



Rush County Health Board Meeting

Date: October 16, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Russell Daugherty, Interim MD-Health Officer
Tai Morrell, FNP- Chairperson
Geoff Wesling- Attorney
Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Carol Yager – MT
Greg Pratt, RPh
Marge Amos, RN
Dixie Meyer, RN

Guests

Desmond Stevens- refused to sign in
Stephanie Stewart- refused to sign in

Jerry Stevens- refused to sign in

Called meeting to order at 7:09 P. M.

Stevens/Geise Update:

Desmond and Jerry Stevens told the board he was concerned about the effluent that was still running on their property from the Geise septic system. Tai said she thought Bruce Levi was supposed to speak with him concerning this. Tai said she would speak with Kim and get her thoughts on the situation. Mr. Stevens was wondering if there was a fine that could be charged against the Geis, until they got their situation under control. Geoff Wesling said he would check into it. Greg made a motion to write a letter to the Geise's regarding instructing them they were going to have to cap and pump and haul until a new septic system is put in, or the Health Board will go to the courts and file a motion with the Judge. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Guests:

Stephanie Stewart was at the meeting to complain to the board the amount of time it was taking to get a Septic Permit. The board explained that we were in the process of hiring a new environmentalist and things should be getting better. It's just that Kim is only available to help us only one day a week and in that day there are a lot of things that need to be taken care of. She is trying to do the best she can with the time that she has here. Things will be better once our new environmentalist starts her job. The board talked about the new environmentalist would do the permits and paperwork in the office, and the department would contract out an experienced installer/ inspector to complete the septic installation process. Carol made a motion to contract out an experienced septic installer/inspector to complete septic installation process. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

New Business:

We need to elect a new Vice Chairperson. Greg made a motion to make Kendra Steible the Vice Chairperson, contingent on her being at the next meeting and accepting the position. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The members are still looking for more people to fill the open positions on the board.

Tai told the board that the new Office Manager/Environmentalist would be starting on October 22, 2018, and that she would learn all aspects of the office and what everyone's job is. Kim would come on Wednesday's and

train her on septic systems. Tai will be speaking with the staff separately in a month to see how everyone is doing.

Kim told Tai about a house in Carthage that a person from Centerstone had called and complained about. She informed her that it has holes in the ceiling, no heat, they use space heaters, and animals are getting in the house. Kim was told they are feeding the raccoons like they are pets. The person from Centerstone has tried to explain the hazards in doing that, but they continue.

Financial Report:

Sherry told the board that she needed to transfer four thousand dollars from the Home Health Aide's account to the Professional Service account. Carol moved to approve the transfer of funds. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Sherry also told the board that she met with Lisa Harrison from the state concerning the Mocha Moose. There were a few things that needed to be fixed and she would approve them if the Health Officer would sign the permit form and Sherry and the new environmentalist would go down and recheck them.

Review of Minutes & Reports:

Greg moved to accept the September minutes. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. No changes needed on the departmental reports. Greg moved to accept the departmental reports. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Greg talked about the drug take back that was taking place on Saturday October the twentieth. They are hoping they have a lot of people.

Dixie gave an update on the Hep A situation at the jail. She told the board that there was one case and they came from another county. Marge has made arrangements with the state for them to come and give all the inmates Hep A Vaccinations.

Adjournment:

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:25 P.M.

Next meeting November 20, 2018 7:00 P.M.