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Board of Health Meeting
Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, @ 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order** – Board President Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Voice roll call was taken – members present: Merri Berlage, Dianne Allendorf, Peg Dittmar (zoom), Tracy Bauer (zoom), Tara Redfearn (zoom), Lisa Haas (zoom) and Dr. Barbara Kepner (zoom). Not present: Violet Naese. Staff present: Sandra Schleicher.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2023, Board of Health Meeting was made by Tara Redfearn and second by Peg Dittmar. All were in favor, motion passed.
4. **Citizens' Comments** – none.
5. **Financial Reports** – Public Health Fund 003, PH Catastrophic Fund 046, and Animal Control Fund 020 - Budget comparisons through December 31, 2022, were presented for review.
6. **Unfinished Business** – none.
7. **New Business**

Discussion and possible action on a proposed code change to Title 5, Chapter 5, Section 5 (5-5-5): Noisy Dogs– Reads as follows: Nuisance Declared: No dog owner shall allow his dog to ~~bark, howl, cry, whine, or otherwise~~ emit ~~excessive loud~~ noises, day or night, so as to disturb the peace or quiet of any person in any incorporated or unincorporated area of the County while said dog is not within the confines of the dog owner's residence or other enclosed building upon the owner's property. Any dog emitting such noises shall be deemed and considered to be a public nuisance. Any dog owner who fails, neglects or refuses to abate such nuisance after written notice thereof shall be deemed to have committed a separate violation of this section for each twenty four (24) hour period that the nuisance continues. For purposes of this section, the term "excessive noises" mean any continued, repeated or habitual barking, whining, crying, howling, whimpering, crowing, or loud noise common to an animal's species that exceeds ten consecutive minutes in duration or occurs intermittently for a significant portion of the day or night, that is louder than average conversational level at a distance of 100 feet or more. After discussion, Dianne Allendorf made a motion to approve the proposed code change to Title 5, Chapter 5, Section 5 (5-5-5): Noisy Dogs as presented; Lisa Haas second the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

8. **Administrator's Comments** – Sandra reported COVID numbers have been steady around 15 cases per week and medium community levels. Unspent grant funds had been returned to IDPH from the mass vaccination grant. No new animal control software is in place yet. The emergency declaration is ending May 11 regarding COVID so waiting to hear what effects that will have. Environmental

Health staff is working on a few restaurants that have opened without licenses. Clinical staff is doing more lab draws and still offering COVID vaccinations.

9. President's Comments – none.

10. Board Member Comments – none.

11. Citizen's Comments – none.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 5, 2023, at 7 p.m.

13. Adjourn – Peg Dittmar made a motion to adjourn, second by Dianne Allendorf. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.