

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 2026**

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stauber on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Roll Call was taken: Present were Board Members: Mark Stauber, Chairperson; Ean Bruette; Pete Judd; and Victoria Jakel. Also, present was Wade Dishaw, REHS, Health Officer; Dr. Robert Van Howe, Medical Director; Angela Applekamp, Community Health Services Director; Sheila McNulty, REHS, Environmental Health Director; Tina Edlund, Finance Director; and Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor
Excused: Joe Stevens, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Harrington

M/S/C (Bruette/Jakel) to **Adopt the Agenda** as presented.

M/S/C (Jakel/Judd) to **approve the May 27, 2026 Minutes** as presented.

Mr. Dishaw provided an overview of the **Public Health Code**, Act 368 of 1978.

Ms. Applekamp discussed an article published by Heartland Forward Maternal & Child Health Center for Policy and Practice. The article highlighted the benefits of strong state-run models for individualized and in-home postpartum support, such as the **Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)**. Evidence shows that early postpartum home visits improved health outcomes, reduced emergency department utilization and strength connections to community supports and resources.

Ms. McNulty gave an update on the new Environmental Health software, **Fetch EH**. Staff have started to utilize the program and so far it has been a smooth transition. The software will be beneficial for providing professional reports and drawing for their programs.

Dr. Van Howe discussed the highly contagious, Bundibuyo strain of **Ebola**. There is currently no vaccine available. To date, there are 89 people considered at risk (being monitored) in Michigan due to recent travel.

M/S/C (Judd/Bruette) to accept the **Director Reports**.

M/S (Jakel/Bruette) to approve the **May 2026 Finance Reports**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual **cash balance** at 5/31/2026 is \$2,030,139.83.

Ms. Edlund informed the Board that she received the new **MERS actuarial**; she will review the document in full and give a report on it next month. It looked like DIDHD stayed the same at 78% funded for the defined benefit plans. She also let the Board know that due to a change in effective dates with Infrastructure funding, the IC parking lot was not able to be paid for with the Infrastructure funding.

However, projects for 2026, such as the DC parking lot sealing and landscaping, will now be covered by the Infrastructure funding versus local funds.

M/S (Bruette/Judd) Approved the **May 2026 and June 2026 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. May: Payroll Expense \$71,448.81. June: Payroll Expense \$72,289.72; General Expense \$ 114,452.82 and Travel Expense \$613.10. Total Claims: \$258,804.45.

There was no **Public Comment**.

There was no **Old Business**.

Under **New Business**:

M/S (Bruette/Jakel) to execute the FYE2027 **Local Health Department Comprehensive agreement** with the MDHHS. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

M/S (Jakel/Bruette) to execute the 2026 **EGLE Inland Lakes Beach Monitoring Grant Agreement** in the amount of \$5,500.00 Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Under **Educational Presentation**:

Ms. McNulty provided a presentation on the **Inland Lakes Beach Monitoring** program.

Under **Other Information**:

Dr. Van Howe thanked Dr. Jakel for bringing **Kraton** to his attention. He informed everyone that Marquette Health Department has issued a public health order in Marquette County to ban the selling of synthetic Kraton products. Dr. Jakel suggested that her and Mr. Dishaw meet with the prosecutor to discuss the potential for a ban in Dickinson and Iron counties.

There was no **Other Business**.

M/S/C (Bruette/Judd) to **Adjourn** at 10:40 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:



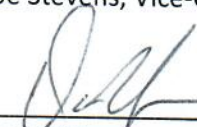
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