

MINUTES

March 25, 2024 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Dr. Hoeksema
Dr. Pearson
Brandy Poling
Sarah Seward

Members Absent

Dr. Bragg
Kathy Glickfield
Dr. Ihrke

Health Department Staff Present

Dr. Woods
Jeff Couch
Beverly Penrod
Josh Keller
Tara Street

Meeting called to order at 5:06pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the February 26th Health Board Meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Division Reports

Division Reports were briefly discussed and unanimously accepted into record as submitted.

Health Officer Comments

Dr. Woods provided information regarding the challenges and delays in implementing MOU's for HFI funds.

Old Business

- a) On-Site Septic Ordinance – Jeff Couch presented the proposed On-Site Septic Ordinance stating the major changes include removal of the bond & insurance requirement for installers, the addition of holding tank regulations, exemptions for clay soils and soil pits. The 2-acre lot size requirement was questioned, discussed and reverted to a 1-acre requirement. Sarah Seward motioned to approve the Ordinance with the 1-acre amendment, 2nd by Brandy Poling, unanimous consensus. Ordinance will be forwarded to the Commissioners for adoption then forwarded to IDOH TRP.
- b) Tattoo/Body Piercing Ordinance – Ordinance was revisited to amend the Indiana codes cited in Section D. Discussion was held around adding language requiring operators to assure artists were not impaired while providing services, it was decided enforcement would be too challenging. Dr. Hoeksema motioned to approve the ordinance as submitted, 2nd by Poling, unanimous yeas. Ordinance will move to Commissioners for adoption.
- c) Fee Ordinance – Ordinance was revisited to add “In accordance with IC 16-20-1-27” in the preamble of the proposed Grant County Fee Ordinance. Seward motioned to approve the ordinance as written, 2nd by Poling, unanimous approval. Ordinance will move to Commissioners for adoption.

New Business

- a) Introduction of New Employees – Previously part-time, moved to full time nurse Beverly Penrod and new hire EHS Josh Keller were introduced to the board.
- b) 2025 Budget – the proposed 2025 budget was discussed. The requested Nurse Health Educator position will be changed to Health Educator as a nursing degree will not be required. Dr. Hoeksema motioned to approve the budget, with the correction, 2nd by Seward, board unanimously approved. Proposed budget will move to IDOH and Grant County Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm

Next regular meeting May 28, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street