



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, March 8, 2023. President Dr. Varian called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Dr. Varian, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Wish. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith, Director of Community Health Megan Bailey, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present were Safety and Sanitation Coordinator Matthew Stonerock and Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training Jennifer Mitchell. The guests present were Danny Ramirez, Luis Navarrete, Judy McAdams, and reporter Mandy Loehr of the *Bellefontaine Examiner*.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- February's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- January's financial reports;
- routine bookkeeping matters (none);
- renew Custodian Bert Kauffman's contract (renews 4-1-23 for 1 year);
- renew Medical Director Dr. Morton's contract (renews 4-1-23 for 1 year);
- promotion of Matt Stonerock to Environmental Health Director; training 4/1/23 and starts 4/29/23);
- 2024 preliminary budget appropriations; and
- Reviewed the 2022 finalized financial report from REA Accountants.

It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Watkins that the Board approves all consent agenda items. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Watkins, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION

The segment *Public Health 3.0* by Tom Quade, MA, MPH, FRSPH, Health Commissioner, Marion Public Health, was emailed to Board members to watch. Once completed, the Board members were asked to sign the education log for record-keeping.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

With the upcoming retirement of the present Director of Environmental Health (DOEH) Timothy Smith and the promotion of Safety and Sanitation Coordinator (SSC) Matthew Stonerock, as his replacement, the filling of the SSC role will be addressed in the future. On March 2, 2023, the four inspectional quadrants of the county were reassigned to the northern areas (NW and NE) and southern areas (SW and SE) each trading areas. The open EHSIT position has been posted.

IN THE MATTER OF FOOD LICENSE RENEWALS

The Environmental Health Division has not received all food license renewals. Renewals are now late and will have a late fee assessed. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Harrison to notify all food license holders that have not paid this year that full payment with a late fee must be received before April 12, 2023, or they will lose their food license. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mr. Harrison, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NUISANCE UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Luke and Makaela Smith, 5582 SR 274 E, Rushsylvania

Mr. and Mrs. Smith's property was inspected on December 5, 2022, by Amanda Harshfield, EHSIT, who observed a large pile of solid waste in the back of the property. On the same day, an Environmental Order was issued to remove the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility on or before December 19, 2022. A follow-up inspection on January

3, 2023, revealed no improvement. On January 11, 2023, the Board of Health declared that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issued an order to correct the violation by removing the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility within seven (7) days of receipt of the order. On January 23, 2023, Mr. Smith visited the Health District to report that he now has regular trash removal, but it will take until February 23, 2023, for him to have the solid waste all bagged and picked up so a reinspection was requested for that day. EHSIT Amanda Harshfield reinspected the property and found the solid waste nuisance to be abated.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW NUISANCES

Connie Francis, 7694 CR 91, Lewistown

Ms. Francis' property, which was inspected on December 27, 2022, and again on February 27, 2023, by Arie Pequignot, EHSIT, was observed to have large piles of solid waste and wood on the property. An initial consultation letter was mailed followed by an environmental order which requested the removal of the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility on or before March 1, 2023. A follow-up inspection on that date revealed no improvement. It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Wish to declare that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to correct the violation by removing the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility and either removing the wood or stacking the wood properly within seven (7) days of receipt of the order. Ayes: Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Wish, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Donnie Williams (deceased), 11575 Ash Street, Lakeview

Mr. Williams' property has a house that is open to rodents and weather. The Stokes Township trustees are requesting that the structure be condemned by the Logan County Board of Health so that township funding may be used to have it razed. Health Commissioner Travis Irvan approved placarding the structure and it was posted today, March 8, 2023. It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Watkins to endorse the action of condemnation by Health Commissioner Travis Irvan. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Watkins, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF FOOD FACILITY UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Gustavo Ramirez Enterprises, Inc., license holder for La Palma Bar and Grill, 2201 South Main Street, Bellefontaine

