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Board of Health Minutes

September 17, 2024
5:00 pm-5:45
Marion County Public Health Department
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Dorn called the meeting to order. Attendance: Joni Hannon, Mark Raymie, Dan VanderBeek Staff: Kim Dorn Guests: MR/Mrs Walraven, 1095 McKimber Dr Knoxville

No public Comments.

Communication from American Home Findings was discussed. Dorn stated there was concern from the director of American Home Finding, Tracey Vass, regarding discussion about data at the August meeting. Vass would like email addresses of all board members. Dorn stated she would assure board members receive communications/emails, and invited Vass to come to the Board meeting in October to express her concerns. Members agreed that she should be invited to the meeting in October and she can express concerns on record during a meeting.

Dorn discussed the revenue listed in the financial report. It shows that 40% of the revenue for the year has been received. She noted that is revenue that was billed for last FY, and paid during this FY. Motion to approve the Consent agenda by VanderBeek, Support by Hannon. M/C Ayes All

A variance request was considered for 1491 Circle Drive. The requested variance allows for a two-foot differential from what is in code for septic set back. There is no other reasonable option, as space is limited. The staff recommends allowing the variance. Motion by Raymie to allow the variance request for 1491 Circle Drive, Knoxville.

A variance request was considered for a holding tank for a detached garage at 1095 McKimber Dr. Knoxville. The Walravens are in attendance. Mr Walraven requests ½ bath, small sink and toilet to be in the garage. He indicated that Tony Shilling stated there would be problems with tying into the house's septic system, and suggested a holding tank. The EH staff does not recommend allowing this variance, as IAC states a holding tank for waste may be used only if all other options are impractical. Motion by Raymie to approve the variance, based on impractical issue. Support by Hannon. M/C Ayes All. Mr Walraven asked if there was a permit required, Dorn said that they need to discuss details with EH staff directly. Dorn to send follow up letter confirming board's action, per code.

The Environmental Health Update was provided in the packet as a written report.

Hannon and VanderBeek, along with HR Director Lisa Seddon, completed interviews for Marion County Public Health Director to take place upon retirement of Kim Dorn. The committee reported the recommendation to hire Linsey Spoelstra to fill the position upon Dorn's retirement. Motion by Hannon to hire Spoelstra for director upon Dorn's retirement. Support by VanderBeek. M/C Ayes All.

Discussed a request for parole office to move into building. This has been advanced by Supervisor Jahner through the maintenance department. Dorn expressed concern with the plan as it pertains to staff safety. Board members questioned if there is a better fit someplace else within the county system. There is concern of parole is not a good fit, bringing a high-risk population to the building, when the staff is largely female who often come and go from building very early in the morning, and late at night when it is dark. Dorn was instructed that if this becomes a proposal, bring it back to the board for formal action.

Motion to adjourn by Raymie, support by VanderBeek. M/C Ayes All.

Recorder,

Kim Dorn

