**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024**

The McDonough County Board of Health meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

**Members Present:** Roger Ward, Terra Litchfield, Dr. Kari Jo Kelso, Becky Mahr, and Andrea Ratermann.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Richard Minter, Holly Norton, and Dr. Nick Doll.

**Staff Present:** Chris Adams, Jennifer Plate, Stefanie Johnson and Niki Duffy

**Visitors Present:** Nicole Driver (staff), Partick Stout, Clay Unes (Clock Tower Bank), Troy McCrery and Shelly Nosbish (Fortress Bank).

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM President Andrea Ratermann.

**Public Comment:**

No comment was made.

A motion was made to approve the July 10th, 2024, minutes. The motion was carried with 5 in favor and 0 opposed and 3 absent.

**Claims:**

Approval of the July 1st-31st ,2024 claims made. The motion was moved by Litchfield to approve and carried with 5 in favor and 0 opposed and 3 absent.

**Reports**:

President Ratermann moved Fortress Bank and Clock Tower Bank to the beginning of the agenda to allow for time.

**Fortress Bank presentation**: Troy McCrery and Shelly Nosbish handed out packets explaining the options that Fortress Bank can offer regarding Certificate Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) accounts. Please review page 6 of the report regarding fraud protection. CDARS insure up to 50 million dollars. Inverted yield curve: laddering would not be recommended. Want to stair stepping and suggest not laddering. I have not made a cash flow analysis, so, I will work on the use of the treasurer’s report. Sweeps and explained the PEG balance. The bank pays 3.14. Take from ICS bucket and place in CDARS. Changes every Wednesday. Mr. McCrery explained how the IntraFi Network Deposits works. Which is a deposit account system with sweep options. Fully insured to $150 million. Interest earned ranges from 60% of the 30-day treasury. Variable rates depending on the current treasury rate. Interest adjusted daily and is paid monthly. CD’s and CDARS minimum balance $100,000 and insured to $50Million currently yielding 4.18%-4.82% APY (depending on term). Recommend stair stepping term 4-week, 13 week and 26 weeks. Always have money available but never catch the high or low all based off the treasury bill; the market is the market. Would recommend always keeping two to three months’ working capital in the account. Every four weeks get an email; your CDARS is coming due to determine what would you like to do. In 60 days, we have a bill coming, you would not want to ladder it out. It all comes from communication. Thank you for all that you do as an organization and appreciate this time and if we can work together, great. Bank gets charged 13 bases points for the insurance.

**Clock Tower Bank presentation**: Clay Unes explained the current Midwest Invest Money Market and how that works. Information regarding the Intrafi Network Deposits was explained echoing the same from the previous presentation. You currently have an operating account, Midwest Invest Money Market Account, pays 3%. It is not tied to any index, the same for the last three years was created by the bank to help support schools and keep local. Clay went on to explain the option regarding CDARS and thanked the Board of Health for working with the bank through the years. Your account shares tax id with the county. Not to be Intrafi because you’re already covered. You do not have $250,000 to the county organization. Would have to make sure that there is no other tax id number associated with the account. The 30-day rate is a sound option but there are penalties. If we put you in a CD the bank would have the option to waive the penalties but that does not happen with Intrafi. Clay explained how CD Laddering works (3-6-9-12 months). Laddering can be used to offer the county flexibility in access to cash with earnings of longer-term rate options. Would not suggest a ladder investment. The bank has been given clearance to offer a onetime four week. If we did a 30 day with a rate of 4.85 and would have an opportunity to see it. $100,000 in your Sweep account would be recommended on the information provided. No limit on amount in the 3-6-9-12. Would not recommend moving into a Intrafi account, as it would not be necessary. 3% is the best liquid rate we offer; CD’s is the next option or move to CDARS. Mahr wanted to see the analysis on a CD ladder investment strategy and Sweeps account to see the options. Appreciate the opportunity and thank you.

BOH Report:

Ratermann commented that she attended the milk shake social. Congratulations to the award received by USDA in recognition of all the breastfeeding education and efforts.

Staff Presentation (Niki Duffy)

Niki Duffy, Emergency Response Coordinator explained the five-year plan work for the health department. When you start the five-year plan, you start with table-top exercises and then the baby steps up to the full exercise at year five. Biological tract discussion response and functional exercise required. Start with a risk assessment and then develop an actual full-scale exercise based on our actual assessment. Assemble drills and functional drills will be taking place in the budget years, working up to the full scale. The last budget year, we were able to use COVID response as requirements. If any members would like to participate in the “The Great American Shake-Out,” you are all welcomed to attend. It will start in the morning with a follow-up meeting.

Environmental Health (Stefanie Johnson)

Recently worked with the Prairie Land Conservancy and talked about sun safety and ticks. Next month staff will be attending the retail food safety seminar. Stefanie will be attending the Illinois Environmental Health Administrators training coming up. Niki will be attending PHEP training. Just completed the IDPH food program review and passed. The food code has been updated along with the inspection report. DineSmart is getting up and running to work with HealthSpace. The sewage and water program, we had six sewage and well checks come in the last month. We have already had 14 this year. Body Art and Tanning training program may be hosting the training here at the department. An individual came into the department wanting to know about scalp micro-pigmentation. This would fall under the body art program. Vector program, we ran 6 more tests, and they have been negative, three bird calls. Tickborne disease conference in October. I have been asked to speak at Bushnell and speak about Lyme disease. Nuisance complaint investigations: 13 food, 1 water, 3 sewage, 1 solid waste, 3 insects and rodent, 3 housing and 2 body art. Received several FOIA requests.

Community Health (Jennifer Plate)

All the departments are continuing our outreach. We have attended the farmers markets, National Night-Out and Bushnell Health Fair. Have received HIV and Syphilis at home test. We have partnered again with WIU for STI testing in the fall. We will offer onsite education and prevention counseling. As of right now we have tested over 42 people and last year in total we only tested 52 people, so we are up in testing. LHPG there are new lead requirements lowering the EBL to 3.5; may double the case load and may see more funding. August is National Breastfeeding Month; we had the milk shake social that went along with breastfeeding group. Met with the oral health and looking into providing fluoride treatment. Looking at a possible colon rectal cancer screening grant.

Administration (Chris Adams)

Employee benefit time payout provided in packet. Been working on grants and needing to get the budget over to the county by tomorrow. I recently got introduced to the TB San Board and trying to get that going again. Met with the CEO at MDH and how to help address the physician shortage. Coordinating with MDH with bird flu discussion. Spoke with U of I about testing birds suspected of bird flu.

**Old Business**:

President Ratermann explained that she did talk to Dr. Stortzum, MD about sitting on the board. Dr. Stortzum explained that the Springfield Clinic is in the process of getting updated software and will be busy with that.

**New Business:**

Member Mahr brought up the suggestion about changing the BOH meeting time and starting earlier to provide for members and staff to get home earlier.

Ratermann had a question about IPLAN and where it was in the process. Staff member Nicole Driver answered questions regarding the IPLAN.

Member Ward wanted to thank the staff and board members. He felt that there is a change in morale and was impressed by all the work that the staff is doing.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Litchfield, motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:36PM

Next meeting is September 11th, 2024, at 7:00 pm.