



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, June 14, 2023. President Dr. Varian called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Dr. Varian, Mrs. Watkins, 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 was Amie Burkhammer. The guests present were Logan County Assistant Prosecutor Breanne Parcels and reporter Mandy Loehr of the *Bellefontaine Examiner*.

IN THE MATTER OF RABIES RESOLUTION: 2023-06

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan introduced Logan County Assistant Prosecutor Breanne Parcels. Ms. Parcels spoke in support of the rabies control regulation. She reported that 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. It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to accept the second reading of the rabies resolution 2023-06. On roll call, the vote was: Mrs. Watkins-aye, Mrs. Oldiges-aye, and Mrs. Smith-aye. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- May's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- April's financial reports; and
- accepting Kelly Reaver's resignation effective May 19, 2023.

It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges that the Board approves all consent agenda items.

Ayes: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Oldiges, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION

The segment *The Ohio Train Derailment: Impacts and Emerging Lessons* by Health and Environment.org was available for Board members to watch at some other time. The Board members were shown the new set-up for accessing the education segments from the Logan County Health District's website. More educational webinars will be added, including the required incident command system (ICS) training. Once completed, the Board members were asked to sign the education log for record-keeping.

IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Director of Environmental Health Matthew Stonerock introduced Amie Burkhammer. Ms. Burkhammer started at the Health District on May 30, 2023, as the Environmental Clerical Specialist and will be focusing on the O&M Program. She gave a short introduction about herself. The Board Members warmly welcomed her.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW NUISANCE

Curtis Martin, 7652 CR 91 Lewistown

Mr. Martin has a large open structure causing animal harborage with multiple broken windows, holes in the exterior walls, roof damage, and overgrown vegetation taking over the structure. Amanda Harshfield, EHSIT, issued an environmental order on March 22, 2023. A follow-up site visit was conducted on May 31, 2023, and the nuisance condition remained. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Smith to declare that the conditions constitute a public health nuisance and issue an order to correct the violation by removing all the open and dilapidated structure from the premises to a licensed solid waste facility within thirty (30) days of receipt of the order. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges-aye, Mrs. Smith-aye, and Mrs. Watkins-aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW VARIANCE

Austin J. Nichols, 4796 Bellefontaine St., Zanesfield, OH

Austin Nichols' property has an old well that has failed and is requesting a well variance for a replacement well. Mr. Austin is requesting a variance 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...", 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 two feet (2' lot line), five feet (6' road driving surface), ten feet (9' foundation) exist, respectively. Since the old well failed, the new well has already been installed. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges that the Board of Health grant the variance with the requirement that a concrete post/barrier be installed on this property between the new well and the edge of the road surface to prevent accidental damage by vehicles. Ayes: Mrs. Smith-aye, Mrs. Oldiges-aye, and Mrs. Watkins-aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT UPDATES

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan presented the April 2023 Logan County communicable disease case rates and the May 2023 Nursing Stats. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.) Mr. Irvan notified the Board that the Health District is actively seeking to fill the Director of Nursing position and looking to the future of Public Health in Logan County.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported the May 2023 health education stats which showed the Narcan education opportunities, and the number of kits distributed. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.) Ms. Bailey explained the Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle grant's project of creating a healthy recipe book which will hopefully incorporate recipes from Logan County residents around Indian Lake and the rest of Logan County. The advertising flyer was presented to the Board (see Notes to Minutes for the flyer). Ms. Bailey also reported that an application has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for an Adolescent Health Outcomes grant. Community Health is waiting to hear today if they received the Innovative Approaches to STI Prevention grant from ODH.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- The top five social media notifications in May were the requesting recipes from Logan County residents, bringing awareness of National Nurses' Week May 6-12, meeting Public Health Nurse Ashley, driving safe - seat belts save lives, and applying for the open Director of Nursing position.
- Mr. Irvan explained what the social media posts data terminology means. Reach means how many people saw the post and engagement means how many people clicked on the link provided.
- Health Commissioner Irvan proposed that the office may be considering closing to the public on Fridays soon. Due to work requirements of inspections and visits at homes and businesses, staff works a flex week to accommodate meetings with businesses and residents. Typically, staff have their hours for the week done by the end of the day on Thursday. Therefore, the office is short-staffed on most Fridays, which does not serve the community well. The Board commented that this is an administrative matter and that they will let Leadership determine which is the best way to operate considering the needs of both staff and customers.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Confirming the next regular meeting for July 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Dr. Varian adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m. without opposition.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary