



Effingham County Board
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March 5, 2024 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Norbert Soltwedel, Tim Ellis

Committee Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman, Cindy Deters, Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Approval of February 6, 2024 minutes. T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Health Department Building Update – J. Workman reported the building will be receiving three replacement LED lights from the Ameren program along with electrician to correct the lights that are out. Tree removal has been completed along with security updates at both sites with key fobs and codes for buildings. To assist in security at the HOOP building, cameras and signs have been added along with a driveway alarm.
- Grant Updates –
 - ARISE - J. Workman reported ARISE funding was awarded; however, employee training will be required and will end in May.
 - Other grants – J. Workman stated sharps grant (disposal of sharps) awarded for sharps container distribution and disposal.
 - J. Workman reported an oral health Grant through Clay County with contracted public health hygienist services in both Effingham and Clay to begin soon. Services will be in the Health Department a couple days a week. Patterson is providing dental supplies at a discounted rate. Biggest challenge will be referring on to another dental provider after hygienist services.
 - J. Workman reported all programs are fully staffed.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update – J. Workman shared continued efforts to get mental health services on location through Lawrence County.
- COVID Update – J. Workman commented on new CDC recommendation eliminating quarantine for COVID. J. Workman stated most people have been exposed and many are disregarding recommendations anyways. N. Soltwedel shared concerns of immigrants and COVID and other disease/virus exposure being shared by constituents.

- Board of Health has nominated Grant Bushue for appointment to fill the financial position.
- C. Deters shared complaint of standing sewage in roadside ditch in Lake Sara area due to unmaintained aerated water. C. Deters stated there are many other places in county that are similar. C. Deters shared the private sewage code and county ordinance is one subsurface aeration system per acre with each property is responsible for managing their own waste.

Adjournment

- N. Soltwedel motioned/T. Ellis seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator