

Dewitt Piatt Bi-County Health Department Board of Health

Minutes for July 28, 2021

Clinton Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Sochor, Aaron Blakely, Phil Lamkin – In person
Ray Spencer, Tricia Scerba, Mitch Hammel,
Melonie Tilley via Zoom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Fred

STAFF PRESENT: David Remmert, Shelley Stipp

The meeting was called to order by A. Blakely at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes for the June 9, 2021, meeting in Piatt office were reviewed. J. Sochor commented on Members Present. He and M. Fred were the only members present, everyone else was via Zoom. D. Remmert said he will note the change and the correction will be included in the final minutes. A motion was made by J. Sochor to accept the minutes with the correction; second by P. Lamkin; motion carried.

Administration / Nursing Report – D. Remmert commented he did not include too much in his report this time, except for the minutes from the Closed Session related to the administrator evaluation on June 9, 2021. As we approved the last minutes, the approval included the Closed Session minutes as well.

Financial Reports – See attached – D. Remmert went over Accounts Payable, in the amount of \$75,700.56. M. Hammel made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable Report for the time period since our last meeting, seconded by J. Sochor; motion carried.

Profit & Loss Report – D. Remmert reported we have two of these reports, in our stack, this time. First, there is a Profit and Loss for the full fiscal year that ended June 30. Total income at this point in our fiscal year of \$1,904,979.36. Total expenses are \$1,603,969.67. There is a net income this year of \$301,000. The profit and loss for last year includes a lot of items related to contact tracing and expenses related to our COVID funding that we received throughout the grant year. There were three different grants we worked with to make sure we had enough money to function with during that time period. Some of which we are still paying bills on. So that would explain some of the money we had coming in. In addition, our income was unusually high at the close of the fiscal year due to the fact that we received Piatt County's tax levy funds prior to the end of our fiscal year.

Second, there is also a Profit and Loss report just for this fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2021 to July 23, 2021. P. Lamkin made a motion to accept both of the Profit & Loss Reports, second by J. Sochor: motion carried.

Balance Sheet – D. Remmert reported the Balance Sheet is typically a single moment in time. As of July 23, 2021, Liabilities and Equity match \$3,021,011.50. The total amount of cash we have on hand is \$1,030,713.49. D. Remmert commented the cash we have on hand is much more than we usually have on hand, due to receiving our Piatt County tax levy earlier than we usually do. M. Tilley made a motion to accept the Balance Sheet, second by M. Hammel; motion carried. Income/Expense Report – for review purposes only, no approval needed at this time.

New Business – Holiday Schedule – D. Remmert reported on the official state holiday schedule. Our health department work schedule coincides with the one Illinois Department of Public Health has. It doesn't always follow what the counties adopt. Juneteenth State holiday was recently adopted, June 19th. Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War. D. Remmert commented he feels this would be a good thing to adopt, and add to our current holiday schedule. M. Hammel made a motion to approve Juneteenth State holiday, M. Tilley second; motion carried.

Personnel Policies for Death in the Family – D. Remmert commented on our bereavement policy. He would like to expand it for spouse's immediate family members. P. Lamkin made a motion to approve bereavement policies as written, R. Spencer second; motion carried.

Other – R. Spencer asked D. Remmert a question about whether or not well permits are reported from our office to Mahomet Valley Water office. R. Spencer has attended Mahomet Valley Water meetings, and this subject got brought up. D. Remmert reported he would check with M. Schroeder and get back to R. Spencer.

J. Sochor asked about Piatt County being on the COVID watch list. D. Remmert said the data that supports the warning list for Covid is about one week behind. Warning list metrics are made up of ICU availability, testing percentages, and incidence rates, among other things. This more recent week, D. Remmert reported our case counts went down by half. He does not believe we will be on the warning list this week. CDC has recently said masking is a recommendation, it is not a requirement. CDC, in their recommendation, said that it should be warranted based upon local conditions. If we do go onto the warning list, with regard to the State metrics, D. Remmert said he would send a recommendation to schools in each county and inform them of the mitigations he feels they should adopt. He does not feel he is in a position where he thinks we should force a mandate; as schools are their own independent kind of entities. IL continues to mandate masks.

Being that there was no other business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 7:28p.m. The next meeting is scheduled September 22, 2021, in the Piatt office at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Remmert

Administrator

I hereby certify that the minutes above hereto accurately represent the actions taken by the DeWitt/Piatt Board of Health on the above occasion.

Board of Health Member

Date