

# Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer  
Dr. Fred Philips-Chairperson  
Tai Morrell, NP-Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Russell Daugherty  
Marge Amos-Nurse Supervisor

Greg Pratt  
Carol Yager  
Kendra Steible  
Julie Newhouse- Attorney  
Sherry McKinney-Office Mgr.

## Guest

Terri Nigh-environmentalist

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

## Review of Minutes

The board went over the July minutes. No corrections were needed. Greg moved to accept the July minutes. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. The board then went over the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental, and the Community Outreach Coordinator reports. Carol did ask if the Health Department received any reimbursement for Dixie going to the jail twice a week. Marge told her no, that the department does not get any reimbursement. No corrections were needed. Greg moved to accept the departmental reports. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

## Health Officer Report

Dr. Steussy informed the board that Marge had finished the first part of the PHAB annual Report. They were now working on part two. It has to be finished by the last of August. She told the board that the public needed to be educated on what all the Health Department Does, and why we need the tax money that we get.

## Financial Report

Sherry went over the financials, she told the board that the dollar amount is about the same. They talked about things we could do to try and improve it. It was mentioned that we might have to change our hours or possibly close the office a day. We may have to cut someone from the staff or cut Dixie from going to the jail twice a week without any reimbursement from the Sheriff's department. Sherry also reminded Dr. Philips and Dr. Steussy about the budget

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hearing on September 12, 2017. Our scheduled time is at 11:50. Dr. Philips suggested that he and Dr. Stuessy get together before the budget meeting and discuss some options.

## PHAB Report

Marge and Dr. Steussy will be finishing the second section of the Annual Report. They have to record things we have on the QI report. The second section is due August 31, 2017.

## Old Business

Greg Pratt asked Terri how long septic permits were good for. She told him they were good for a year, but if the permit expired before it could be used, they could renew it for a fee of thirty dollars. She actually had one this month that had expired, and she called the homeowner to let him know that his permit was about to expire so he could get renewed before it did expire. She told the board that she met with people from the farmer's market and the city. They are trying to get the new farmer's market area opened up, she said they were pleased with their meeting and that she answered the questions they asked her. She said the fair and Pioneer show all went well this year. Dr. Philips asked if we were sending out surveys, he said we need to keep sending them out since that was a part of PHAB.

## New Business

Dr. Philips reminded Dr. Steussy about the budget meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, and that they should get together before the meeting and discuss some things to go over before the meeting. He also asked who was going to go to the Leadership Symposium in October. The staff wasn't sure since they were running short on the budget. Dr. Philips said it would be discussed next meeting.

Next meeting- Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM