

Grundy County Board of Health

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

Called to Order: 7:01am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at 7:00am in the Conference Room at the Grundy County Annex Building in Grundy Center, IA. Per the Iowa Public Information Board: Electronic Meetings for a Governmental Body, minutes must include a statement explaining why an in-person meeting was impossible or impractical. Zoom/conference call attendance will still continue to be available to board members and to the public. This meeting was not recorded due to technical issues at time of meeting.

Appointed board members present in person: Tom Boheman, BS, Chairperson; Lexie Hach, MA, Vice-Chairperson. Also present in person: Jordyn Beeghly, GCPH Program Coordinator; Lon Larsen, Lon's Plumbing and Heating; Darren Hasselman, Lon's Plumbing and Heating; Pat Gallas, Correll, Sheerer, Benson, Engels, Galles and Demro, PLC; and Thornton-Lang. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Mike Nelsestuen, ARNP, LBOH Medical Provider; and Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC. Also present via zoom: Carie Sparks, Grundy County Sanitarian; Erika Allen, Grundy County Attorney; Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS).


Environmental Health Possible Action Regarding Lon's Plumbing & Heating: Additional information was allowed into the record of email exchanges between Sparks, Darren Hasselman, and Corey Frank. Those were sent to the board via email, but not available day of hearing on 1/16/24. The other piece allowed into the record was the letter that Erika sent to Pat Galles dated November 7, 2023 offering a clarification on the Dbox depth. That was also emailed to the board, but not available that day. Attorney, Galles, stated information from emails and support of client. Darren Hasselman, Lon's employee, discussed matter as it pertains to him/his involvement with this matter. Larsen stated his case on this matter; board inquiries/ clarifications were addressed. Allen stated information and support of county/sanitarian. Sparks stated her case on this matter; board inquiries/clarifications were addressed. Motion to close record by Hach; seconded by Johnson; carried. Points of discussion amongst board members regarding evidence presented. Motion to vote by Johnson; seconded by Nelsestuen; carried. Roll call vote on matter of upholding Spark's decision, with a yes to support and a *no* to not support: Nelsestuen-no; Johnson-yes; Hach-yes; Boheman-yes. Galles requested draft minutes from both hearings to be emailed to him with links to recordings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36am; motion by Hach, second by Johnson; carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE

Grundy County Public Health Administrator



Tom Boheman, BS

Grundy County Local Board of Health Chairperson