Mr. Danny Ramirez and Mr. Luis Navarrete are representatives of the La Palma Bar and Grill, and they were present at the meeting. La Palma Bar and Grill has been cited numerous times in the past by Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT) Jennifer Mitchell, for uncleanliness and pest infestation violations. Another complaint was received recently of a cockroach observed on their table in the dining area by a patron. Although a pest control contract with a Certified Pest Control Operator has been obtained and past cleanliness issues have improved, the reoccurring complaints and cited violations show an ongoing failure to provide consistently clean and pest-free food service. On December 14, 2022, the Health Commissioner and the Board of Health issued an order to the owner to create and provide to the Board of Health a written action plan that includes dates of completion of specific goals that will correct the causes of the reoccurring violations within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the order (and one inspection from the Health District must be completed before the January Board meeting), or appear before the Board of Health at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the compliance date for a license suspension hearing if compliance with the order is not attained. On January 11, 2023, the Board of Health agreed to allow the license suspension hearing to be delayed until the February meeting to allow for proper notification. The proof of receipt card of the certified letter was received on January 23, 2023. A handwritten Action Plan without specific time limits was received on February 6, 2023. The Board voted at the February 2023 meeting for La Palma Bar and Grill to close for one day of service to have the facility be deep cleaned by a professional cleaning company. A follow-up inspection by EHSIT Jennifer Mitchell on March 1, 2023, revealed improved conditions but the professional power washing had not yet occurred. Another follow-up inspection by EHSIT Jennifer Mitchell on March 7, 2023, confirmed that the professional cleaning was completed on Monday 6, 2023. DOEH Timothy Smith determined that monthly inspections will be completed to ensure one hundred percent satisfaction with compliance, and this will be reported monthly to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW VARIANCES

John and Karen Aston, 9174 Breezy Way Drive, Lot #30, Belle Center, wish to replace an old point well that is no longer functioning properly and so are requesting variances to OAC 3701-28-07 (D) which states in part that, "... A well, ... shall not be located within ten (10) feet of the foundation of a building or dwelling..." and OAC 3701-28-07 (G) which states that "A water source shall be located at least ten feet from the established road right-of-way. When no right-of-way has been designated, a water source shall be located at least twenty-five feet from the edge of any normal driving road surface or ten feet from any road utility easement.," and OAC 3701-28-07 (J) (1) which

states in part that "... A water source shall be located according to the following minimum isolation distances listed in Table 1, ... lot lines and easements – ten (10) feet isolation distance," whereas only seven feet (7'), six feet (6') and one foot (1') exist respectively. It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Collins to grant the variances with the requirement of protection to the well from vehicular damage. Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Collins, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Marvin Wilcoxon, 1021 TR 185, Bellefontaine

Mr. Wilcoxon must replace an old subsurface sand filter by connecting to a sanitary sewer and so is requesting variances to OAC 3701-29-06 (G) (3) which states in part that, "An STS shall maintain the following minimum horizontal isolation distances: (a) All components of an STS shall be at least ten feet from ... any building or other structure,...(d) Sewers and wastewater drains outside of the foundation of a building shall be located a minimum of ten feet from a water supply source or water distribution line when attainable except within five feet of the foundation where both lines enter a building and in circumstances when the water line and sewer line must cross. When a sewer line crosses a water service line, the following applies: (i) Provide a minimum vertical distance of twelve inches between the outside of the water service line and the outside of the sewer. This shall be the case where the water line is either above or below the sewer with preference to the water line located above the sewer. (ii) At crossings, one full length of water pipe shall be located so both joints will be a minimum of ten feet from the sewer line and a twenty-foot section larger diameter pipe sleeve shall be installed on either the water service line or the sewer line and the pipe sleeve sealed at both ends. A water service line and sewer line shall not share the same trench except where they must cross." Only thirteen feet (13') six inches (6") exists between the existing water well and the closest northwest corner of the house. Only sixteen feet (16') exists between the water well and the property line further to the west. DOEH Timothy Smith determined that the variance is not needed since the STS will not be within ten feet of the house.

