

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
5:00 PM

Present: Carole Andrews, J. Tibbetts, MD, Don Murray, Harold Pfothenauer (arrived 5:20 PM)

Excused: Audrey Murphy, Patti Bacelis-Leon

Absent: Joe VanDeurzen

Staff Present: Judy Friederichs, Dale Schmit

Guests Present: Steve Deslauriers, 2889 Wayside Road, Greenleaf, WI 54126; Barbara Vanden Boogart, 7463 Holly-Mor Rd., Greenleaf, WI 54126

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND APPOINTMENT STATUS

Judy gave an update on odor complaints to the members who were present at 5:00. All odor complaints in December were reported by businesses, not homeowners. She also gave the communicable disease report. The report included an elderly person with active TB who has just started treatment. There are a total of three active TB cases, 2 pulmonary and 1 extra-pulmonary. Staff are following six outbreaks of Norovirus – five of which are in long-term care facilities, one in a group home. Two of the outbreaks have lab-confirmed cases. Pertussis activity is down slightly, information regarding pertussis was sent out to schools and medical providers.

Judy has decided to defer a presentation on the Community Health Improvement Process to the next meeting. The three priorities chosen by the steering committee are adequate nutrition, alcohol and other substance abuse and dental health. The working groups for these priorities have all met.

Recruitment for the vacant Sanitarian, Public Health Nurse and Nurse Manager positions is in process. The three vacant Public Health Nurse positions openings are down to 1.31 FTE because some part-time nurses increased their hours to full-time. The consolidation of some clerical and environmental support positions took effect on January 1st. Staff are still working on finalizing specific duties. One preparedness position is going through the approval process; John Paul is on medical leave.

Judy will be meeting with the County Executive on Friday to discuss his 2012 guidelines. These will include the goal of having all staff evaluated annually; each department doing one LEAN project and all departments participate in succession planning.

De Pere Health Department has asked for help after losing their Public Health Sanitarian. They will pay our staff to help out after hours until they hire a new Sanitarian.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 when a quorum of members had arrived. Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves. There were no updates on board appointments as all members' terms are current.

2. APPROVAL / MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To modify the agenda to take item #6 after item #3.

Andrews / Murray

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 15, 2011

MOTION: To approve.

Andrews / Murray

MOTION CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION BY BARBARA VANDEN BOOGART REGARDING WIND TURBINES AND HEALTH EFFECTS ON FAMILIES

A copy of Ms. Barbara Vanden Boogart's presentation will be forwarded by Ms. Vanden Boogart to Dr. Tibbetts.

Dr. Tibbetts asked Barbara to speak about the effect of stray voltage on Kevin Ashenbrenner's cattle. She said that the animals were getting shocked when they went near their water cups. They would stomp their feet because of the electrical shocks and started to die. The problem has been rectified but the cattle have not been paid for.

Mr. Pfothner asked how they got the permits to put up the wind turbines. He asked where the local government is. Steve said that the Shirley Wind project received a local permit from the town of Glenmore under a local ordinance that the wind company helped them draft. They also had a required permit from the FAA. In 2009, the state took on the responsibility for wind farms and took over local control. The resolution

that Steve drafted is in response to the way that the state has handled the placement of wind projects.

Steve read the resolution which was mailed to board members prior to the meeting and is attached here. He indicated that the current wind siting rules will take effect at the end of the current legislative session if some sort of action is not taken now.

MOTION: To receive and place on file the presentation by Barbara Vanden Boogart. Andrews / Pfothenauer

MOTION CARRIED

6. REVIEW / POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO RESOLUTION TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RELOCATION FROM A WIND FARM DUE TO HEALTH CARE ISSUES

MOTION: To approve the resolution. Andrews / Pfothenauer

DISCUSSION: Dr. Tibbetts asked if the resolution can be sent to the Governor, Public Service Commission and local state legislators independent of the County Board's action on it. Judy will check with Corporation Counsel on this.

MOTION CARRIED

Barbara thanked the board for their action.

4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISCONSIN CITIZENS SAFE WIND SITING GUIDELINES (VERSION 12-21-11)

Copies of these guidelines were sent to board members prior to the meeting and are attached here.

Steve Deslauriers stated that his group is not anti-turbine but wants to make sure that turbines are placed where they are safe for local residents. He feels that this document provides sound guidelines with a noise measurement protocol as its primary protector of people. The guidelines have been endorsed by the towns of Glenmore, Holland and Morrison.

Carol asked if the issue of being able to land helicopters in the area of wind turbines has been addressed. Steve said that Eagle III has said that turbine development will not impact their ability to carry out their duties. He believes, however, that any obstructions you place will limit where you can land. Don stated that they look at turbines as being a building, which they are required to work around. Dr. Tibbetts said that Audrey had met

with representatives from Eagle III who gave her the same answer that Steve articulated.

Steve stated that all of the groups around the state who are concerned about this issue were involved in drafting these guidelines.

Judy asked what Steve's vision is of what should happen with the guidelines. Steve said that he would like them to be delivered to the Public Service Commission to be incorporated into their guidelines.

MOTION: To approve the guidelines. Andrews / Pfothauer

Carole asked about sound measuring equipment to monitor the noise from wind turbines. She asked if the ordinance that addresses odors is broad enough to include noise complaints. Judy said that noise is included in the ordinance. Dr. Tibbetts stated that the Health Department does not have the instruments needed to measure infrasound. Steve said that if the siting guidelines are approved, the burden for providing an independent licensed acoustician would be on the wind project developer.

Barbara said that the wind developer in Glenmore knew that they would not be able to comply with the noise limit of the local ordinance so they went to people and asked them to sign "Good Neighbor Agreements" promising not to complain about the noise.

Dr. Tibbetts said that the city has hired Rick James, an acoustician to measure infrasound in the area in question.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

8. ODOR COMPLAINTS

Addressed prior to call-to-order

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Addressed prior to call-to-order

Carole noted the air quality report that appeared in the Green Bay Press Gazette. She asked if anyone is monitoring this situation. Judy said that air quality is monitored by the DNR.

Judy said that Audrey asked to make sure that elections for chair and vice-chair are on the agenda for the next meeting.

Judy also said that she had sent a message out about the bill sponsored by Senator Lasee. She made copies available to board members.

Don asked if he had voted "no" to the resolutions would they have gone through. He said that there are items in the guidelines that don't seem practical, but that he believes in the idea of them. Carole and Dr. Tibbetts said that they believe the vote did not need to be unanimous.

10. ALL OTHER BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

11. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th at 5:00 PM.

MOTION: To adjourn, at 7:40 PM.

Pfotenhauer / Andrews

MOTION CARRIED