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Board of Health Minutes

June 16, 2026
5:00 pm – 6:06 pm
Marion County Public Health Department and Virtually
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present: Joni Hannon, Dr. Tim McCoy Virtually Present: Dan Vander Beek, Nicole Bryant Staff present: Christina Van Vark, Linsey Spoelstra

Motion to approve June 16, 2026 Board of Health agenda by Vander Beek, support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Public comments: None

Spoelstra commented that the County Treasurer's office did not receipt in any money the last week of May, so reimbursements have been received, but not recorded or reflected in the month end reports. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Vander Beek. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Environmental Health report was reviewed. Motion by Vander Beek to receive and file the EH report. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Tim Findley has requested to install a septic system in Marysville; he does not hold the CLOWTS designation but would like to be approved by the Board to install this system. He has installed in Marion County before and sought Board of Health approval to do so. The installation is at 311 Mills Street in Marysville. The Environmental Health staff has not run into any issues with his installs. Motion to approve Tim Findley to install the Marysville septic tank by Vander Beek. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Rick VanZante has requested to install a holding tank at his shop at 1210 246th Place in Pella. Tim Rozendaal would install a 2,000 gallon tank with an alarm east of his shop toward the field. A site evaluation has occurred with Environmental Health staff. Motion to approve holding tank installation by Dr. McCoy. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Spoelstra recommended a three month extension of 28D agreement with Mahaska County for Eric Dursky to continue providing insight/advice/guidance to EH staff. Motion by McCoy to extend current 28D agreement. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County ordinance states that septic contractors will submit an application and payment each year to be approved by the Board of Health; the Board will decide the fee. Discussion by the Board on a difference in application fee between contractors who hold a CLOWTS designation and those who do not. Those without the CLOWTS credentials may only work in the county with approval by the Board of Health. Changes in process will go into effect July 1; systems begun prior to July 1 will be grandfathered in and not held to the updated process discussed during this meeting. Motion by Vander Beek to take out Option 2 of the proposed application, require a CLOWTS designation by all contractors installing in Marion County, set the Fiscal Year 27 fee at \$150, and authorize Spoelstra to approve applications of contractors with longstanding relationships in the county who are in good standing. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Review of requested changes of Dallas County Combat Cancer 28E agreement. Motion by McCoy to approve the agreement with changes. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Review of requested changes of Cedar County Combat Cancer 28E agreement. Motion by McCoy to approve the agreement with changes. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Review of requested changes of Greene County Combat Cancer 28E agreement. Motion by McCoy to approve the agreement with changes. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Review of requested changes of Marshall County Combat Cancer 28E agreement. Motion by Vander Beek to approve the agreement with changes. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Combat Cancer Dermatoscope RFP review – the Board of Health reviewed both applications submitted for the dermatoscope RFP released earlier this year. Belle AI and Dermatology on Demand both submitted applications. Both proposals include training as requested. Discussion by the Board

about the difference in devices offered and total cost proposed by each organization. Motion by McCoy to approve Dermatology on Demand application. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Combat Cancer Radon Test Kit applications were reviewed. Applications were submitted by RAdat and Spruce Environmental Technologies. Spruce Environmental Technologies submitted a proposal with a total of \$240,000 and RAdat's proposal totaled \$538,500. Spruce Environmental Technologies will distribute Air Chek tests which are what MCPH has on hand for the public to purchase. They also have an established relationship with the American Lung Association. Motion by McCoy to approve the proposal submitted by Spruce Environmental Technologies. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

The Marion County Compensation Plan was briefly discussed. Bryant is going to review the policy and amend it slightly. The Plan will be on the agenda again in July with proposed changes. Motion to close discussion by Vander Beek. Support by McCoy.

Director Updates:

- MCPH has entered into an agreement with Knoxville Hospital to be a "spoke" in their Rural Health Transformation project. There is no money exchange for this, simply program support on both sides.
- Knoxville Casey's has put in a septic system. Their permit is still not finalized, we are waiting on information and signature. The County Attorney's office is working with us to be able to finish the permit. The first round of test results were quite high, DNR gets involved at this point and will help manage the test results and what should be done to the system so it can work appropriately.
- Public Health Alignment – town halls were held; Marion County will be in District 5, a 14 county district that runs from Hamilton County down to the Iowa/Missouri border. The district PH leaders will begin to meet to discuss the future and how to work together.

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

Motion to adjourn at 6:06pm by Vander Beek, support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder, Linsey Spoelstra