



Board Meeting Minutes | March 16, 2023 | Meeting Convened at 10:02 a.m. | Union County Health Department and Zoom Call

1) Call to Order – Steve Ruckman

2) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to approve by: Carrie Yeager Seconded: Sarah Burkholder Motion Carried Unanimously

3) Legislative Update

Tony Brigano from Hicks Partners provided an update on the Biennial Budget. OEHA has concerns with language related to Registered Environmental Health Specialists including registration requirements and State reciprocity. The Board directed Hick's Partners to continue working to have the language removed from the Bill and have the President or Representative of the Board testify if needed.

The Board also discussed language in the Budget Bill related to Dry Wells. The decision was made to oppose this language pending any recommendations from the Sewage Technical Committee

Motion to approve: Carrie Yeager Seconded: Matt Tyler Motion Carried Unanimously

4) Secretary's Report and Approval of February Minutes – Jeff Gibbs

Motion to approve by: Sarah Burkholder Seconded: Ryan Peltier Motion Carried Unanimously

5) Administrative Aide's Report – Vicki Johnson

Vicki Johnson provided a report on membership. As of the Board Meeting we are at 423 members (106 of them being new members). More membership is expected as part of the Annual Educational Conference. Vicki also brought a life member request before the Board for Marcia Dreisidel, retired from Union County Health Department. Carrie Yeager made a motion for approval Seconded by Sarah Badenhop Motion carried Unanimously.

6) Old Business

Steve Ruckman provided an update that Greg Chumney is now Chairing the Food Technical Committee and they had a recent meeting to review changes to the FDA Model Food Code. Steve reported that the Committee will share any recommendations for change or updates to the Board.

Carrie Yeager gave an update on the Professional Development / Membership Committee. Carrie reported that the committee is working on several initiatives including leadership training and securing a workforce development grant.

7) New Business

Steve Ruckman reported that the 2023 Audit was being conducted at the same time as the Board Meeting and a full report would be presented to the Board.

There was a brief discussion on Awards for AEC. Steve Ruckman reported that Gus Dria is doing an outstanding job coordinating all of the awards and assuring that recipients are properly recognized.

Ryan Peltier presented several items for approval for destruction from the Southwest District. The request was approved per the record destruction policy.

8) President's Report

Steve Ruckman provided a brief report. He stated that much of his time the past month was spent on reviewing and providing information on HB 33. He also shared that he was very grateful for all of the assistance he received from Hick's partners and fellow Board members.

9) Vice President's Report

Matt Tyler provided a report to the Board on the upcoming AEC. He said planning is going well and that registration is over 200. He also stated that The REHSIT Class is at Full Capacity and standing room only. There will be 12 CEUs available including 3 pesticide and 6 wastewater hours.

10) Treasurer's Report



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Eric Zgodzinski provided a Treasurer's report and also reported that the Audit process was going well and that he was working to finalize all information for tax filing for the IRS.

11) District Directors Reports

Laura Fauss, Molly Brownell, Sarah Badenhop, and Ryan Peltier provided updates on their respective District Planning Committees and stated that everything is going well.

12) Next Board Meeting: April 11th, 2023 to be conducted by zoom call.

Meeting Adjourned.