

FINAL MINUTES

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse

201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

Board Members Present: Dr. Khristian Becker, Sara Davenport, Nin Flagel, Doug Latham, and Dr. Gerald Bybee.

Board Members Absent:

Staff Member Present: Elizabeth Townsend Jackson County Health, Ruth Eltrich
Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Chair Becker at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. A sign-in sheet was distributed. A Zoom meeting was launched. There was one person attending via Zoom. Those in attendance were:

- Jen Warren
- Julia Furne
- Jodi Jorgensen
- Brooke Barnes
- Sarah Wright (zoom)

MINUTES: Approval of meeting minutes from March 19, 2024. Motion by Davenport, seconded by Latham. Motion passed unanimously.

Agency Reports

ASAC – Julia Furne, DFC Grant Project Coordinator

Furne presented an update on the Jackson County Prevention Coalition. The coalition is participating in the National Coalition Academy being held in Bellevue, Washington in June. The coalition is also taking six students to the Midyear Leadership Initiative in Chicago in July. Furne presented an update on compliance checks. Furne presented an update on the cost for the billboards that have been rented in Jackson County.

Community Health – Jen Warren, RN

Warren presented an update on community health. Warren has completed several free training sessions. Warren presented a report from Iowa Health and Human Services regarding Jackson County. Warren presented information on the LEPPC meeting.

Scott County Health Department – Brook Barnes, Deputy Director

Barnes presented information on swimming pool and tattoo parlor inspections. They inspect indoor and outdoor pools in Jackson County. Discussion followed regarding what is included in the pool inspection. Outdoor inspections are scheduled, indoor inspections are on a drop-in basis. There is one tattoo parlor in Jackson County. This tattoo parlor has not had any violations. Discussion followed regarding DIA Inspections.

ASAC – Sara Wright, Prevention Specialist

Wright presented an update on the goals ASAC had for the year.

Nicotine replacement therapy is being covered if the insurance company will not pay

for it. The type of nicotine replacement is not guaranteed, it depends on what is available at the time. Easton Valley formed an ISTEP chapter. Staff were also able to provide information to Maquoketa Middle School and High School.

I-Smile – Jodi Jorgensen, Coordinator

Jorgensen gave an update on I-Smile. Jorgensen presented the dental audit information. Jackson County had a compliance rate of 54%, kindergarten had a 75% compliance rate and 34% for 9th grade compliance. Approximately 16% needed some kind of treatment.

Jorgensen presented goals for next year. Jorgensen is working to create good relationships with dental offices and medical offices to do dental screenings. Working with the school nurses is another goal for Jackson County. Jorgensen believes many children are being screened but the forms are not being filled out.

Environmental Health – Elizabeth Townsend

Townsend presented an update on Environmental Health. The name for Grants to Counties has been changed to The Private Well Grant. A BOH assigned signatory is now required. The grant has been submitted already but we will go back and edit the grant with the signatory.

Townsend presented an update on the Private Well Stewardship Program. There were sixteen residents in attendance. Townsend provided an update on Geo permitting. Townsend provided an update on the new county website. Townsend gave an update on septic permits and an issue with a food establishment. Townsend will be sending an enforcement letter. The location will need to be annexed into the city of Bellevue. They will have a 90-day window to comply. Townsend went over Grants to Counties data. We have had two new wells drilled in Jackson County due to e-coli in the well.

Variance Request: Discussion and possible action to approve a hardship variance for Eric and Carla Eganhouse for a 3' setback decrease on a 10' setback from a septic system to a property line for the replacement of a failing septic system located at 30518 400th Street, Bellevue.

Townsend discussed the hardship variance. They have a failing septic system. They need a 7' setback instead of 10' because of the size of the lot. Latham asked if the board would continue to see these types of variances in this area. Townsend explained we can approve variances if we are following code. This is a hardship variance. They have a steel tank that is leaching into the ground. These will be done on an individual basis. Flagel asked if the board would need to lift the no variance wording before this can be approved. Townsend explained it is her professional opinion that the board should grant variances for failing systems. Discussion followed as to why the property needs to be granted a variance. Townsend stated the property owners are rebuilding their cabin but it is no bigger and has no more bedrooms, so I don't believe it is relevant. It will be three feet closer to the property line. This will not be a big problem due to the water coming in. The steel tank is in violation of Iowa Code. We could put a contingency on it so that it is done in a certain amount of time. Townsend would prefer it is done within 30 - 60 days instead of waiting until fall. Water should be there by the

end of July.

Motion by Bybee, seconded by Latham, to approve the variance request with the project being completed within 60 days. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance Request: Discussion and possible action to approve a hardship variance for Brian and Kimberly Weimerskirch for a 40' setback decrease on a 100' setback from a private well to a septic system secondary treatment area, for the replacement of a failing system located at 41448 236th Street, Bellevue.

Townsend presented the variance request. We could require an enclosed system where the setback is 50' instead of 100'. There may be a financial hardship which could make the enclosed system less desirable. Enclosed systems need to be maintenance yearly. Discussion followed regarding stipulations. The enclosed system would require less of a variance. An enclosed system needs to be 10' from the property line. An enclosed system may not need a variance. The Board of Health agreed an enclosed system is the only option. The board does not want to give variances if there are other options. Townsend agreed. Motion to reject variance as presented. Motion to approve a 10' reduction on the 100' variance and must have an enclosed secondary treatment system.

Motion by Latham, seconded by Davenport, to approve the variance request with the 10' reduction on the 100' variance and the requirement of an enclosed system. Motion passed unanimously.

Revised Policy and Fee: Discussion and possible action to approve a revised policy for connecting to an existing system.

Townsend presented the policy on connecting to an existing system. Townsend added to the policy after running into issues. Townsend presented the changes. The Board of Health can request to see these policies before they are approved by Townsend. Discussion followed regarding including wording that states this permit does not guarantee that you can hook up to an existing system and you may have to pay a septic permit fee if the existing system fails. If the system is found to be inadequate and the property owner cannot use it, an additional \$300 fee will be required for a septic permit.

Notice: If the existing sewage system is found to be unsuitable an additional \$300 fee will be required for a septic permit. Make it an initial box.

Motion by Bybee, seconded by Flagel, to approve the revised policy for connecting to an existing system and the \$300 application fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Signatory Designation: Discussion and possible action to designate Elizabeth Townsend, Public Health Administrator as Jackson County Health Department Signatory for Iowa DNR, and State of Iowa contract/grants/agreements.

Townsend discussed making the signatory designation apply only to the Private Well Grant. Townsend is happy to bring the applications to the Board for review. It could be

restricted to not include any matching funds grants. It can be limited to this grant and the commercial septic tank cleaner DNR grant.

Motion by Flagel, seconded by Bybee, to approve appointing Elizabeth Townsend, Public Health Administrator as the Jackson County Health Department Signatory for Iowa DNR, and State of Iowa contracts/grants/agreements if said grant does not require matching funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Bybee, seconded by Latham, to adjourn the May 7, 2024 Board of Health Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Approved: 6/11/2024