



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, April 13, 2022. President Harrison called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Mr. Harrison, Dr. Varian, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Wish. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Deputy Health Commissioner Donna Peachey, Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith, Director of Nursing Kelly Reaver, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present was Medical Director Dr. Nicholas Morton. Guests present were David Ellis and Erin Seward, along with reporter Mandy Loehr of the *Bellefontaine Examiner* and Scott Humphrey of *WPKO/WBLL Radio*.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Board President Bob Harrison introduced the new Board member Kristen Wish. She was elected at the DAC meeting on March 24, 2022. Mrs. Wish gave a small introduction about herself, and all Board members welcomed her.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF BOARD ELECTION OF OFFICER**

Since Mrs. Price was the vice president and she is no longer on the Board, the Board proceeded to elect a vice president. Mrs. Watkins moved that Dr. Varian be elected board vice president, seconded by Mrs. Collins. Mrs. Collins moved the nominations to be closed, seconded by Mrs. Watkins. Ayes: Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried. Dr. Varian was elected as Vice President of the Board.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan explained that today's agenda has many of the normal administrative matters listed under the consent agenda title. Mr. Irvan explained that staff is working to simplify routine matters that are presented monthly to the Board but do not require extensive discussion. If the Board would like to have an item removed from the consent agenda or if the Board would like more details on an item, they may request more information or request the removal of any item(s). The items on the consent agenda this month are March's Board minutes with one correction noted, monthly bill vouchers, February's financial reports, monthly bookkeeping matters, revised cell phone policy, and the janitorial renewal contract. It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Watkins that the Board approves all consent agenda items. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Watkins, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

#### **IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, newly hired staff were not brought into the Board meetings for introductions. Administration would like to bring the "newly" hired staff to Board meetings so that staff can see how a Board meeting is run along with allowing Board members to meet the staff. The new Medical Director Dr. Nicholas Morton was introduced to the Board. Board members welcomed Dr. Morton.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION**

The segment *Council of Governments (COG)* by Anne Goon, MS, RD, LD, Health Commissioner at Henry County Health District and Natalie Lupi, Executive Director at Mid-Eastern Ohio Regional Council of Government (MEORC) was emailed to Board members to watch. Once completed, the Board members were asked to sign the education log for record-keeping.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM**

No one was present for the public forum portion of the meeting.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE**

The Environmental Health Division has received applications and payments for all late food facility license renewals.

**IN THE MATTER OF NUISANCE UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*****Lawrence Fry, 828 Victoria Dr., #A6, Cape Coral, Florida***

Mr. Fry is the owner of 11,106 Cherokee Drive, Lakeview, which is being purchased on land contract by Tim and Teri Hull. The property contains the remains of a house, garage, and vehicles that burned in early November 2021, and has a swimming pool of polluted water. An investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office was just recently completed. A 30-day Board of Health order was mailed certified requiring the removal of all solid wastes to a licensed solid waste disposal facility. Mr. Fry responded that he is under contract with a company to clean up the property by the third week of February. A reinspection on February 2, 2022, revealed some progress so another follow-up inspection was conducted and confirmed that all but the hardscape and an inground pool had been removed. A reinforcing Environmental Order was mailed to the Hulls to correct the nuisance of the stagnant pool water by April 18, 2022.

***Brian K. Hall, 117 W. Auburn Ave., Bellefontaine***

Mr. Hall has a dilapidated, cinder block garage with broken windows and doors and a separated northwest corner. A truck parked in front of the garage also contains a mattress and cats have been observed entering the structure. A 30-day Board of Health order was mailed certified. A re-inspection after December 18, 2021, revealed no change so the violation of the Board of Health order was filed in Municipal Court. An Execution of Sentence date was set by the court for March 8, 2022, and work has been observed in removing the structure's contents into dumpsters. The contents have been removed but the damaged structure remains, so Municipal Court agreed to allow the owner to contract with the Bellefontaine Code Enforcement Officer to arrange to have the structure removed.

***William Miller, owner of 3601 Bruce Street (off CR 29), Bellefontaine***

Mr. Miller's property was inspected on January 18, 2022, by Jenni Mitchell, EHSIT. Ms. Mitchell observed an accumulation of demolition debris and solid waste, so an Environmental Order was issued the same day. A follow-up inspection on March 1, 2022, revealed that debris and solid wastes were still present. A 7-day Board of Health order was mailed certified. A reinspection revealed no change. The violation of the Board of Health order is being prepared to be filed in Municipal Court.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW NUISANCES*****Brenda Vicory, 11351 Big Bear Path, Chippewa Park, Lakeview***

