

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
February 26, 2025**

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stevens on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Roll Call was taken: Present were Board Members: Joe Stevens, Pete Judd, Victoria Jakel, Dan Harrington, Mark Stauber, and Ean Bruette. Also, present were Dr. Robert Van Howe, Medical Director; Daren Deyaert, RS, Health Officer; Wade Dishaw, REHS, Environmental Health Director; Tina Edlund, Finance Director; and Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor.

Introductions were conducted.

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

M/S/C (Jakel/Stevens) to **approve the January 29, 2025 Minutes** as presented.

Mr. Deyaert provided an update on current department **building projects**, including garage blueprints and restroom updates.

Ms. Applekamp submitted a report on **pertussis** cases in the UP counties. The report also discussed Michigan's **communicable disease reporting** requirements and what the health department's role is in monitoring the health of our community.

Mr. Dishaw discussed how DIDHD is working with Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), and Bill Dyer to finalize a **training for Michigan Septage Haulers**. This training will provide 7 hours of continuing education. The training will take place on March 5, 2025 and is available for a \$40.00 registration fee.

Dr. Van Howe discussed how documentation of someone **driving under the influence of cannabis** is conducted. The topic was brought up during one of his other Board of Health meetings, so he shared information on THC and what assessments are used to show impairment.

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

M/S (Stauber/Jakel) to approve the **Preliminary January 2025 Finance Report**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual **cash balance** at 01/31/2024 is \$1,468,204.94.

M/S (Stauber/Bruette) Approved the **February 2025 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. February: Payroll Expense \$ 137,008.26; General Expense \$ 107,857.54 and Travel Expense \$43.40. Total Claims: \$244,909.20.

There was no **Public Comment**.

Under Old Business:

Mr. Harrington discussed his concerns with the **full-time Botvins position**. He expressed concerns over how the time would be spent during summer months since the position will include teaching Botvin courses in the local schools. Mr. Deyaert explained additional training that is required for the position and discussed other programs and community partners that would be interested in having Botvins classes taught during the summer months. The summer hours would be dependent on the individual hired for the position.

Under New Business:

M/S (Stauber/Judd) to approve the Unitel **Phone system** proposal in the amount of \$40,134.00.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Stevens, Jakel, Bruette, Judd, Stauber Nays: Harrington

M/S (Stauber/Bruette) to approve the **furnace and A/C bid** from Blagec Brothers, Inc not to exceed \$27,550.00. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

There was an **Educational Presentation** on the **Well & Septic program** provided by Dave Schimanski, EH Sanitarian.

There was no **Other Information**.

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M/S/C (Bruette/Harrington) to **Adjourn** at 10:50 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:



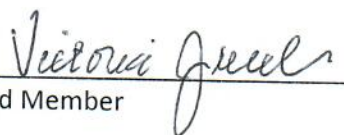
Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor



Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson



Joe Stevens, Chairperson



Victoria Juehl
Board Member