



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, February 14, 2024. President Varian called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Dr. Varian, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Director of Environmental Health Matt Stonerock, Director of Nursing Lee Watts, Director of Community Health Megan Bailey, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present were Health Educator Mollie Grubbs and Environmental Health Clerical Specialist Faith Hoffer. The guest present was reporter Mandy Loehr of the *Bellefontaine Examiner*.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD REORGANIZATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This being the second meeting of 2024, the Board proceeded to reorganize.

Mrs. Watkins moved that Dr. Varian be re-elected board president, seconded by Mrs. Oldiges. Mrs. Smith moved the nominations to be closed, seconded by Mrs. Oldiges. Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Nays: none. Motion carried. Dr. Varian was elected President of the Board.

Mrs. Smith moved that Mrs. Watkins be re-elected board vice president, seconded by Mrs. Oldiges. Mrs. Smith then moved the nominations to be closed, seconded by Mrs. Oldiges. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mrs. Watkins was elected Vice President of the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- January's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- December's financial reports;
- routine bookkeeping matters;
- Arie Pequignot and Amanda Harshfield changing from Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training (pay grade 20) to Registered Environmental Health Specialist (pay grade 35);
- personnel separation with Director of Nursing Debra Gilmore effective January 26, 2024;
- personnel hired: intermittent part-time Outreach Specialist Gavin Ruzicka effective January 16, 2024, Director of Nursing Lee Watts effective February 5, 2024, Environmental Health Clerical Specialist Faith Hoffer effective February 12, 2024, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator effective February 20, 2024; and
- 2023 financial statements are completed and will be posted on our website and available at the front desk for review by the public.

It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board approves all consent agenda items. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION

Board members were asked to report to Christina any completion of education posted online. All Board members are required to complete two hours of education every year.

IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Three of the newest hired employees were introduced to the Board: Mollie Grubbs, Faith Hoffer, and Lee Watts. All three were warmly welcomed by the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Registered Environmental Health Specialist Arie Pequignot completed and passed his yearly evaluation.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW VARIANCE***Kenneth Flohre Jr., 7747 Park Dr. Russells Point***

Mr. Kenneth Flohre Jr. requests a variance at the same address from OAC 3701-28-07 (G) to drill a new well that will be five feet (5') from the road utility easement when ten (10') feet is required and ten feet (10') from the edge of the road when twenty-five feet (25') is required. OAC 3701-28-07 (J) Table 1:1 to drill a new well that will be five feet (5') from the property line when ten feet (10') is required. OAC 3701-28-07 (H) to drill a new well that will be zero feet (0') from the edge of any private driveway or parking lot when five feet (5') is required. Registered Environmental Health Specialist Amanda Harshfield recommends approval because there is no other location on the small lot that will not be closer than five feet to the road utility easement, ten feet to the edge of the road, five feet to the property line, and zero feet to the private driveway or parking lot. Mrs. Harshfield also recommends that the proposed new well location be required to have a barricade placed on all sides to prevent cars from hitting it. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the variance request with the stipulation that a barricade be placed on all sides of the new well to protect it. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT

Director of Nursing Lee Watts presented the December 2023 Logan County communicable disease case rates and the current COVID-19 statistics. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.) Ms. Watts reported that staff are going to hold a flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic for residents of Campbell House on March 6, 2024. Nursing staff are being re-educated by the GSK and Merck vaccine company representatives as vaccines are being added to the routine vaccination clinics.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported the Super Bowl outreach on social media had a total reach of 1,523 with 101 interactions! The top five social media reach in January 2024 were the free lung cancer screening, disappointment with the Ohio Senate on allowing flavored tobacco in Ohio, the 2024 winter walking program, and two of the "You'll Thank You" campaigns for the National Tobacco Quitline. Mrs. Bailey also reported on the Narcan distribution, Tobacco Quitline screenings and referrals, the number of safe sex kits distributed, and health fairs attended. (see Notes to the Minutes for Stats).

