maze is an annual event for 7<sup>th</sup> graders in Story, Boone, and Greene Counties that provides young people the opportunity to discover the realities of both positive and negative choices. The theme is Building a Better You and will take place April 4-8 at Boone County Fairgrounds.

Paschen asked if Watkins was able to provide an update on mental health services being provided by YSS. Watkins stated that she does not have knowledge of that area, but she could connect with someone in the mental health area to provide an update.

### Story County Environmental Health

Kimberly Grandinetti provided a department report with the agenda which contained the following updates:

- Aquatic Program – The new ordinance has been approved and will go into effect on February 11, 2022. Facilities were notified and pool inspections will begin in March.
- Complaints & NOV – One nuisance complaint received regarding fall hazard conditions in a parking lot.
- Indoor Air Quality – January was Radon Awareness Month. 50 test kits were given away. Proclamations were approved by BOH and BOS. Public outreach was increased including educational promotions on our website, county social media, the radio, signage in the Administration Building, as well as the county newsletter. Educational promos will continue throughout the year.
- Onsite Program – 85 new and 43 septic alteration permits were issued during calendar year 2021. 100 TOT inspection reviews. Over 684 tanks pumped for regular maintenance, plus 54 pumped due to TOT. Website has been updated to include financial assistance programs available.



## STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

- Postcards were mailed to 128 properties potentially eligible for Phase I of the New Water Infrastructure Grant which became available in January.
- Tattoo Program – Inspections have begun.
- Tanning Program – 20 facilities were inspected.
- Well Program – In 2021 there were 19 well permits issued, 61 water samples, 19 well and 1 cistern plugging, and 2 well rehabs.
- Joint Department Reviews – So far for FY22 there have been 14 survey reviews, 39 interagency reviews, 20 plan reviews, and 97 septic and well reviews.
- Meetings and Trainings – Provided information about meetings and trainings attended by staff.
- Outreach and Miscellaneous – 2 demolition permits issued. Phase 3 of PIP has been delayed for budgetary reasons.

Grandinetti stated the new Aquatic Ordinance was passed and goes into effect on February 11, 2022. There was a recent carbon monoxide incident that took place at a hotel swimming pool in Ohio. Our new Aquatic Ordinance requires carbon monoxide detectors to be installed and be replaced every two years. Grandinetti stated that even though the state code does not require it, our staff saw the importance of carbon monoxide detectors and it is a good reminder of how important and effective local ordinances can be.

January was Radon Awareness Month - 50 test kits were given away. Proclamations were approved by the Board of Health and Board of Supervisors. Public outreach was increased including educational promotions on our website, county social media, the radio, signage in the Administration Building, as well as the county newsletter. Educational promos will continue throughout the year.

New Water Infrastructure Grant – Grant money is now available to Iowa property owners residing in unsewered communities to repair or upgrade their septic systems. Staff identified unsewered communities and postcards were mailed to potential properties eligible under Phase 1. The website has been updated to provide grant information and staff has been receiving phone calls and emails with questions. So far, three properties have been eligible.

Paschen asked how much the grant pays. Grandinetti stated currently there is not a cap on the amount paid, and that another round is anticipated that will hopefully open up eligibility to others.

### 7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

2:31 p.m. Closed Session

**Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(I) - "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." – Alissa Wignall, Director Of Internal Operations And Human Resources**



**STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee for the Board go into closed session. (MCU)**

2:48 p.m. Open Session

**Environmental Health Director Six Month Performance Review**

**Motion by Lee, Second by Matos to approve the Environmental Health Director Performance Review which was discussed in closed session. (MCU)**

**7. COMMENTS:**

**Staff:** None

**Board:** Lee stated that she has continued to provide monthly updates for the KHOI radio show and if anyone is interested in doing that in her place to let her know. Discussion is very low-key on a variety of topics.

**ADJOURNMENT** 2:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

*C. Foxman* 4/5/22

Title and Date