



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, September 13, 2023. President Dr. 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. Collins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Director of Community Health Megan Bailey, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present was Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training Jennifer Mitchell. The guest present was reporter Mandy Loehr of the *Bellefontaine Examiner*.

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

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- August's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- July's financial reports;
- routine bookkeeping matters;
- independent audit report for 2021 and 2022; and
- personnel policy updates.

It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges that the Board approves all consent agenda items with a correction to the August minutes for Mrs. Watkins attendance at roll call. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Oldiges, 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 educations posted on-line.

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

No one was present for the public forum.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NUISANCES**

##### ***Jason Horne, 1598 TR 37 W., Huntsville***

Mr. Horne's property at 1598 TR 37 W. Huntsville, is discharging sewage wastewater over to the side of the property that is creating a foul sewage odor and sewage ponding on top of the ground. On May 4, 2023, Arie Pequignot, EHSIT, investigated and found a wet spot where sewage wastewater was collecting on the side of the neighboring property where it is discharging off lot. On May 11, 2023, EHSIT Pequignot took two water samples at the failed septic system site and found both samples to be positive for e-coli. On July 3, 2023, a letter was mailed to Jason Horne that his septic system is in a state of failure and to start the process for a new septic system before August 5, 2023. EHSIT Pequignot completed a follow-up inspection on August 29, 2023, which revealed no compliance. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Smith to declare that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to correct the violation by installing an approved new septic system that meets all the OAC 3701-29 requirements within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Board of Health order. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

##### ***Eugene M Herford Sr., PO Box 244, Quincy***

Mr. Herford's property at parcel # 27-115-16-06-003-000 Quincy (110 Carlisle St., Quincy) has people living in a shed that was placed on the property. The shed does not have the Village of Quincy approved sewer or water connection. On July 26, 2023, Jenni Mitchell, EHSIT, investigated and found the shed to be lived in. On July 26, 2023, Jenni Mitchell, EHSIT, mailed a Notice of Violation order to the owner to vacate the shed on or before August 5, 2023. On September 5, 2023, Director of Environmental Health Mathew Stonerock spoke to Mike Weber, Village of Quincy council member, and he stated the shed is still being lived in and has trash (solid waste) sitting beside it. On September 6, 2023, Arie Pequignot, EHSIT, and Jenni Mitchell, EHSIT, reinspected and observed a male inside the shed. Pequignot and Mitchell also observed a couple of piles of solid waste beside the shed. It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to declare that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to vacate the shed within fourteen (14) days and to remove all solid waste from the premises to a

licensed solid waste facility within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Board of Health order. Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Oldiges, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF VARIANCES**

***Susan O'Malley, 11224 Houser Dr., Lakeview***

Ms. O'Malley requests a new well variance for a replacement well to be only nine feet four inches (9'4") from the house foundation when ten (10) feet is required OAC 3701-28-07(D) and the replacement well to be only seven (7') feet from the lot line when ten (10) feet is required OAC 3701-28-07(J). It was moved by Mrs. Oldiges and seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the variance because the new well location is the only place where the well can be feasibly placed on the property with the least amount of possible contamination. Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT**

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan presented the July 2023 Logan County communicable disease case rates and the quick summary of viral meningitis cases. (See Notes to Minutes for Stats) Mr. Irvan reported that the FDA has approved the new covid vaccine. The current bi-valent vaccine is no longer allowed to be given, so covid clinics are now paused until the new covid vaccine is received. Mr. Irvan stated that the Health District is still recruiting for a registered nurse and the Director of Nursing positions.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES**

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported on the August health education opportunities and the Facebook postings (see Notes to the Minutes for Stats). Mrs. Bailey reported that re-accreditation is 96% completed. Also, the Health District is partnering with Union County for a Falls Prevention grant. Community Health has posted two unpaid intern positions.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2024 BUDGET**

Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage reported that the 2024 budget is due to the County Auditor by October 6, but the Board doesn't meet until October 11. The turned-in budget will be ready for Board review at the October Board meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NEW SOFTWARE**

It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve Environmental Health to purchase new software from Iworq. Ayes: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- A \$1,000.00 grant from United Way was applied for so the Newborn Baby Visit Program could provide pack-and-plays to families without a safe sleeping place for their baby.
- Overdose and suicide prevention coalitions combined into one meeting that will meet twice a year.
- October 9, 2023, will be the staff annual training day, so the office will be closed to the public.
- OSU will be providing \$10 rabies vaccinations on October 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 p.m. at the Logan County Fairgrounds.
- There have not been any problems or concerns with the office being closed on Fridays.
- Logan County Solid Waste Management District is possibly interested in partnering with the Health District for a health educator.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Confirming the next regular meeting for October 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Dr. Varian adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. without opposition.

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Dr. Grant Varian, President

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Travis Irvan, Secretary