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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on August 15, 2023, at 4:00PM at the Health Department. Ronnie Jones, Sandy Haspel, John Plesa and newly appointed member Lisa Ludovici were in attendance. Nicole Glass was absent. Health officer Dr Rhody, Administrator Jackie Huff and RS, Carolyn Baker were the staff present. Commissioner Jeff Davis was representing the commission.

Chair Jones introduced and welcomed Lisa Ludovici to the Board.

Chair Jones asked if all had time to review the minutes of the June meeting. All acknowledged yes. John Plesa moved to accept the minutes and Sandy Haspel seconded the motion. All members present voted to accept the motion and minutes.

Chair Jones then asked if there was any discussion on the financials. Hearing no discussion, John Plesa moved to accept the financials and Lisa Ludovici seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, the motion passes and the financials will be filed for audit.

No Public comments or communications

Old Business: Chair Jones continued discussion from January 2023, about the staff to receive an 8% increase across the board. In January he proposed but the staff were not eligible for it until September 2023. He asked for any discussion from the other members. John Plesa verified the financial status as being good for the increases. No further discussion, Chair asked if there was a motion. John Plesa made a motion to give the staff a 8% across the board increase effective as soon as possible. Sandy Haspel seconded the motion. The vote passed.

New Business: Chair Jones then discussed the health insurance cost. 17 years ago, the Board of Health agreed to pay \$400 toward employee health insurance. Due to the increases in the PEIA rates he wanted discussion on increasing that benefit for

the employees. Jackie Huff explained the rates were increased by 15%. After some discussion and explanation, John Plesa moved to increase the health insurance paid by the board to \$520 monthly effective The pay ending August 31, 2023. Sandy Haspel seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative to pay the health insurance benefit up to \$520 monthly.

Program and staff reports: Jackie Huff provided the board with reports from clinical and environmental staff with June and July numbers.

Administrative report: Jackie stated that the Public Health conference held September 26-28 will be in Canaan this year with a few staff wishing to attend.

Jackie then stated that a few invoices were outstanding and awaiting payment equating to about \$100,000. These are expected to come in soon. The infrastructure and Threat preparedness grants have been submitted and awaiting approval.

WIC office for Hancock County will be here 2 days a month for now and will be adjusted as needed. I should be a positive for the WIC program and the Health Department.

With no further business to discuss the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. John Plesa moved to adjourn, and Sandy Haspel seconded the motion. Meeting is adjourned with the next meeting October 10, 2023, at 4:00PM at the health department.

Respectfully submitted for Dr Chris Rhody by Jackie Huff