
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday July 19, 2016 7 P.M.

Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer
Dr. Jamie Morgan- Vice Chairperson
Dr. Craig Fenimore
Dr. Russell Daugherty

Bruce Levi
Greg Pratt
Tai Morrell, FNP
Julie Newhouse- Attorney

Guests-

James and Britt Buhler, Terri Nigh and Deb Barnhizer-ISDH, Kevin Peggs-Installer, Charles Smith, David Smith, Bill Rutherford-Soil Scientist, Fred Zeilinga- Installer, and Craig Leisure

Dr. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Last Meeting Follow-up

There were no changes made to the June minutes. Craig moved to accept the June minutes. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Morgan went over the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental, and Community Outreach reports. There were no changes to the reports. Craig moved to accept the departmental reports. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

New Business

Mr. James Buhler came before the board to speak with them about some of the situations he has encountered doing repairs on his septic system. He had sent letters to the board members prior to the meeting. Jamie did inform him that any personnel issues would be discussed in a closed executive session.

Mr. Buhler stated on May 6, 2016, his father-in-law and a neighbor were helping him do repairs to his septic system. On May 26th or 27th Mr. Buhler received a certified letter

from Terri Nigh, the environmentalist, telling him to cease using the system. When he started this, he didn't realize he had to get a permit. When Mr. Buhler went to the Health Office to apply for his permit and to pay his fine, Terri spoke with him about needing to hire a certified installer. After Mr. Buhler had spoken with the soil scientist, Bill Rutherford, he gave him a name of a certified installer from Grant County. Travis Brite from Grant County and Kevin Peggs, from Rush County, both agreed that there is no reason the system couldn't be used. Mr. Buhler realizes things were done in the wrong order, but if he would have gotten the permit first and then did the work he has done he would be able to use his system. Mr. Buhler informed the board that this has been going on for seven and half weeks now, and has a limited supply of water. He is asking if the board could grant a variance so he would be able to use his water. The board wasn't sure they could do that because of legalities. Mr. Buhler asked if there was a way they could contact another certified inspector to have them come and inspect his system.

Craig moved to contact two certified septic inspectors to look at the Buhler system. All board members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board elected Dr. Steussy as the one to contact the inspectors. Craig mentioned that they should go at different times. Mr. Buhler asked Dr. Steussy if she wanted the number of Kevin, his installer, so she could let him know when they would be there in case they had any questions. Dr. Steussy said she would have them call Mr. Buhler also so that he would be aware when they were going to be on his property.

Mr. Buhler thanked the board for letting him come and speak and tell them about his situation.

Jamie then asked Dr. Steussy if she has any other business to discuss. She did mention that Marge had spoken with her about an individual that was wanting to borrow the sprayer that they used to use. Dr. Steussy said she didn't get all the details as to what their certification was. She wanted to get more information, but wanted the board to be aware of it.

Dr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig seconded. All board members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Next meeting August 16, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.