



**Minutes approved 06-11-15**

## **Health Services Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department  
Thursday, May 14, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Imig, Sue Sundell, Mary Jo Holford, Greg Sinn, Jerry Vanderheydt

Committee Members Absent: Nick Graff, Mike Harris, Seth Mingus

**MOTION MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY HOLFORD** to approve the minutes of the April 09, 2015 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Sanders provided his April report. Imig said he sees good numbers and positive things such as adoptions. Sinn asked if hi bite report numbers matched with the health department. Sanders said they do.

**MOTION MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY SINN** to recommend to approve the Animal Control bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sinn asked if information had been clarified from Assistant State's Attorney Holly on the Animal Control Act and fees. Sanders stated that both Holly and UCCI said funds should only be used for spay and neuter. Chairman Imig stated he also talked to Redlingshafer. As everything correlates with animal protection, Imig and Sanders feel it could be internalized. Sanders said he has reached out to numerous counties and there is nothing uniform. Chairman Imig said it would be brought back at a later date.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Fox reported the Peoria City/County Health Department received their accreditation. She sent congratulations to them from the County.

The Fresh Food Hub is starting to become reality. Their mobile food van will be unveiled on 05-15-15. Services will include Woodford and Tazewell. They will have another van to be dedicated to Woodford and Tazewell. Their goal is to get fresh food access to all communities in the tri county area.

Fox reported on some structural things being done. Their new sidewalks are in. There will be a handicap accessible door installed on the clinic side. A new stoop is being poured behind environmental health as the old stoop had deteriorated and would no longer support a railing.

An update was provided on their accreditation. The last week of July there will be meetings for input from Board members. Chairman Imig said if anyone was interested in attending to let him know.

Fox stated they will be shut down to the public on 06-23-15 to provide all staff with required training.

Sinn inquired on the status of the state budget. Fox said they have preliminary numbers. Teen Reach grant was terminated and then reinstated. It was still a hardship as wheels were already in motion to terminate personnel and programs. Unknown what the future holds. They are hearing both good and bad numbers.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Neavear reported on 05-18-15 mosquito traps will be out throughout the county. Because the grant has been reduced, they will have an unpaid intern working the program. Traps will be active through the end of September.

Pool water quality inspections will begin after Memorial Day. Fox reported on a new vector borne infection coming out of tropical areas with mosquitos coming from the east and south. This is not currently being monitored for. Current monitoring is for the West Nile virus. Fox also reported on the avian flu. It is active in states around Illinois. Birds are collected in IL for the West Nile virus. Central Illinois is in a migratory bird pattern and at some point monitoring is expected. Fox wanted the Committee to be aware of why birds and mosquitos are collected.

Imig asked about Lyme disease as there is a heavy tick population this spring. Goetze reported none this year. Fox stated they monitor weekly for communicable or infectious disease.

Neavear reported on the groundwater protection committee. Free screening of well water for arsenic and nitrates were completed at the Health Department and they will continue to offer tests.

## **SOLID WASTE PLANNING**

Goetze reported HB 1455 passed which was regarding retrievable CRT glass storage and she believes senate bill may pass soon. Steve Harenburg of PDC reported that Indian Creek Landfill has set aside a

piece of ground for a geo tech area for retrievable CRT access if this passes.

They now have a new EPA certified landfill inspector.

Goetze reported on their Zero waste project and provided several recent media articles about their pilot project.

Neavear wanted the Committee to be aware they have received three notices from the US Dept. of Commerce with a due date for a survey completion regarding the construction project at the Pekin Landfill. They have been advised by Assistant State's Attorney Holly they are not required to complete the surveys.

The Pekin Landfill remains a work in progress. Due to the rain, they have not been able to seed. Neavear believes the environmental attorney fees are now complete. Imig appreciates everyone's efforts for completion.

**MOTION**     **MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY VANDERHEYDT** to recommend to Approve the Solid Waste bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Sewage Disposal Ordinance was tabled at full board in March and pulled from table in April and now at this Committee for a recommendation to Executive.

Neavear stated there were 5 items brought to her attention as issues. She provided a handout to Committee members stating the bolded information were comments from David Zimmerman. Neavear provided information on each item in question.

Committee members discussed options to get the information before the Board. The original ordinance which was approved by the Board of Health was provided to the Executive Committee prior to it being tabled at the March County Board meeting. This Committee wants to have the original information returned to Executive and allow Neavear time to explain the issues that were brought to her attention. Executive will then decide if they want to send it on to Board or return it to the BOH for further clarification. Fox stated it was discussed with the BOH but there were no changes to be considered. TCHD staff had been told the resolution passed at Executive was being pulled from the agenda instead of being tabled.

**MOTION**     **MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY VANDERHEYDT** to return the ordinance to the Executive Committee for reconsideration.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Neavear reported to the Committee that she attended a meeting with the Mackinaw Valley Water Authority. A MOU was developed and will be discussed at the November MVA meeting.

Chairman Imig recessed the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)