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Board of Health Meeting
Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order** – Board President Peg Dittmar called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Voice roll call was taken – members present: Peg Dittmar, Tara Redfearn, Merri Berlage, Don Hill, Present electronically - Tracy Bauer, Not present – Dr. Barbara Kepner, Hesper Nowatzki, Lisa Haas
3. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2021 Board of Health Meeting was made by Merri Berlage and second by Tara Redfearn. 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 January 2022 were presented for review. Sandra Schleicher noted that the CURES funding reimbursement was received.
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Covid update – Lori Stangl gave an update on the latest COVID-19 case and vaccination information.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion regarding Covid testing – Sandra mentioned options to provide COVID-19 testing at the Health Department were being investigated.
 - b. Discussion regarding news article – It was discussed about board members writing articles for the local papers discussing the current state of healthcare, lack of hospital beds, masking, and other COVID related topics to share information with the public.
8. **Administrator's Comments** – Sandra reported that additional grants were being offered by IDPH to continue the COVID response. The new security alarm and smoke detectors were installed. Interviews are being scheduled for the office manager position. Food establishment license renewal was complete for the year and most establishments renewed their licenses for another year.
9. **President's Comments** – no comments
10. **Board Member Comments** – Tracy Bauer stated that Brandon Behlke mentioned that the Gazette would be willing to share articles. Don Hill commented on the reputation of the vaccine on the east side of the county especially and questioned why people would pass it up.
11. **Citizen's Comments** - none
12. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** February 2, 2022
13. **Adjourn** – Tracy Bauer made a motion to adjourn, second by Don Hill. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.