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## Board of Health Minutes

March 17, 2026  
5:00 pm – 5:16 pm  
Marion County Public Health Department and Virtually  
2003 N Lincoln  
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Virtually Present: Kisha Jahner, Nicole Bryant, Joni Hannon, Dan Vander Beek  
Absent: Dr. Timothy McCoy Staff present: Linsey Spoelstra, Melissa Woodhouse, Christina Van Vark; Public present: Cindy Pettyjohn, Jo Heigele Public virtually present: Lauren Asman, SOR Grant Coordinator with EFR

Motion to approve February 17, 2026 Board of Health agenda by Vander Beek, support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Public comments: Lauren Asman, SOR Grant Coordinator with EFR provided an update to the Board. The block grant is on track to complete outcomes; 2 Good for Drugs is active in the Knoxville Community School District. The Juvenile Delinquency Grant is supporting school and law enforcement collaboration.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Environmental Health report was reviewed: our new Field Assistant, Melissa Woodhouse started with MCPH on March 9. We are still working with Eric Dursky in Mahaska County for training; he's also attending site visits and providing guidance/input. Septic installations and inspections have increased due to the nicer weather. Pumper inspections are due April 15 and will be completed prior to that date. Motion by Vander Beek to receive and file the EH report. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Zion United Methodist Church in Knoxville (Pershing) has requested to install a holding tank on their property. Cindy Pettyjohn and Jo Heigele were present at the meeting to discuss this. MCPH staff have been on site, as well as a local contractor who would install the tank. MCPH is requesting a 2,000 gallon tank be installed and have made Pettyjohn and Heigele aware that the tank needs to be pumped annually. They are in agreement. Attendance at the church was discussed – they are currently holding services every other Sunday with occasional events during the week. It is the recommendation of EH staff this request be approved. Motion to approve the holding tank request by Bryant. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

MCPH has received the Combat Cancer Prevention and Screening contract; it has been signed and returned. Motion by Bryant to receive and file the contract. Second by Vander Beek.

A 28D agreement with Mahaska County to provide temporary Environmental Health services through June 30, 2026 has been signed and returned. This was approved during the February 17, 2026 Board of Health meeting. Motion by Jahner to receive and file the agreement with Mahaska County. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Director Updates: Judi Van Hulzen, Public Health RN, has created a Knoxville Beanbag Baseball League hosted at the Public Health building. This will be a monthly event to encourage adults with disabilities to have social time and be active in the community. MCPH is hosting a blood drive on April 20 from 10am to 2pm.

Next meeting is April 21, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:16pm by Vander Beek, support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder,  
Linsey Spoelstra