Board of Health

April 28, 2009
5:30pm
(Corrected at Board of Health on 5/26/09)

Present: Al Jansen, Dave Klar; Margaret Ruf; Grant Loy, Philip Wegmann, Mary Kay Logemann, John Patcle, Jeff Kindrai

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Al Jansen, Chair.

CHANGES IN AGENDA: Al Jansen made a motion to accept the changes in the agenda, second by Margaret Ruf. Carried

CLOSED SESSION UNDER STATUTE 19.85(1)(C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: Grant Loy made a motion to go into closed session, second by John Patcle. Roll call vote taken: Al Jansen- Yes, Dave Klar- Yes; Margaret Ruf- Yes; Grant Loy- Yes, Philip Wegmann- Yes, Mary Kay Logemann- Yes, John Patcle- Yes

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Dave Klar made a motion to return to open session, second by Margaret Ruf. Carried.

WIND TURBINE PRESENTATION: A group of approximately 14 citizens were present. Several expressed concerns over a proposed wind turbine project in the Smelser Township area. Several packets of information were handed out (on file). A list of attendees is on file. A tape was made of the presentation (retained by the Chair). Legislation regarding such projects is being introduced at a State level at this time. No specific action was requested of the Board other than to review the information. No action was taken.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Margaret Ruf made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting, second by Philip Wegmann. Carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Klar made a motion to approve the 2008 Revised End of Year Financials (after the back pay from the Union contracts settling was complete) Second by Margaret Ruf. Carried. Margaret Ruf made a motion to approve the March Financial Report, second by Philip Wegmann. Carried.

VOUCHERS: March vouchers totaling $113,825.36 were reviewed. These vouchers include the return of $50,000 to the State (start up money for the agent status program). Mary Kay Logemann made a motion to approve the vouchers, second by Margaret Ruf. Carried.

LOAN CLOSET FINANCIAL REPORT: John Patcle made a motion to approve the Loan Closet Financial Report, second by Grant Loy. Carried.

TEEN COURT GRANT APPLICATIONS: Two grants from Office of Justice Assistance for teen court were discussed. The Department will have to wait until June to see if we are invited to formally apply. Margaret Ruf made a motion to approve applying for the grants and to forward the request to the County Board, second by Grant Loy. Carried

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE POLICY: Some discussion occurred regarding the proposed policy. As drafted it could cause significant challenges for our department. Changes to the policy have been proposed. A new draft is not yet available. No action taken.

BUDGET CUTS: Draft proposals for achieving a 5% cut to the Health Department were distributed and discussed. There are currently too many variables to propose cuts that are logical and sound. Grant County is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSAs). Cuts to services could be devastating. The Health Department has managed its budget successfully by making adjustments as needed over the years. Therefore, while a cut is being tentatively proposed, a request is being made to forgo cuts until they are actually needed and continue to plan for cuts while observing what actually happens.

DIRECTORS REPORT – Jeffery A. Kindrai, MSPH, RS

-**Swine Flu Update**: A situational report was given regarding the location and number of cases identified. Current actions were discussed as well. Many contacts have been made and communication has been quite good so far. Updates are being provided to EM, EMS, BOH, the County Board Chair, local health care providers, schools, day care providers, and other PH partners. Linda Adrian (former Director/Health Officer) offered assistance.

-**State Lab of Hygiene Board Appointment:** The Director/Health Officer was nominated by WALHDAB and recommended to be appointed to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) Board of Directors as the local health department member. The Governor appointed him but the Oath of Office has not yet been completed. Board members felt this was a positive event and should be accepted. The Director/Health Officer indicated that he would accept the appointment.

-**Pesticide Exposure:** An individual re-modeling a home discovered and was significantly exposed to an arsenic based pesticide. Troy Moris, EH Coordinator, responded to the incident. EM and DATCP assisted in the response. The spill will be cleaned up and the unbroken containers will be taken to the next clean sweep.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS REPORT - None

ADJOURN: John Patcle made a motion to adjourn, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Margaret Ruf, Secretary