Alex Pitchford, as the agent for Sharon Snyder, west of 8806 CR 2, Zanesfield

Mr. Pitchford who has constructed a new home located just west of 8806 CR 2 Zanesfield, requests a variance to OAC 3701-29-18 (C) (6) which states, "A holding tank permitted as an HSTS shall meet the following specifications when a variance has been granted by the board of health... on a temporary basis during inclement weather and/or during the non-installation season when the property owner must take occupancy until soil conditions are suitable for complete system installation." It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Watkins to approve the variance with a requirement of an alarm and a service contract on the tank since we will soon be entering into the warmer and drier part of the year when the installation of the leaching portion of the new HSTS can be completed. Once the HSTS installation is complete, the requirements of an alarm and service contract on the tank can be removed. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mrs. Watkins, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) PROGRAM UPDATE

With the last once-a-year residential O&M renewal permit notice mailing now completed, the health district is entering into a more stable phase of the O&M Program. Although the data will continue to be updated monthly, no monthly table of the present township results will be provided to the Board as has been done in the past. A similar enrollment period as was completed for residential properties may begin later this year for all non-residential properties with private sewage systems known as Small Flow On-site Sewage Treatment Systems (SFOSTs). The expected first mailing notice may begin before August 1, 2023.

As stated last month due to the security change enacted in December by HDIS, the Board is asked to address the new O&M requirement affecting all future residential and non-residential properties. Renewal of O&M Operation Permits must now occur before the first of the month, either 1, 5, or 10 years from the same month that an operation permit is issued. This change has been incorporated into the new revisions made to Logan County Regulation 26 (see Resolution 2023-03 below).

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER AMENDING REGULATION NO. 26

Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith explained that a second resolution is needed to update the rest of Regulation 26 which was affected when the revisions were made to allow monthly issuances of operation permit renewals and the addition of registered septage haulers as approved sewage system inspectors for the Sewage O&M Program in Logan County, which also led to the better use of acronyms, correction of typos, and the creation of a more descriptive text. This matter was tabled until this Board meeting when more members are present. It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Wish to suspend the three-reading rule due to no operational change

that affects the public. Roll Call: Dr. Varian-aye, Mrs. Watkins-aye, Mr. Harrison- aye, Mrs. Collins-aye, and Mrs. Wish-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-03 – Amended

WHEREAS the present version of Regulation 26 uses many words that can be replaced with acronyms,
WHEREAS some typographical errors were still found that require correcting,
WHEREAS the present version of Regulation 26 requires a more descriptive text to accurately depict the procedures involved in implementing the recent revision,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Logan County Health District that Regulation 26, Section 1,3,4,5,6,7,8, 9, and the Appendix reflect these updates and shall be amended to wit (see Notes to Minutes).
It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Harrison to accept the proposed additional changes to Regulation 26 to clarify the previously approved revisions. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wish, Mr. Harrison, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

This Resolution is hereby declared adopted on this 8th day of March in the year 2023 and shall be in full force and effect on March 9, 2023.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING REGULATION NO. 40

Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith explained that a second resolution is needed to update Regulation 40 to replace the environmental health program’s term for Tattoo/Body Piercing with Body Art, separate the fee categories for the Public Swimming Pool, Body Art, and Resident Camp programs, update the Food Mobile and Vending local fees, replace the term Cost of Living with Consumer Price Index as the determinant for increasing local Vending fees, and remove the rescinded Section 1, 2.0 License/permit duplication fee. This matter was tabled until this Board meeting when more members are present. It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Watkins to suspend the three-reading rule due to no operational change that affects the public. Roll Call: Dr. Varian-aye, Mrs. Watkins-aye, Mr. Harrison- aye, Mrs. Collins-aye, and Mrs. Wish-aye. Motion carried.

