

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health regular meeting was called to order by Chair Sally Yungtum at 6:28 PM on September 14, 2022.

Present were members: Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Dr. Matt Sexton, and Sally Yungtum. Bethann Thompson, Lindley Sharp, and Lindsey Lambert were also in attendance.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Gesme, to amend the September 14, 2022 agenda, correcting agenda item VII to "Bremer County Board of Health Letter of Objection to Carbon Pipeline." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gesme, second by Hildebrandt, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2022, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Lindsey Lambert, Bremer County Building, Zoning, and Sanitation, presented the Grants to Counties Quarter 4 Report. Lambert stated that \$10,865 was claimed in quarter 4. 70 water tests were performed in quarter 4 versus 7 in quarter 3.

Lambert and Hildebrandt presented an update on the Bremer County Carbon Pipeline Project. The Board of Health members discussed potential health risks to the community, how farmland could be negatively impacted by this, and county ordinances. Hildebrandt stated that the Iowa Utilities Board will determine the route of the carbon pipeline. The Board of Health members requested that Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, and Lambert collaborate to draft a letter of objection to the pipeline. The letter will detail the importance of setbacks relating to safety, the county ordinances that Lambert is developing, and all potential public health ramifications. Motion by Bochmann, second by Hildebrandt, to approve the drafting of the Bremer County Health Department Letter of Objection to Carbon Pipeline. Motion carried unanimously.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, presented a department update for the dates covering July 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022. Sharp discussed the continued success of the Bremer County Health Department Diabetes Prevention Program. In addition, the Bremer County Health Department also served 80 persons at various foot clinics during the months of July and August and served 2 persons through their Loan Closet Program. The Bremer County Health Department continues to focus on investigating, diagnosing, and addressing health hazards affecting the population and assessing and monitoring population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

Sharp presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances, with the correction of the fund balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented Bochmann with the 2022-2023 Child and Adult Immunization Standing Orders. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme, to authorize Bochmann to sign signing orders.

Sharp presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report. The report detailed the Bremer County Health Department's profile, revenues, expenditures, non-population and population health programs, including their statistics. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sharp presented an update on the Iowa Opioid Litigation Funding. Sharp stated that the Bremer County Health Department is currently working with the Wartburg College Social Work department in conducting a qualitative research study to learn more about how prescription and illicit opioid use has impacted Bremer County and learn about initiatives that are currently working to combat this epidemic.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on November 2, 2022, at 6:30 PM location TBD.

Dr. Matt Sexton announced that he will be resigning from the Bremer County Board of Health, effective immediately. The Board of Health members thanked him on behalf of Bremer County for his decades' worth of support, input, and participation.

Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann, to adjourn the September 14, 2022, regular meeting at 7:54 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethann Thompson, Acting Secretary