

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Board of Health Meeting

April 22, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Members Present

Joel Berg	P
Terry Hoffert	P
Doris Griffin	B
Elonda Nord	R
Tammy Kuk	B
James Allmaras	E
Glenda Collier	E

Staff & Others Present

Denton Heisler, Administrator
Wendy Frelich, RN, DON, Ramsey County
Sheri Bertsch, Finance Manager
Charlotte Rardon, Claims Billings Specialist
Candace Berg, EH Director
Tammie Roed, RN PHN
Lori Lippert, WIC Dietitian

Members Absent

Dr. Derek Wayman MD
Blaine Volk R

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Tammy Kuk.

The Board Minutes were discussed and reviewed a motion was made by Doris Griffin to approve the minutes of the January 28th, 2025, Board of Health meeting. Second to the motion by Glenda Collier. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

The Quarterly Newsletter was discussed and reviewed.

Quarterly financial reports discussed and reviewed. Denton explained that the financial reports will be consolidated into a single report, as Family Planning has closed and WIC can be easily separated upon request. The Board members' questions were discussed and answered. Terry Hoffert made a motion to approve the quarterly financial statements as presented. Second to the motion by Glenda Collier. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Bills were discussed and questions answered for the quarter. Motion made by Glenda Collier to accept the bills for the quarter. Second to the motion by Terry Hoffert. Roll call vote taken. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Old Business: Denton brought up the Zink appeal. The court upheld the Board's decision to deny the permit. Zink has 30 days from the decision date to appeal to the North Dakota Supreme Court. Any further inquiries would be referred to legal counsel. Denton answered a

question as to what happens if he applies for a permit again and it is denied resulting in another appeal, the Board may seek legal fees due to unchanged circumstances.

New Business: Denton informed the Board that the Health Unit was fully staffed until a recent resignation from the Alcohol Prevention Position, which is now open. Several applicants have already applied, and the position is expected to be filled soon.

Other: Board members reviewed Candace's Environmental Health report, which details the department's activities. Terry Hoffert said it is very educational but is it worth the time it requires to complete the report. Denton explained there is confusion and lack of transparency regarding allocation of state environmental health funds among counties. The distribution appears arbitrary, with no clear formula provided by the state. This has led to perceptions of inequity among counties. Denton explained that the three counties not included in our Health Unit have asked for more details on Candaces activities, which could be done in a compressed document.

Denton informed the Board of the next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 14th, 2025, in the Ramsey County Armory. This time will coincide with the County Commission's budget meeting the following day.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Treasurer _____ Date _____