



**STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**  
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

## Minutes

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**DATE:** December 7, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair  
Mark Speck  
Dr. John Kluge  
Dr. Louisa Tabatabai  
\*Dr. Molly Lee Vice-Chair  
Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)  
\*Absent

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kimberly Grandinetti, Environmental Health Director; Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist, Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:** Heather Bombei, Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA with changing item 8.11 to say Proclaim January, 2022 as Radon Awareness Month, instead of Watershed Awareness Month.**

**Motion by Speck, Second by Tabatabai, to approve agenda. (MCU)**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck, to approve October 5, 2021 Minutes. (MCU)**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai, to approve the 2022 Board of Health Meeting Schedule and 2022 Holiday Calendar. (MCU)**

**4. PUBLIC FORUM: None**

**5. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Story County Public Health**

Les White and Treasa Ferrari provided the following updated information:

- 10.2% positivity rate.
- 58.9% of population has been vaccinated.



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- Boosters are being given and going well.
- 59 total deaths, with 51 the underlying disease was initiated by COVID, 8 was a contributing factor.
- Currently there are 14 individuals hospitalized in Mary Greeley, 5 in ICU on ventilators. 64% of those individuals are unvaccinated, 1 vaccinated and the others had received 1 of the 2 dose series.
- Have been vaccinating kids in schools (200 students in Ames) and providing boosters for staff.
- Communicable disease cases – have been a few cases of influenza starting.
- White stated that Public Health has hired an additional nurse.
- Omicron variant - Paschen stated that the State Hygienic Lab is actively testing and searching for Omicron.

### YSS

Not present

### Story County Environmental Health

Kimberly Grandinetti provided an update. Information was provided on the following:

- 84 new septic permits and 42 alteration permits issued to date.
- 94 Time of Transfers.
- 582 septic tanks have been pumped for regular maintenance as part of the new ordinance. New outreach is planned.
- Paper work has been received from the DNR for the pumper inspection program.
- 160 septic systems that require an annual maintenance contract. 10 are currently expired and being brought back into compliance.
- 12 water wells and 4 geothermal wells permitted to date.
- 50 water samples.
- 10 well and 1 cistern plugging.
- 1 well rehab.
- \$40,400 Grants to Counties awarded. The increase allows shock chlorination of wells.
- Tattoo Program – Inspections will begin this winter.
- Aquatic Program – New ordinance has been approved by legal and a stakeholder meeting is scheduled for December 13th. Plans are for the ordinance to be approved and effective by mid-February before the next pool inspection season begins.
- Tanning Program – There are 20 facilities and inspections are currently taking place.
- Complaints – 2 rental complaints regarding living conditions and trash have been received.
- Joint Department Reviews – 13 survey reviews, 32 interagency reviews, 18 plan reviews, and 83 septic and well reviews for zoning permits.
- Updated department meetings and trainings attended by staff.
- Miscellaneous – Provided IRONS Home Owners Association septic system maintenance, 2 demolition permits issued, and phase 3 PIP program has been submitted to the CIP.

### 6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:



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### **Local Public Health Services Contract Update**

Heather Bombei provided an update of changes being proposed to the FY23 Local Public Health Services Contract. The current amount received by Story County, which is based on a formula is \$209,679.00. The changes proposed are to focus more on the health of the entire population, rather than using funds for individuals receiving home care. The proposed area of focus includes: leadership and government, health promotion, and strengthening public health infrastructure. This process will transfer over gradually the next 5 years, and again stated that it will focus more on the entire counties needs rather than only home care and nursing services. White stated that they are still trying to figure out how this new process will work, but feels it will allow more time to be spent on needs assessment items, and the 5 years to transition will be helpful. The same services will still be offered and no interruption is anticipated. Discussion took place on how home care services would be funded. Bombei stated that ASSET funds would need to be used to fund home care services. Heddens asked if the public health money could still be used if not enough from ASSET. Bombei stated it could be, but only initially during the transition period.

### **January, 2022 Radon Awareness Month**

Kimberly Grandinetti provided information about Radon Awareness Month and asked that the Board approve the proclamation.

### **Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge, to proclaim January, 2022 as Radon Awareness Month. (MCU)**

### **FY23 Environmental Health Department's Proposed Budget**

Grandinetti summarized the projected revenues. With the main changes being: Expenditures - Main changes include vehicle maintenance due to gas price increases. Office supplies increased slightly due to public outreach. Postage increased due to the State Hygienic Lab no longer providing postage for mailing water samples, as well as an upcoming mailing for required septic maintenance reminder. Education & Training increased due to additional classes being offered and with new staff there are required trainings. Equipment Rent/Maintenance increase due to purchasing a GNSS receiver for the well and septic programs.

### **Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve the FY2023 Environmental Health Department's Proposed Budget For Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. (MCU)**

### **Environmental Health Department's Fee Schedule**

Grandinetti stated that the only thing changing is the soil evaluation fee to \$125.00.

### **Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve the Environmental Health Fees for 2022.**

### **Request by Environmental Health for a Board of Health Special Meeting to recommend submitting the aquatic facility draft code to the Board of Supervisors.**



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Grandinetti stated that due to timing issues, the aquatic stakeholders meeting will not be held until December 13, so it could not be included on today's agenda. December 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> are the proposed dates for a special Board of Health meeting.

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai for a special Board of Health meeting for the aquatic facility draft code on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. (MCU)**

**Whether or not to reiterate the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors the recommendation from the Board of Health to require all county employees to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination, or weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test.**

Paschen summarized why he feels it is important to require employees to be vaccinated, and reminded that there are no laws saying employers cannot require vaccines. Heddens stated that she could report to the Board of Supervisors that the Board of Health again discussed this item, but reminded that there are currently still lawsuits pending. Paschen feels that as long as stipulations are fair, that the county could require vaccinations. Heddens stated that currently the Board of Supervisors are still waiting for direction from OSHA for how to proceed.

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to again recommend that the Board of Supervisors require all county employees to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test.**

**Voting Aye: Kluge, Tabatabai, Paschen**

**Voting Nay: Speck**

**Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(l) - "To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of An Individual Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance, Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That Individual's Reputation And That Individual Requests A Closed Session."**

At 3:17 p.m., **Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai that the Board go into closed session. (MCU)**

Paschen reconvened the Board in open session at 3:42 p.m.

**Environmental Health Director Four Month Performance Review**

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve the EH Director Performance Review which was discussed in closed session. (MCU)**

**Recognition of Mark Speck and Louisa Tabatabai's Years of Service on the Board of Health**

Paschen presented service awards to Mark Speck and Louisa Tabatabai and thanked them for the years of service on the Board of Health.



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**7. COMMENTS:**

**Staff:** None

**Board:** Tabatabai stated it has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Health and she learned a lot during her time on the board. Speck stated it has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Health. Heddens stated that it has been a difficult two years and she appreciated Tabatabai and Speck for the time they each served on the board.

Heather Bombei presented recognition of service awards to Speck and Tabatabai and thanked them for their work.

**ADJOURNMENT** 3:49 p.m.

  
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**Approval of Minutes**

   
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**Title and Date**