



**Jefferson County Board of Health
Minutes: August 2, 2016 @ 10:00am**

Board Members Present: Bob Shefner (Chair), Lorena Nathan (Vice-Chair), John Bresland (Member), Carmella Cesare (Member)

Board Members Absent: Willis Nowell (Member), Walter Pellish (County Commissioner- Ex. Officio)

Also Present: David Didden (Health Officer), Marty Freeman (Health Administrator), Bill Zaleski (Sanitarian Supervisor), Danielle Phillipson (Office Assistant)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Chairman Shefner. The agenda for today's meeting was presented and accepted.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Board heard from BZ regarding the history, scope and detail of environmental services provided by JCHD. Key points included:

- The importance of the well and septic permitting for real estate transactions in the county
- The critical role water protection plays in maintaining health and the environment, particularly being in the Chesapeake bay watershed
- Findings from a 2013 audit of our county environmental services that indicated a total of 5 sanitarians is necessary to meet the basic environmental health needs of our county, and Bill added that given the scope of the division's activities a 6th sanitarian is appropriate
- Board members emphasized the importance of communicating the details of the environmental services work we perform, particularly the financial cost of meeting unfunded mandates such as serving on local boards or agencies such as the property safety enforcement agency and the source water protection planning groups

The board identified several service features that would be worth publicizing through social media:

- Work with non-profit organizations at no charge; protection of the Chesapeake Bay watershed

- Extensive after-hours access to help businesses re-open if closed due to correctable health code violations
- Early morning availability to builders/developers to facilitate progress of construction projects
- Extra attention to clients such as real estate agents who need timely responses for closure of home loans

Katherine Roy sent in a written description of her role as a Sanitarian I, and Danielle Phillipson came in to discuss the multiple and varied tasks she performs on a routine basis.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04.

Board of Health Members:

Robert Shefner, Chair
 Lorena Nathan, Vice-Chair
 Willis Nowell, Member
 John Bresland, Member
 Carmella Cesare, Member
 Walter Pellish, County Commission Liaison

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