



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, May 10, 2023. President Dr. Varian called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Dr. Varian, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Director of Environmental Health Matthew Stonerock, Director of Community Health Megan Bailey, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present were Alexis Zaborniak and Isaac Fouts.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- April's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- March's financial reports;
- routine bookkeeping matters;
- hiring of Isaac Fouts, effective April 24, 2023;
- hiring of Amie Burkhammer, effective May 30, 2023; and
- hiring of Ashley Campbell, effective June 5, 2023.

It was moved by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board approves all consent agenda items with two corrections to the minutes regarding Mrs. Smith's term on the Board as four years and Mrs. Oldiges' term on the Board as five years. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Director of Environmental Health Matthew Stonerock introduced Isaac Fouts. He started at the Health District on April 24, 2023, and he is an Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training. The Board Members warmly welcomed him.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION

Epidemiologist Alexis Zaborniak presented the County Health Rankings to the Board members. Ms. Zaborniak explained how health outcomes show the current overall health. She also explained how health factors affect future health. Logan County is currently ranked in the higher middle range (50%-75%) of counties in Ohio for both health outcomes and health factors. The leading causes of death under the age of 75 are malignant neoplasms, diseases of the heart, accidents, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and diabetes mellitus.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

The Environmental Health Division recently completed its Ohio Department of Agriculture Food Survey and remains on the Director's approved list with just a few minor items to respond to as part of the Action Plan.

IN THE MATTER OF NUISANCE UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Connie Francis, owner of the property at 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. A 7-day Board of Health (BOH) order was mailed certified on March 13, 2023. The BOH order was returned unclaimed, so it was resent through regular mail which created a reinspection date of April 21, 2023. Upon reinspection, the nuisance was not abated so the matter will be filed with Municipal Court.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW VARIANCE

Susan Conley, 8305 CR 11, DeGraff

Ms. Conley requests a variance to OAC 3701-29-06 (G) (3) (a) which states in part that, “All components of an STS (sewage treatment system) shall be at least ten feet from any... building or other structure...” Jenni Mitchell, EHSIT, recommends that the Board of Health grant the variance because the addition will allow the new bathroom to be accessible to the couple as they age. The septic tank is still accessible at 4’ 6” to the riser lids and it does not encroach on a replacement area for the septic tank. Also, the location of the addition is closest to the current bathroom plumbing and conforms to the outside contour of the existing home. It was moved by Mrs. Oldiges and seconded by Mrs. Collins to grant the variance because it does not encroach on a replacement area and the septic tank is still accessible. Ayes: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Oldiges. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Six new form letter templates were created to address the different response options that may occur when future O&M permit invoice notices are returned.

IN THE MATTER OF MOBILE HOME PARK INSPECTION CONTRACT

Director of Environmental Health Matthew Stonerock explained that the contract for completing Mobile Home Park Inspections is due for renewal with the Ohio Department of Health. The new contract is for the calendar year 2024 and 2025 inspections to be completed and reads exactly as the last contract. The Prosecutor has reviewed and approved the contract. It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to enter into contract with the Ohio Department of Health to complete the calendar year 2024 and 2025 Mobile Home Park Inspections for the reimbursement rate specified in the contract. (see Notes to the Minutes for the contract) Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT UPDATES

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan presented the March 2023 Logan County communicable disease case rates. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.)

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported the April 2023 health education stats which showed the Narcan education opportunities, and the number of kits distributed. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.)

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- The top five social media notifications in April were the Public Information Officer open position, hug a plumber day, newborn home visit program, Arie Pequignot’s state award as Journalist-of-the-Year, and immunization clinics for kindergarten screenings.
- Mr. Irvan has requested that the County Commissioners push for a west-side sewer system since the east-side sewer system seems to be close to being implemented.
- There have not been any new cases of syphilis reported for Logan County.
- Community Health is planning on attending the Pride event in Bellefontaine to present information and provide immunizations.
- The Suicide Fatality Review Board met. They reviewed the 2022 suicide death records and discussed how to prevent future suicides from occurring.
- Nurses Appreciation Week is being observed this week.

IN THE MATTER OF RABIES RESOLUTION: 2023-06

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan reminded the Board that during the March and April 2023 Board meetings, there was a discussion about creating a county-wide rabies regulation. The local prosecutor’s office approached the Health District to create a regulation that would require all dogs, cats, and ferrets in the county to have a rabies vaccine. While this regulation 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 regulation, the courts cannot require that the animals in question be rabies vaccinated, per Ohio law. Concerns with the proposed regulation were discussed with the Prosecutor’s Office, and a revised regulation was drafted. (See Notes to Minutes) It was reviewed and discussed. “Mandated reporter” was requested to be defined. The Board also suggested that rabies vaccination clinics for pets should be offered if the regulation is passed. It was moved by Mrs.

Collins and seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept the first reading of the rabies resolution 2023-06. On roll call, the vote was: Dr. Varian-aye, Mrs. Collins-aye, Mrs. Smith-aye, and Mrs. Oldiges-aye. Motion carried.

A public hearing and the second reading on the Rabies Resolution 2023-06 will be held at the June 2023 Board of Health Meeting. The public hearing will be posted in the Bellefontaine Examiner and on the Health District's social media.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to enter an executive session at 2:27 p.m. to consider the discipline of a public employee. On roll call, the vote was: Mrs. Collins-aye, Mrs. Oldiges-aye, and Mrs. Smith-aye. Motion carried.

The Executive session ended at 2:53 p.m. with no decision necessary.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Confirming the next regular meeting for June 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District with the public hearing for rabies resolution 2023-06 at the beginning, President Dr. Varian adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m. without opposition.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary