

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
August 26, 2026**

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stauber on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Roll Call was taken: Present were Board Members: Joe Stevens, Vice-Chairperson; Mark Stauber, Chairperson; Ean Bruette; and Pete Judd. 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: Dan Harrington Absent: Victoria Jakel

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

M/S/C (Judd/Stevens) to **approve the July 29, 2026 Minutes** as presented.

Mr. Dishaw discussed the upcoming **Employee Support and Development Luncheon/Wellness Day**. It is scheduled for September 1, 2026; agenda items include a hands-on active shooter training, emergency preparedness trainings, and an all-staff meeting to discuss updates and suggestions.

Dr. Jakel arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Applekamp gave an update on the **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program**. Participants will not have the option to shop with their WIC benefits online at Meijer stores. Walmart is working on programming their system to be able to offer the same online shopping option.

Ms. McNulty gave an overview of the **Campground Inspection Program**. A campground is defined as temporary living quarters for 5 or more recreational units. Annually, in July, DIDHD inspects 13 licensed campgrounds in Iron County and 10 licensed campgrounds in Dickinson County.

Mr. Stevens asked whether playground equipment is part of the campground inspection program. Ms. McNulty stated that they sometime will give suggestions regarding playground equipment, but it is not a requirement of the program.

Dr. Van Howe discussed the recent **air quality** alerts regarding the wildfire smoke. He explained that it is a serious concern as fine particulate matter can get deep into the lungs with can disrupt the lining of air sacs. In times of poor air quality, it is recommended to stay indoors, or if you must go outside, wear an N-95, KN-95, or P100 mask.

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

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

The actual **cash balance** at 7/31/2026 is \$1,912,809.70.

M/S (Judd/Bruette) Approved the **August 2026 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. August: Payroll Expense \$140,980.66; General Expense \$ 147,285.96 and Travel Expense \$63.84. Total Claims: \$288,330.46.

Mr. Judd asked why the cost of the Medical Director fluctuates. Ms. Edlund explained that the amount of weeks billed out changes, so it's not the same amount each time.

There was no **Public Comment**.

There was no **Old Business**.

Under **New Business**:

Mr. Stauber discussed the **Opioid Settlement Matching Initiative**. The State has funding available to match county opioid funding if DIDHD needs additional funding to support the current Botvin's instructor. It is not necessary currently since school sessions are just starting up, but it may be something to consider in the future.

M/S (Judd/Bruette) to execute **Amendment #4 to the FY2026 Comprehensive Agreement**. The amendment includes funding for Emergency Preparedness, Public Health Infrastructure grant, and Local Sharing Support Grant. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Under **Educational Presentation**:

Ms. Applekamp provided a program overview on the **Children's Special Health Care Services** Program.

Under **Other Information**:

Mr. Dishaw informed the Board that DIDHD will be attending the Iron County Fair, but DIDHD will not be attending the **Dickinson County Fair** due to unforeseen charges to provide a service. Historically, the health department did not pay a fee to attend the fair. With the current set up, the fee would be \$400.00 to attend including staff time/wages. Mr. Stevens asked whether DIDHD had outstanding invoices with the county for rentals at the fair. Ms. Edlund stated that DIDHD does not have any outstanding invoices, the invoices received in the amount of \$6,400.00 were paid to Brian Bousley. These fees were incurred for renting the fair building to provide Covid-19 vaccinations; for each clinic there was a \$350.00 rental fee. DIDHD is unaware of any outstanding balances.

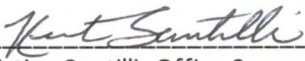
Mr. Dishaw stated that the DC parking lot sealcoating was completed this past weekend; they did a great job. Also, Xcell signs will be installing the new DC sign in the next month.

Ms. Applekamp informed the Board that the health department attended the Gus Macker. Staff worked the Dream Court and was able to provide information to the public on health department programs.

There was no **Other Business**.

M/S/C (Bruette/Jakel) to **Adjourn** at 10:44 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:



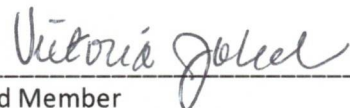
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