

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health held its regular meeting at 6:30 PM on March 20, 2019 in the conference room at the Bremer County Health Department located at 403 3rd Street SE. Waverly, IA. Present were members Sally Yungtum, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton and Dr. Courtney Bochmann. Board member Lisa Miller arrived at 6:45 PM. Lindley Sharp, Katie Schwartz, and Randy McKenzie were also in attendance.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to appoint Sally Yungtum as Chair for the calendar year 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to appoint Dewey Hildebrandt as Contingent Chair for calendar year 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to approve the March 20, 2019 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sexton, second Hildebrandt by to approve the January 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Randy McKenzie, Bremer County Building and Zoning and Sanitation, presented the board of health with the final plat for SLG, LLC (Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision Plat 2). McKenzie stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the plat on March 19, 2019. McKenzie reminded the board that this final plat would be for the approval of 13 new lots with private-onsite sewer and opportunity to connect to rural water. The board of health had several concerns and questions with the preliminary plat during the January 9, 2019 regular meeting so McKenzie followed up with the concerns. One concern was the high grade of the land and what this would mean for run-off water for existing lots and an existing pond. McKenzie stated that the developer does have plans in place for run-off water. The last concern that was addressed was the increased traffic to the area due to adding 13 more lots and if new roads and driveway easements would have to be created. McKenzie shared the developers plans for traffic concerns is still being discussed, but is being addressed by the developer. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to approve the SLG, LLC (Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision Plat 2) final plat. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy McKenzie, Bremer County Building and Zoning and Sanitation, presented the board of health with a final plat for Ernest L. Hesse Et Al (Wildwood Hollow). McKenzie reminded the board that the current parcel is being split into 3-8 acre parcels, that the land was zoned as residential (R1), and would have access to rural water. Board members questioned the easement of the parcels and McKenzie stated that easement is in place to cover the requirements of the parcels. Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to approve the Ernest L. Hesse Et Al (Wildwood Hollow) final plat. Motion carried unanimously.

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Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, reported on budget and finances and distributed reports from December 2018 and January 2019 revenue and expenses. Motion by Bochmann, second by Hildebrandt to approve the budget and finances as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp and Schwartz gave a brief update on home health and public health contracts. Schwartz shared about an on-going issue with Iowa's privatized Medicaid system, specifically an issue with UnitedHealthCare and their new dual-plan and not receiving payment from the insurance company since January 1, 2019 for ten home health patients. Hildebrandt requested that Schwartz and Sharp meet with him on March 25, 2019 to further address the issue with the Iowa Department of Human Services representation since Bremer County Health Department staff had exhausted all means of trying to gather answers and solutions to receiving payment from UnitedHealthCare itself. Sharp shared on areas of improvement and efficiency that the department is looking to take in the future with the home health program due to cuts in revenue past few years including a cut of administration staff and a hiring freeze for home care aides and nurses until the market improves. Sharp gave a brief update on upcoming foot clinic growth and grant funding opportunities that had been applied for, shared on an upcoming emergency preparedness tabletop and full-scale exercise that are being hosted by the Bremer County Health Department and Bremer County Emergency Management, and gave an update on disease surveillance throughout the county since January as well as immunizations that had been provided.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Local Public Health Services Application as presented by Sharp. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Bremer County Health Department employee Cellular Phone Reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp updated the board on a recent issue with fluoridation with the City of Waverly water supply and meetings that had taken place with City of Waverly Administration, Council and Black Hawk Health Department I-Smile. Sharp discussed with the board how a position statement from the board of health regarding fluoride would benefit all Bremer County citizens and communities. Board instructed Sharp to draft position statements to be reviewed and adopted by the board of health at upcoming meeting.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on May 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department location. Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary