

Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer	Greg Pratt
Dr. Fred Philips- President	Bruce Levi
Tai Morrell, NP- Vice President	Carol Yager
Julie Newhouse- Attorney	Kendra Steible
Marge Amos, RN- Nursing Supervisor	
Sherry McKinney- Office Manager	

Guests

Terri Nigh- Environmentalist

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

Dr. Philips introduced the two new members of the board, Carol Yager and Kendra Steible. Carol is replacing Dr. Fenimore who retired from the board after 26 years. Kendra is replacing Dr. Morgan, who retired after five years of service on the board.

Last Meeting Follow-up

Dr. Philips asked if everyone had a chance to read through the February minutes and if there were any corrections needed? Bruce moved to accept the minutes. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The members went over the departmental reports. There were no corrections needed. Tai moved to accept the reports. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

New Business

Terri, the environmentalist, was at the meeting this month to explain to the board what her responsibilities, in her position, were. She told them she did the septic installation, starting with the permit all the way to the finish of the job, the food permits, and inspections. She told the board there were two types of food permits, profit, and nonprofit. Rush County has 16 nonprofit and 69 for profit permitted food establishments.

She then brought up changing the time the food permits are due. She has spoken with some of the establishments, and they do not have a problem with it. They are due in June, right at the time the septic installations are at its peak, and the County

Fair is in season with temporary food vendors. She thinks if she changes the date the permits are due, she will have more time for other needs during June. At present, the permits start and finish dates are July 1 thru June 30. She wants to change the dates to February 1 thru January 31.

She also discussed with the board about changing some of the wording on the septic application; the installer page was updated with a more complete detail listing of what is needed on their submittal plans. The board agreed on the suggested revisions with the food permits and the septic applications as presented with no vote necessary. Terri asked if anyone had any questions, and thanked them for their time.

Dr. Steussy told the board they needed to discuss the hiring of a part-time environmentalist. They were trying to decide which position they would be hiring, the food inspector or the septic systems. This person would be a contract person, and the money would come from the Local Health Maintenance Fund. They talked about hiring a certified IOWPA contractor to take some of the burdens off Terri. There was discussion back and forth on what the part-time person would do, the foods or the septic systems. They decided to write it up as a contracted position, preferably with food and septic experience, and salary would commensurate with experience, or pay so much per job. The total amount to get from the grant fund would be \$10,000.00.

Greg made a motion to start the process with a contract to hire an IOWPA certified person to do septic installation inspections at \$200.00 a job, which would come out of the Local Health Maintenance fund, payment would be when completed. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board needed to vote for a new vice president since Jamie has retired. Greg nominated Tai to be the new vice-president. Bruce seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Steussy informed the board that Lisa has taken a position at Anderson as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, but is still going to do her job here, but at home. She has also asked Marge to start coming to the monthly meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting is March 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m.