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- Mr. Irvan explained that he and Megan Bailey are attending the Harwood Trainings with other community organizations/groups. This is a two-year project for Logan County that is funded by Honda of America and organized by United Way. This training stems from Honda of America's most recent community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP).
- Mr. Irvan was appointed to the Board of Directors for the International Outbreak Museum in Oregon.
- Mr. Irvan and Matt Stonerock met with the Old Order Amish and Assistant Prosecutor Breanne Parcels to discuss the sewage operation and maintenance program to determine a path forward that everyone can accept.
- The Environmental staff are working with Assistant Prosecutor Breanne Parcels to assist townships with nuisance properties that are delinquent on taxes. Hopefully, properties will start being fixed and/or improved.
- The District Advisory Council meeting is set for Ohio Hi-Point Career Center at 6:00 pm on March 21, 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SIMON KENTON PATHFINDERS TRAIL – RESOLUTION 2024-02

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan presented Resolution 2024-02 for the Simon Kenton Pathfinders trail which is showing support for maintenance and improving the trail. The resolution does not commit the Logan County Health District to any monetary obligation.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST AND/OR THE ONE-TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (OTSCIF) REQUEST FOR THE URBANA-BELLEFONTAINE CONNECTOR OF THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL: TO PAVE A FINAL COURSE OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT; PERFORM WORK TO RESOLVE GEOMETRIC AND DRAINAGE ISSUES; AND, ADD BIKE PATH RAILING WHERE WARRANTED BY THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders—a 501(c)(3) non-profit—was founded in 1997 to develop a shared-use trail; and,

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board of County Commissioners and the Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to develop the first 2.5 mile section of the Simon Kenton Trail between State Route 55 and Woodburn Road south of Urbana with this section being officially opened to the public on July 1, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, between 2002-2004, community partnerships between the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, Champaign County Board of County Commissioners, Clark County Board of County Commissioners, National Trails Park and Recreation District, City of Springfield, City of Urbana, West Central Ohio Port Authority, and Clark County Transportation Coordinating Committee resulted in the completion of the Simon Kenton Trail from Springfield through Urbana; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana received funds to renovate the Urbana Depot in 2005 and completed the project including restoration, repair, new restrooms, landscaping, sidewalks, and street lights in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana and Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to complete Phase 1 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail as an asphalt path from the Urbana Depot on Miami Street to the northern corporation limits of Urbana and it officially opened to the public on June 3, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bellefontaine and the Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to develop Phase 2 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail from the northern corporation limits of Urbana to Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine; and,

WHEREAS, the sixteen (16) miles of trail were constructed as a crushed aggregate surface in order to connect the two communities together sooner and this Phase 2 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector opened to the public in the Spring of 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed a 2.13 mile section of the trail from the end of the present asphalt pavement (Urbana corporation line) north to State Route 296 in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed a 2.30 mile section of the trail south from Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine to Township Road 199 and the parking lot at Carter Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed the final 5.22 miles from Township Road 199 to the Logan/Champaign county line, the West Liberty parking lot and ramp access to the trail, and the remaining 6.23 miles from State Route 296 to the Champaign/Logan county line; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Trail is part of the State Bike Route System (Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana-Springfield-Yellow Springs-Xenia) and continues to Cincinnati; and,

WHEREAS, residents and visitors to Ohio should be able to ride their bike from the highest point in Ohio at Campbell Hill near Bellefontaine (1,549' above sea level) to the lowest point in Ohio at the Ohio River near Cincinnati in Hamilton County (455' above sea level); and,

WHEREAS, the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUC) commissioned a technical memorandum to evaluate a feasible alternative to replace the chipped/sealed Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector with hot-mix asphalt including profile analysis to identify any geometric or drainage issues, earthwork and erosion repair, and need(s) for bike path railing; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, several communities along the Simon Kenton Trail, and several other organizations desire to see this final course of hot-mix asphalt, resolution of geometric and drainage issues, and addition of bike path railing applied to make this section of trail more usable for all types of bicycles which will result in increased usage and tourism; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Logan County Commissioners is willing to pursue funding through a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this entity supports the application by the Board of Logan County Commissioners for a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail to pave a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, and add bike path railing where warranted by the technical memorandum; and,

SECTION 2: That this entity supports the continued efforts of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders to work collaboratively to develop the trail system within the local community; and,

SECTION 3: That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from this entity.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to accept resolution 2024-02 in support of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders trail.

Roll being called upon its adoption, the vote is as follows: Mrs. Watkins-aye, Mrs. Smith-aye, and Mrs. Oldiges-aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Confirming the next regular meeting for March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Grant adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. without opposition.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary