

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Board of Health Meeting

January 24, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Members Present

Dr. Derek Wayman MD
Mike Christenson P
Elonda Nord R
Blaine Volk R
Tammy Kuk B
Glenda Collier E
Terry Hoffert P

Staff & Others Present

Ashley Peterson, Administrator
Sheri Bertsch, Finance Manager
Wendy Frelich, RN, DON, Ramsey County
Lexi Nelson, EPR Coordinator
Jeff Kenner

Members Absent

Doris Griffin B
James Allmaras E

The meeting was called to order by Administrator, Ashley Peterson.

Ashley Peterson had the new Board member; Tammy Kuk introduce herself to the Board.

Discussion was held on the officers for the Board of Health for the coming year. Blaine Volk was nominated to be Chairman by Glenda Collier. Terry Hoffert ceased nominations. Second to the motion to cease nominations by Dr. Derek Wayman. Motion was made by Glenda Collier for Blaine Volk to be Chairman. Second to the motion by Mike Christenson. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried. Mike Christenson was nominated to be Vice Chairman by Terry Hoffert. Dr. Derek Wayman ceased nominations. Second to the motion to cease nominations by Glenda Collier. Motion was made by Terry Hoffert for Mike Christenson to be Vice Chairman. Second to the motion by Glenda Collier. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried. Elonda Nord was nominated to be Secretary/Treasurer by Mike Christenson. Dr. Derek Wayman ceased nominations. Second to the motion to cease nominations by Terry Hoffert. Motion was made by Mike Christenson for Elonda Nord to be Secretary/Treasurer. Second to the motion by Terry Hoffert. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried. The officers for 2023 will be Blaine Volk as Chairman, Mike Christenson as Vice Chairman, and Elonda Nord as Secretary/Treasurer. Blaine Volk took over the meeting as Chairman.

Motion was made by Terry Hoffert to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022, Board of Health meeting. Second to the motion by Glenda Collier. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Newsletter was reviewed and discussed.

Quarterly financial reports were reviewed. Board members' questions were discussed and answered. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the quarterly financial statements as presented. Second to the motion by Dr. Derek Wayman. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Bills were discussed for the quarter. Motion made by Dr. Derek Wayman to accept the bills for the quarter. Second to the motion by Glenda Collier. Roll call vote taken. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Old Business: Ashley updated the Board regarding selling the company vehicle.

Ashley discussed the changes to the dress code, vehicle use and employee health policies being proposed to the Board for approval. Board members' questions and concerns were discussed and answered. Motion was made by Tammy Kuk to approve the changes to all proposed policies. Second to the motion by Glenda Collier. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Other: Jeff Kenner discussed his concerns regarding the safety of covid vaccinations. Jeff informed the Board of the various individuals/family/friends that have either passed away or had serious side effects shortly after receiving a covid vaccination. Jeff inquired as to the Board's thoughts regarding covid vaccinations and the side effects of receiving the vaccine. Glenda Collier stated that there are numerous bills in legislation regarding vaccines. Blaine Volk mentioned that legislation is looking into the safety of the vaccine. Tammy Kuk stated that she believes Jeff is more concerned with the promoting of the covid vaccine or telling individuals they need to take the shots and boosters. Jeff agreed that this is his concern. Terry Hoffert mentioned that legislation is working on preventing businesses and individuals from enforcing the vaccine on people. Ashley stated that she would not tell anyone they had to take a covid or flu shot, she just wants people to know that it's available if they want one. Jeff stated his concern with Annette Groves speaking on the radio and stating the covid vaccine is absolutely safe. Blaine Volk mentioned that to stop the promotion of the covid vaccine would depend greatly on the CDC. Further discussion was held.

New Business: The 2022 final budget was discussed. Revenue is \$2,369,084.23 and expenses are \$2,451,298.01. Glenda Collier moved to amend the 2022 budget to \$2,369,084.23 for revenue and \$2,451,298.01 for expenses. Second to the motion by Elonda Nord. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Investment authorization was discussed. Terry Hoffert moved to have Ashley Peterson, Sheri Bertsch and Elonda Nord as having investment authorization. Second to the motion by Dr. Derek Wayman. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Designation of Depository. The motion was made by Mike Christenson to continue to use the same Designation of Depositories that we are currently using and upon their renewal, move them if we get a better interest rate elsewhere. Second to the motion by Elonda Nord. All members voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Pledge of Securities was received and reviewed by the Board of Health. Motion was made by Glenda Collier to accept the current Pledge of Securities from Western State Bank. Second to the motion by Elonda Nord. All members voting “Aye”. Motion carried.

Ashley Peterson informed the Board that Annette Groves will be retiring as of March 1, 2023 and she is taking leave up to her retirement. Ashley stated that Wendy Frelich is the interim Director of Nursing. Wendy introduced herself to the Board.

Other: Ashley discussed the possibility of the Health Unit being able to have Christmas Eve off as a holiday from now on, like the courthouse. The motion was made by Tammy Kuk to follow the same policy as the Ramsey County Courthouse. Blaine Volk mentioned that he is not exactly sure how Ramsey Counties policy is written. Blaine Volk and Glenda Collier stated they feel it should be tabled until they know exactly how the County’s policy is written and the Health Unit should work with Human Resources to make sure they get the correct verbiage. Motion failed due to a lack of a second and further investigation into how the policy is written.

Elonda Nord discussed her concern regarding the previous conversation about the covid vaccine. Elonda stated, what about how many that didn’t die from being vaccinated and how can you prove that they passed away or the serious side effects were from the shot. It was stated that’s the issue for legislation and the problem is they forced the shot. Ashley stated that if any employee would use scare tactics or tell someone they have to take the shot, she would address it immediately.

Next meeting will be held April 25, 2023, in the basement meeting room at the Ramsey County Courthouse.

The motion was made by Terry Hoffert to adjourn the meeting. Second to the motion by Dr. Derek Wayman. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer

Date

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