
Rush County Board Meeting

Tuesday January 15, 2019 7 PM

Attendees

Russell Daugherty, MD- Health Officer
Tai Morrell, FNP Chairperson
Kendra Steible- Vice Chairperson
Geoff Wesling- Attorney
Julia Apple- Office Manager/EHS

Greg Pratt
Carol Yager
Dr. Jonathan LeSar- Guest
Dixie Meyer- Staff Nurse
Sherry McKinney-Clerical

Guests

Debbie Johnson- Home Health Aide

Joyce Darnell- Temporary Nurse

Jerri McCorkle- Rush County Community Foundation

Desmond Stevens

Jerry Stevens

Tai called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

Last Meeting Follow-up

Mr. Stevens was here to see what is happening with the Geise septic system. Julia informed them that she sent a letter out to the Geise residence on December 14, 2018. They have had the soils tested and Julia along with William from Shelbyville, went over the soils to make sure all the specs were done properly. Casey called her and asked when they could survey the property? She told him as soon as the weather breaks they can go out and do the survey. He stated he would be working on drawings for her.

Guests

Jerri , from the Rush County Community Foundation spoke to the board about the grant opportunity for Early Learning Coalition. The funds would provide help to parents of children between the ages of 0-5 with childcare. She told the board she will keep them updated on what was happening.

Old Business

Desmond wanted to know if there had been any progress on the Geise property. Julia told them that she had William from Shelbyville go over the specs to see if they were done properly. Julia said she had talked with Casey who is working on drawings and, she told him as soon as the weather clears up they will go and do a survey.

New Business

The board went over the November Minutes. There were a few errors that needed corrected. Greg moved to accept the November Minutes after the changes are made, Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.

Greg moved to accept the November departmental reports, Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.

Carol moved to accept the December departmental reports, Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.

There will be three new board members in February which will fill the vacancies from members who have resigned. Kendra moved to accept Rachel Clark as one of the new board members replacing Bruce Levi, Carol seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.


Dr. Daugherty will become the new Health Officer. Dr. Jonathan LaSar will be replacing Dr. Daugherty as a board member. Kendra moved to accept Dr. LaSar on the board, Carol seconded and the motion was carried.

Greg Pratt's term was up in December, he didn't want to renew his term so, Emily Ellis will be filling his position. Kendra moved to accept Emily to the board, Carol seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.

Tai spoke to the board about the nursing situation in the office. One of the nurse's has been out sick since November and the office is running on one nurse. One nurse has been seeing all the Home Health patients and trying to help keep the office running. Tai said Julia went to the Commissioner's to get permission to hire a temporary nurse part time for approximately an eight week period. They have agreed and hired Joyce Darnell to fill that position. She will be working around fourteen hours a week. Kendra made a motion to hire Joyce part time for approximately eight weeks, Carol seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.

The board also talked about contracting out a position for a Drug Rehab and Nursing Outreach position. They will talk more about it later. Tai asked Julia if she wanted to give her update.

Julia asked the board about the installer exam that the previous Environmentalist had started before she left. Julia wants to do away with it and just have the installers attend a yearly class on septic as well as register to install in Rush County for a fee. They would have to register yearly and they could be made aware if any of the rules have changed. Geoff stated if she wanted to do that she would have to draft an ordinance with the County. Julia also gave an update on what she had been working on during the month. There were a couple of septic situations she has dealt with and, Steve Allen from the state health department has been coming here to help her with food inspections. They went to the schools and did their inspections. He has been coming about every week to help her with the first time inspections.



Alice from the state has been coming down weekly to help Julia learn more about septic systems along with the Environmentalist from Shelbyville. Julia also informed the board that she would be attending the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) meetings along with the Commissioner and Council meetings. She asked the board if they wanted her to go through the Vector Control training, and also wanted to check into a program to take insurance for adult and children vaccines. They thought we would have to get a program to get it set up. This will be revisited later.

Greg spoke about some grant opportunities and an HPV program they are having at the Laughlin Center on February 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM. There will be a video and they will have five women there speaking about their journey. It is to raise awareness about HPV and how important it is to get their shots.

Tai asked if there was anything that needed to be discussed about the Finances and Sherry told her she just needed some papers signed.

Carol moved to adjourn the meeting, Greg seconded. All members voted to accept and the motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM