

Fergus County Board of Health Meeting
July 25, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Sheriff's Office Basement Complex

Present:

Jordan Robins, BOH Chair
Laurie Ray, BOH member
Amanda Rouse, DIS-Staff
Marlo Thomas, Staff
Pamela Vosen, Planning

Donna Vantassel, BOH Vice Chair
Heather Thom, FCNO Director
Danielle Reddish, Family Planning Staff
Sandy Youngbauer, County Commissioner
Katherine Sears, News Argus

Present via online/phone

Sean Hill, Sanitarian

Barbara Kingery, Sanitarian

Jordan Robins, Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved as presented.

Public Comment on any agenda items:

There were no comments.

Approval of May 16, 2022 Board Minutes:

Laurie Ray moved and Donna Vantassel seconded the approval of the minutes as presented.

Public Hearing:

No Comments

Personnel Announcements:

Currently, there are three open positions within the Fergus County Health Department.

Public Health Officer – Part Time
Family Planning Nurse – Part Time
Sanitarian in Training – Part Time

Sandy Youngbauer announced that the Sanitarian in training was changed to part time.

Announcements/Reports:

- Family Planning and the Nurses Office presented reports to the Board in their packets. There was no discussion on the reports.
- Sean Hill, Sanitarian, will be in Fergus County this week for fair.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Variance of Septic for Borland/Gross
 - Barb Kingery presented the Board with information on why a variance was being requested. Pamela Vosen stated her office had no concerns not to approve the variance. There was discussion regarding the property.

- Donna Vantassel moved to recommend the approval of the variance to the Fergus County Commissioners. Laurie Ray seconded.
- Disposition of Bodies-Burial of persons on private property
 - There was discussion of the benefits of having guidelines in place for burial of persons on private land. Marlo Thomas had spoken with the Fergus County Attorney's office for recommendations of presented resolution. The County Attorney's office recommend that the Board of Health recommend the County Commissioners to approve. There was discussion if burial of animals also needed to be included. The staff will do additional research regarding animals and will present the Board at the next meeting. The Board agreed to keep burial of persons and animals separate.
 - Laurie Ray moved to recommend the approval of the Resolution of Disposition of Bodies to the Fergus County Commissioners. Donna Vantassel seconded.
- Health Officer Update and Delegation Form
 - Heather Thom reported that after speaking with the State of Montana a Board Member cannot be the Health Officer. If a current Board member accepted the position of Health Officer, they would need to resign from the Board.
 - There was discussion of why there was a need to have a delegation of authority in place in the event that the Health Officer or the Sanitarian was unavailable.
 - Donna Vantassel moved to approve the Delegation of Authority letters for the Health Officer and the Sanitarian. Laurie Ray seconded.
- Approval of Emergency Counter Measures, Point of Dispensing Plan, Communicable Disease Response, and Truck Wreck Policies
 - Heather Thom stated that approval of the plans were not necessary at this time as the policies were still a work in progress. She would like to have the Board review and place input before a final policy was presented. There was discussion regarding each of the plans. There was discussion about having Board members attend National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) trainings to better understand some of the policies. Laurie Ray also suggested the Public Information Officer (PIO) training that is provided in Alabama by FEMA. The Board was informed that Sandy Youngbauer is the current PIO for the Health Department. While reviewing the Truck Wreck policy there was discussion about water testing.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items:

No Public comments

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held October 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Donna Vantassel made a motion to adjourn. Laurie Ray seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: Marlo Thomas, FCNO

Approved by: Donna Vantassel Date: 1-23-2023

Secretary: Marlo Thomas Date: 01-23-2023