

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
July 13, 2023, AT 12:00 pm
Classroom 1/Virtual**

Present: Jo Pankonin, Liz Wheeler, Bernie Schmidt, Karen Tvedt, Andrea Polkingham, Mick Gibbs

Staff Present: Nayeema Ahmed, Lisa Stensland

Call to order: Dr. Mary Murphy called the meeting to order with a vocal roll call at 12:03 pm. P Mick P Mary P Karen P Bernie P Jo P Andrea P late Liz

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023, supported by Jo, seconded by Bernie. Motion carries. Y Mick Y Mary Y Karen Y Bernie Y Jo Y Andrea Y Liz

Old Business:

Interim Public Health Director is Amy Richardson and Alicia Collura's last day is tomorrow.

New Business:

New board member Training:

Reviewed the Board of Health New Member Orientation. This was a new presentation as there had not been one before. It will also be sent to the board members for their reference in the future.

Status update for the Vector Control Program:

Denise Patton gave a little background and update on Mosquito Control.

West Nile Virus hit the state of SD in 2003, reporting 1,159 cases in that year. Since then, South Dakota has been hit highest per capita in the nation with West Nile Virus. Denise explained that the Vector Control program runs several traps in and around the city to monitor mosquito numbers. The lab will identify and enumerate all trap collections to determine if we have too many nuisance mosquitoes or too many of our competent carriers of disease. All specimens that are considered high risk are tested in our lab to determine if they have West Nile Virus. This information is shared with the State Department of Health and serves as a guide to treatment efforts (along with any human cases). Staff treat public water sources M-F each week during the season, focusing on standing water sources that are breeding grounds for mosquitoes. They also treat turf in the parks, spray around the city in areas where risk is high, and work to educate the public at some of our summer events.

To date – they have treated over 700 water sources in addition to responding to 27 citizen complaints/concerns, 42 turf treatments, and 14 barrier treatments.

Board engagement:

A motion was made by the board to have a discussion of how to increase the board's engagement, supported by Bernie, seconded by Mick, motion carries. Y Mick Y Mary Y Karen Y Bernie Y Jo Y Andrea Y Liz

Public Input:

None at this time

There being no further business or further discussion, motion to adjourn supported by Bernie and seconded by Jo.

Motion carries. __Y_ Mick __Y_ Mary __Y_ Karen __Y_ Bernie __Y_ Jo __Y_ Andrea __Y_ Liz

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernie Stensrud".