

Boone County Board of Health
03/21/2022

Meeting Minutes

4th Floor Conference Room

Boone County Hospital

I. Call Meeting to Order: by Dr. Mehlhaus at 5:30 pm

II. Attendance: Present: Dr. Mehlhaus, Steve Duffy, Gary Nystrom via telephone, Kriss Haglund and Kristine Johansen

Absent: None

Additional Attendees: Debi Pestotnik, Ed Tharp

III. Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 01/17/2022

- Motion by Kristine Johansen, 2nd by Steve Duffy to approve minutes as submitted. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

IV. Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda

- Motion by Kristine Johansen, 2nd by Steve Duffy to approve agenda as submitted. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

V. Open Public Hearing(s) and Consideration of Request(s)

- A. Petition for Variance submitted by Barry Jennings for 901 Southridge Dr., Boone, Ia.

Mr. Jennings is requesting a four (4') foot variance for his septic tank which was installed six (6') feet from the northwest corner of his accessory structure. Iowa Code Chapter 69 requires all parts of the septic system be a minimum of ten (10') feet from structures and all property lines.)

After discussion of the application a motion was made by Kristine Johansen to approve the request, seconded by Steve Duffy, vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Nystrom to send a letter to Ian Overland for the illegal installation of a septic tank and not following the Iowa Code Chapter 69 and possibly imposing a fine for this type of violation, Seconded by Kriss Haglund, Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

VI. Unfinished (Old) Business

A. Approval to complete the local public health services grant and the Immunization Program Services Grant applications.

Kristine Johansen moved to approve the grants, seconded by Steve Duffy, to approve and continue with the programs and grants. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

VII. New Business

A. None

VIII. Department Update

A. Public Health Department Report, Debi Pestotnik.

Debi Pestotnik: gave a brief Public Health Department report. Debi also said Pfizer has received approval for 0-5 year olds to receive Covid 19 vaccination around May of 2022. Dr. Mehlhaus gave statistics for Boone County's population of Vaccination rates.

B. Health and Sanitation Department Report:

Ed Tharp gave the following report: Iowa Finance Authority and the Iowa DNR are continuing with the Waste Water Infrastructure Grant program to replace illegal (no secondary treatment) and failing septic systems in unsewered communities in the state until April 29th, 2022. Currently Boone County has received fifty (50) applications and as of this date have nineteen (19) have been approved. This is valued at approximately 209,000 dollars so far and thirty one (31) applications are waiting for approval. When all are approved, Boone County will have a total of six hundred thirty thousand (630,000) dollars of the ten million (10M) total allocated for the whole state.

Update on the progress of the Race track: Cleaning up of the old unlicensed vehicles and trailers has been slow. We have been in touch with one of the owners and he is going to come in to the office and talk to Mike Salati and myself about getting into compliance. Motion by Gary Nystrom to have a letter drawn up by the County Attorney to the Boone Speedway for not being in compliance and further discussion of the issue,

Steve Duffy 2nd. Vote was taken, Dr Mehlhaus-Yes, Kristine Johansen-No, Gary Nystrom-Yes, Kriss Haglund-No, Steve Duffy-Yes. Vote was 3-2, motion carried to send a letter to the Boone Speedway.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Mehlhaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Kristine Johansen moved, 2nd by Kriss Haglund to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Motion carried

Next Meeting May 16, 2022 5:30 p.m. at Boone County Hospital: 4th Floor Conference Room.