

**BOARD OF HEALTH
March 4th, 2025**

Board chairperson, Judi Nigbor called the Board of Health meeting to order at 9:01am. The following members were present. Judi Nigbor, Dave Benson, Dr. William Franks, Gary Sorenson, Mike Raddatz, Barb Jordan, and Jan Mink. Also, present were Jayme Sopha, Health Officer/Director, Ron Barger, County Administrator, Dan Buchholz, Director MIS, and Melissa Hodges, Public Health Technician. Additional County Board members in attendance: Margaret Krause, Ken Borzick, Chuck Bornhoeft

Members Absent: Kathleen McGwin

Motion by Dave Benson, seconded by Mike Raddatz to approve the agenda as posted and handed out. Motion carried.

No additions or corrections to the minutes of February 4th, 2025, Board of Health meeting. The minutes will be filed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**COUNTY CONCERNS**

A written report for the month of February was presented by Jayme Sopha. The month of February included the following contacts: 3 contacts-rabies program, 3 quarantine orders, 2 released from quarantine. Staff exposure at a primate center while treatment was being administered. 0 well water tests, and 0 lead contacts. 5 housing contacts regarding living conditions without water and a heating system, mold, and garbage on a property.

AGENT STATUS PROGRAM UPDATE

The month of February included 14 Marquette County inspections, 2 re-inspections, and 1 pre inspection. There was 1 Waushara County pre inspection, and 1 Green Lake County inspection. Six trainings were attended.

OLD BUSINESS**REHA PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Jayme discussed that Environmental Health, TNC and FSRL are all mandated programs by the State. Went over what the programs are, the options that are available for the programs to be done either by the State or by the counties themselves. Marquette County for the past 25 years have been part of the Tri-County Consortium which included Green Lake County, Waushara County, and Marquette County. In December 2024, the Board of Health voted to withdraw from the Tri-County Consortium and provide these services locally. In January, the Green Lake County Board voted to join us. Moving forward, Marquette County will be the fiscal agent for the Rural Environmental Health Alliance (REHA).

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FOOD SAFETY & RECREATIONAL LICENSING ORDINANCE

Jayne presented the Food Safety & Recreational licensing ordinance with all the changes that have been made with the help of Corp Counsel and DATCP. The changes ranged from removing redundant language/definitions, updating ordinances to reflect the new consortium and fiscal agency, and minor grammatical changes.

Motion by Mike Raddatz, seconded by Gary Sorenson to approve the Food Safety & Recreational Licensing Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF REHA BUDGET/FEE SCHEDULE

Jayne presented the budget proposal for the board which includes: Revenue, Expenses, and Salary Breakdown. It also included the TNC Program with start up costs, with the potential of some funding to help support the start up costs from Green Lake County and Land & Water.

Motion by Mike Raddatz, seconded by Gary Sorenson to approve the REHA Budget/Fee Schedule.

APPROVAL OF REHA MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION/STAFFING MODEL

Jayne discussed what the job duties would include for the manager and inspector positions. The proposed timeline for onboarding staff includes: hiring manager to start by June 1st, hiring an inspector by July 1st, then waiting to hire the 2nd inspector until a few months later.

Jayne reminded the board that these are not new positions; they were just housed within a partner agency. When the program funding is transferred to us, the necessary positions will need to be as well.

Motion by Mike Raddatz, seconded by Gary Sorenson to approve the REHA Manager Job Description/Staffing Model.

BUDGET

BUDGET REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION – No budget report from Administration.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT BILLS – A voucher of expenses for the month of February 2025, was provided for the Board of Health members to review.

UPCOMING EVENTS / ISSUES (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Discussion about Medicare and Telehealth, and the anticipated changes to its availability. If the COVID era waiver is allowed to expire, telehealth services would only be available patients if they traveled to a medical facility. Discussed the possibility of a future resolution supporting extension of the waiver, to be brought to County Board through Board of Health.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by chairperson, Judi Nigbor at 11:14am

Next Board of Health Meeting:
Tuesday April 1st, 2025 @ 9:00am

Minutes submitted by Melissa Hodges