In the Matter of Resolution 2023-04 Amending Regulation No. 40

WHEREAS the descriptive terms of Body Art and Consumer Price Index more accurately reflect current usage,
WHEREAS the present version of Regulation 40 does not show all the fee categories in the Public Swimming Pool, Body Art, and Resident Camp programs,
WHEREAS the present version of Regulation 40 has not been updated to reflect the increased food mobile and vending fees,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Logan County Health District that Regulation 40, Section 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, with the removal of 2.0, shall be amended to wit (see Notes to Minutes).
It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Wish to accept the proposed resolution 2023-04 to change Regulation 40 to allow the better use of acronyms, correction of typos, and the creation of a more descriptive text. Ayes: Mrs. Collins, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Wish, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

This Resolution is hereby declared adopted on this 8th day of March in the year 2023 and shall be in full force and effect on March 9, 2023.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

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IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan presented the January 2023 Logan County communicable disease case rates and nursing statistics. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.) Mr. Irvan reported that the child fatality review board met recently. The Health District will focus on education about unsafe sleeping habits for children to hopefully decrease the number of children dying from unsafe sleeping habits in Logan County. Mr. Irvan stated that the number of new COVID-19 cases is coming down.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported on the January and February 2023 Narcan education opportunities, the kits distributed, and the number of drug overdose reversals. Mrs. Bailey reported that the Logan County Health District is applying for the Ohio Department of Health's Innovative Approaches to Sexually Transmitted Infections grant. This grant will provide funding to assist with identifying individuals with syphilis, treatment of syphilis cases, prevention of the spread of syphilis, and community education. The purpose of implementing this program is to help end the syphilis outbreak in Logan County.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- Mr. Irvan explained that a DNS filter is going to be purchased to internally control which websites can be reached by company computers. The program Beyond Trust is also going to be purchased to provide cybersecurity protection with administrative privileges.
- The top five social media notifications in February were the celebrate National Wear Red Day for heart disease awareness, Palestine train derailment monitoring updates, statistics on influenza complications with serious heart issues, COVID-19 emergency declarations ending on May 11, 2023, and facts about COVID-19 vaccination.
- This week is NACCHO Public Health on the Hill week – a week where NACCHO members meet with members from the House and Senate to discuss public health issues. Mr. Irvan has a virtual meeting this Thursday with Jim Jordan's staff.
- Mr. Irvan has a meeting this Monday with the newly elected State Representative Barhorst to discuss his ideas on public health and other matters.
- Overdose and Suicide Fatality Review meetings are scheduled. Overdose review is Wednesday, April 5th and Suicide Review is Wednesday, May 3rd. There are twelve overdoses to review and eight suicides. Board members are welcome to attend and join the fatality reviews if anyone is interested.
- The local courts are mandated to have a security committee and have asked Mr. Irvan to be a part of it, and he will join the committee.
- Mr. Irvan reviewed the Annual Financial Review with the Board.
- The local prosecutor approached the Health District about creating a county-wide rabies resolution. This resolution would require all dogs, cats, and ferrets in the county to have a rabies vaccine. Ohio is the only state east of the Mississippi to not have a state-wide rabies vaccine requirement for these three animals. The Prosecutor's Office is happy to type a draft resolution if the board is interested in moving forward. While this resolution is proactive, it is being requested because the local courts are receiving questions from citizens wanting to bring both comfort and service animals into court with them. Due to our county not having the resolution, the courts can not require that the animals in question are rabies vaccinated, per Ohio law. The Board members stated that they are okay with looking at the resolution for support.

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT HARRISON

Whereas, throughout his work as a member of the Logan County Health District Board of Health, Robert Harrison has provided dedicated service to the community as a strong public health advocate;

Whereas, Robert Harrison has served on the Logan County Health District Board of Health for 10 years and served as president;

Whereas, Robert Harrison's passion for championing a safe and healthy community for Logan County and beyond will have lasting effects for generations to come;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Logan County Health District Board of Health:

- Honors the 10 years of service of Robert Harrison, celebrates his many accomplishments in public health, and remembers his self-sacrifice to the Logan County community;
- Expresses a heartfelt wish that Robert, his family, and his friends enjoy many more years together;
- Urges all citizens to recognize the dedication and hard work of the board of health members across the nation and in working with them to mold a public health system that champions a safe and healthy community.

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC) MEETING REMINDER

The annual DAC meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Grange building at the fairgrounds.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Confirming the next regular meeting for April 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Dr. Varian adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m. without opposition.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary