

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
1930 9th AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
Murray Building
August 23, 2018**

Members Present

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, vice chair
Justin Murgel
Tyler Ream
Kammy Johnson
Scott St. Clair

Staff Present

Drenda Niemann
Jolene Helgerson
Eric Merchant
Kathy Moore
Gayle Shirley
James Swierc

Members Absent

James Benish, chair
Mayor Wilmot Collins
Jenny Eck
Dr. Adron Medley

Guests Present

Pat Christian, Helena Citizens Council

Kammy Johnson, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. A quorum was established.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

MINUTES

Ms. Johnson requested that we postpone review of the July 26, 2018, minutes to the September board meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Drenda Niemann, Health Officer, and Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, announced that the quarterly employee recognition award was given to the Water Quality Protection District's Hydrogeologist James Swierc.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Orientation and Training: Ms. Niemann highlighted the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Title 50 Health and Safety, Chapter 2 Local Boards of Health, Powers and Duties of Local Boards of Health (pages 8-10 of the board packet). Eric Merchant, Communicable Disease and Prevention Division Administrator, gave an example as to how MCA 50-2-116 (g) would give the board the authority to change the current county animal ordinance based upon a recommendation of the county attorney. Ms. Moore explained how MCA 50-2-116 (i), (k), (2) (b), (c) (iii), and (V) pertain to all of the environmental services programs. Ms. Moore highlighted the current environmental ordinances and regulations (page 11 of the board packet). She also noted that the Outdoor Air Quality Regulations, Litter Control Ordinance, and Community Decay Ordinance were adopted by the County Commission and administered by the health department. The Board of Health adopted the On-Site Wastewater Regulations and the East Helena Soil Ordinance. In answer to a question from Scott St. Clair, Ms. Moore stated the East Helena properties that have not been cleaned up by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because the owners objected, might have

another chance for clean up after the properties transfer ownership. Ms. Moore stated that she believes there is enough money in the Superfund account to cover this cost. In answer to a question from Mr. St. Clair, Mr. Merchant stated that East Helena is currently in nonattainment for sulfur dioxide (SO₂). However, EPA is in the process of re-designating attainment for SO₂. After further discussion regarding nonattainment issues and outdoor air quality, Ms. Moore stated that staff could add into the outdoor air quality regulations a requirement for approval from the health department for all controlled burns.

All division administrators, along with Communications and Systems Improvement Manager Gayle Shirley, gave a brief overview of their programs (see Attachments "A, B, &C"). Ms. Niemann handed out program brochures for the Community Health Promotion Division. In answer to a question from Mr. St. Clair, Ms. Niemann confirmed that the new Prickly Pear Elementary School in East Helena will have a health clinic that is open to the public and to the school. The health department is collaborating with PureView Health Center regarding the clinic. Ms. Niemann will schedule a presentation on the clinic for a future board meeting. In answer to a question from Tyler Ream, Mr. Merchant stated that the health department does have comparisons of STD incidences among the larger Montana counties. He will email the comparison data to the full board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Christian with the Helena Citizen Council introduced herself to the board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Kammy Johnson, Acting Chair

Drenda Niemann, Secretary