Ms. Vicory is the owner of a neighboring property on Tecumseh Path, Lakeview, (Parcel No. 43-005-14-17-011-000), which was inspected on March 7, 2022, by Arie Pequignot, EHSIT, who observed solid waste and aluminum cans in the front yard and a large pile of solid waste along with aluminum cans in the rear yard. An Environmental Order was issued the same day. A follow-up inspection on April 5, 2022, revealed no change. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Dr. Varian to declare that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to correct the violation by removing all solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility within seven (7) days of receipt of the order. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Dr. Varian, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW VARIANCES*****Jeremy Altick, 4960 CR 61, Lewistown***

Mr. Altick requests a variance from OAC 3701-29-06 (G) (3) for a septic tank replacement for a tank that is undersized at only 1000 gallons, situated partially under the home's foundation, and has had its center lid collapse. The replacement septic tank will be closer than the required ten (10) feet to the property line at around five (5) feet due to the lot having been split off at an earlier time. It was moved by Dr. Varian and seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve the variance request since the tank will now be appropriately sized and remain on the property which borders a farm field. Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Collins, and Dr. Varian. Nays: none. Motion carried.

***Stephen B. Smith, 230 SR 720, Lakeview***

Mr. Smith owns property at 11-A Private Drive, Artist Island, just east of Russells Point, for which he is requesting well variances of OAC 371-28-07 (H), (J) (1), and (J) (16), for five (5) feet to a driveway, ten (10) feet to a lot line and 25 feet to a permanent body of water (Indian Lake), respectively. The location is at the far end of a graveled parking area, ten (10) feet to Indian Lake and 7'8" to a lot line. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve the well variance since any location would require the same variances but this location is the furthest from the street, although a barrier is needed to protect from vehicle parking. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

***Charles Kerns, 4935 CR 39, Huntsville***

Mr. Kerns requests a well variance from OAC 3701-28-07 (D) and (J) (21), for four (4) feet to a building (storage barn) and eleven (11) feet to two propane tanks, when ten (10) feet and 20 feet are required, respectively. It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Wish to approve the well variance since raising the top of the existing well to above the surface of the ground and properly abandoning the older and open well in the pit will satisfactorily protect the aquifer without having to drill an entirely new well. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Wish, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

***David E. Ellis, agent for the owner Ryan Seward, 7916 SR 559, Zanesfield***

Mr. Ellis requests a variance from OAC 3701-29-06 (D) for the placement of a manufactured home on the property and to connect it to the existing dwelling's home sewage treatment system (HSTS) for the property owner Ryan Seward's ailing mother-in-law. Erin Seward, Ryan's wife, attended the meeting. It was moved by Dr. Varian and seconded by Mrs. Watkins to approve the HSTS variance since a precedent exists for such an arrangement with the requirement that an annual inspection is conducted to determine whether the variance should be continued and to assure that no sewage nuisance condition has been created. When the original inhabitant vacates the manufactured home, it would be required to be removed from the premises. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Watkins, and Dr. Varian. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) PROGRAM UPDATE**

A recent table is provided of the updated township results for the Sewage O&M Program. The first mailing for the combined townships of Richland and Washington was sent on March 8, 2022. On March 16, 2022, the third and final mailing went out for the combined townships of Miami and Pleasant Townships. The first mailing for Jefferson Township is scheduled for June 3, 2022. (see Notes to Minutes)

**IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT**

Director of Nursing Kelly Reaver brought the Board up to date on various activities of the nursing division. Mrs. Reaver presented the February 2022 Logan County communicable disease case rates and the nursing service contact rates. (See Notes to Minutes for Stats)

**IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan explained to the Board members that Environmental Health Specialist In-Training Arie Pequignot was nominated as April's Employee of the Month. Mr. Pequignot was recognized for the honor and respect he brings every day to the Logan County Health District through his dedicated and positive work ethic, for his instructive, friendly, and cordial demeanor with the public and staff, and for putting Logan County on the map with his scholarly success in becoming a published author in the Ohio Journal of Environmental Health. The Board expressed their appreciation of the employees' work for the Health District.

Mr. Irvan updated the Board on several matters. Logan County has moved up in rankings over the past five years from 41 to 87 in harm reduction. (Higher is better. Rank 88 would be the healthiest County in Ohio.) Medical Director Dr. Nicholas Morton was introduced to the Board members. The Health District applied and received approval for a Building Workforce Capacity of Rural and Frontier Local Health Departments to Respond to Covid-19 Projects grant through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in the amount of \$35,000.00. Mr. Irvan is working with the township and municipality officials to determine when to have a special District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting to discuss updating the by-laws and to schedule the 2023 meeting date. Mr. Irvan thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the recent training in Atlanta. He stated that it was a great experience for information and networking.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION-HEALTH COMMISSIONER SIX MONTH EVALUATION**

It was moved by Dr. Varian and seconded by Mrs. Watkins to enter an executive session at 1:53 p.m. to discuss Health Commissioner Travis Irvan's six-month evaluation. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Watkins, and Dr. Varian. Nays: none. Motion carried. The executive session ended at 2:24 p.m. with no action required.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Confirming the next regular meeting for May 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Harrison adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. without opposition.