

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
December 17, 2025**

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stevens on Wednesday, December 17, 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, Chairperson; Pete Judd; Ean Bruette and Victoria Jakel. Also, present was Daren Deyaert, RS, Health Officer; Angela Applekamp, Community Health Services Director; Dr. Robert Van Howe, Medical Director; Wade Dishaw, REHS, Environmental Health Director; Tina Edlund, Finance Director; and Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor. Excused: Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Harrington

M/S/C (Jakel/Judd) to **Adopt the Agenda** with the addition of **8.g Health Officer Resignation**.

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

Mr. Deyaert deferred his comments until 8.d. 2026 Department Budget.

Ms. Applekamp's report discussed the type of **CD monitoring** staff are currently experiencing. They are actively working with local schools and daycares to provide guidance. DIDHD has seen an increase in Lyme disease in the last 4 years; epidemiologists predict that Michigan will be added to the list of high incidence areas in 2026.

Mr. Dishaw gave an **update** on three **septic systems**, including the Fortune Lake Island House, Bewabic State Park, and Rivers Bend Campground.

Dr. Van Howe discussed the **CDC's new approach to vaccines**; it appears to be encouraging vaccine hesitancy and actively spreading misinformation. Public Health officials must be careful to craft communications to make sure they are accurate and not misleading for the public.

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

M/S (Bruette/Jakel) to approve the final **November 2025 Finance Reports**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual **cash balance** at 11/30/2025 is \$1,778,260.35.

M/S (Bruette/Jakel) Approved the **October, November, and December 2025 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. October: Payroll Expense \$ 70,508.48; November: Payroll Expense \$ 140,266.59 General Expense \$ 159,852.74 and Travel Expense \$254.01; December: Payroll Expense \$ 70,376.63 General Expense \$ 60,325.26 and Travel Expense \$ 159.60
Total Claims: \$501,743.31.

There was no **Public Comment**.

There was no **Old Business**.

Under **New Business**:

M/S (Jakel/Judd) to renew the current **Simply Blue HRA PPO Gold plan**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

M/S/C (Judd/Stevens) to approve the updated policy **6-1.040 Petty Cash**.

M/S/C (Jakel/Bruette) to approve updates for policy **6-1.030 Cash Handling**.

M/S (Bruette/Jakel) to approve the **2026 Department Budget**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Mr. Deyaert mentioned that the **garages** for department vehicles had been removed from the budget presented. He did not feel it was fiscally responsible at this time to seek bids. Dickinson county does have their own construction crew, so Mr. Stevens is going to have them take a look at the blueprints to get a rough estimate for the future if funding allows DIDHD to move forward.

Under **Educational Presentation**:

Hannah Trzeciak, Prevention Services Educator, gave a presentation on **Botvin's Life Skills**.

Mr. Stevens suggested she submit a **proposal** for additional funds to be used as incentives for student participation. Ms. Applekamp mentioned that Hannah is trained to conduct parenting classes, so she will also include that in the proposal so Hannah is able to provide **parenting classes** to our communities as it is a needed service in our area.

There was no **Other Information**.


Under **Other Business**:

Mr. Stevens suggested offering staff a **year-end bonus** is financially able. After consulting finance and discussing amounts there was a motion made. The Board expressed their gratitude to the staff at DIDHD; they are wonderful, educated, and dedicated staff.


M/S (Bruette/Judd) to give staff a **year-end bonus** in the amount of \$650.00 per employee. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

M/S/C (Bruette/Judd) to **Adjourn** at 11:12 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:




Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor



Joe Stevens, Chairperson



Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson



Board Member