

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2020

Present: Via Zoom Web Conference: Sandi Cihlar, John Robinson, Tiffany Lee, Kue Her, Craig McEwen, Lori Shepherd

MCHD Staff: Joan Theurer, Dale Grosskurth, Eileen Eckardt, Jon Schmunk, Chris Weisgram, Judy Burrows

Others Present: Brian Kowalski, Phil Rentmeester

Call to Order

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m.

1. Call to Order, Welcome New Board of Health Member

John Robinson welcomed Craig McEwen, County Board Supervisor, back to the Board of Health.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Board of Health Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting made by Kue Her. Seconded by Sandi Cihlar. Motion approved.

3. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution

A. None

4. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Review Marathon County Agent Programs Regulation section "Correction of Violations" in light of the approved restructure of the Recreational Pool Licensing and Water Testing Fees
 - i. Update on the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) extension of the renewal of permits until December 31, 2020 and action to be taken to extend renewal fees
 - ii. Update on the process and timeline for reviewing licensing fee
 - iii. Confirm the timeline for enacting pool re-inspection fees and proposed changes for fee violations for other Public Facility or Establishment under 100.8 Inspections (4) Correction of Violations, page 14-15

Joan Theurer shared an overview of April's Board decision regarding restructuring of the recreational pool licensing and pool water testing fees. The adopted re-inspection fee for recreational water facilities was set at \$317 based on a time study to perform a re-inspection and is not align with other re-inspection fees for other license categories in the Marathon County Agent Programs Regulation. A time study would need to be performed to determine the true costs for other license categories re-inspection fees.

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) decided to extend fee deadlines from July 1 to December 31, 2020. Local public health departments have the option to extend fee deadlines as well. Joan indicated a plan could be to extend to December 1st, which would allow time to complete a time study to determine true program costs, and realign licensing fees in keeping with DATCP categories. This would also provide the time needed to do a time-study to realign re-inspections fees for the remaining license categories. Joan shared that without incoming licensing fees during June and July, there would be a delay in revenue.

John Robinson shared that discussions at the County's Finance Committee indicate there is interest in looking more into the cash flow situation, and how to address fees. John suggested the county look at the impact of forgoing late fees, delaying license due dates; having a uniform message for all license types.

Joan Theurer shared if the current schedule of collecting license fees were to continue, it would be recommended that adopted re-inspection fees for recreational water facilities be suspended until the entire license fee structure could be implemented.

Craig McEwen shared that the Village of Rothschild recently suspended renewal fees.

Joan Theurer shared that renewals could be extended to September, which would give operators an additional 2 months, and reduce the amount of extra time the County would need to support the Licensing program through tax levy.

The Board discussed various options of deferring fees, and restructuring the licensing fees for recreational water facilities.

Motion to suspend license fee restructuring until additional information is available from the county made by Lori Shepherd. Second by Tiffany Lee. Motion approved.

Motion to defer decision on renewal fees to June 1, 2020 made by Craig McEwen. Second by Sandi Cihlar. Motion approved.

Joan Theurer shared that operators will be notified by the department that the Board of Health will make a decision at the June meeting as to time frame for renewal, after further guidance is provided by the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee.

- B. Update on Marathon County's COVID-19 response
 - i. Overview of the Badger Bounce Back plan which outlines the criteria and phases for reopening the economy and communities
 - ii. Discuss public health issues going forward in our COVID-19 response
 - iii. Status report as to impact on carrying out critical and essential public health services

Joan Theurer shared an update on what work has been done by the Health Department in response to COVID-19, as well as an overview of the "Badger Bounce Back" plan. Joan explained the conditions outlined in the plan to safely reopen the state including specific outcomes for increasing lab capacity and testing, contact tracing, personal protective equipment, health care

capacity, and statewide tracking. Joan explained that the plan is aligned with the White House and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plan that have been previously released.

Discussion on hospitals' response to the effect COVID-19 response has had on treatment of other health issues, and elective care.

Joan Theurer walked through the "box in" strategy to contain COVID-19, which includes testing, isolation, contact tracing, and quarantine. Marathon County provides a voluntary agreement and explanation of responsibilities for those who have been identified as contacts.

Joan explained the Gating Criteria, which outlines specific measures that, when met, allow movement to the next phase of the "Badger Bounce Back" plan. Joan shared different recently received plans and criteria that have been developed by various organizations such as Medical College of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Manufacturing and Commerce with the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, and regional public health groups. Specifically, Joan shared a plan from Northern and Western region health departments "A United Front" and how it guides local health departments to respond.

Joan shared the four phases of the "Badger Bounce Back" include lifting of restrictions based on specific criteria, and capacity to respond to case load.

The Board discussed timing of possibly reopening municipal facilities such as pools, and recreation buildings at parks. Joan shared that some municipalities are waiting to decide until the end of May.

John Robinson asked what information is available from Wisconsin Department of Health Services as far as what is being considered essential or non-essential business. Dale Grosskurth outlined discussion held with Corporation Counsel regarding why certain business could not remain open because they did not sell essential items or services.

Discussion was held on distribution of funds from the CARES Act, and the possibility of using funds to support local food pantries.

Discussion was held on the likelihood of spread increasing again after further steps are taken to reopen businesses and community facilities.

Joan noted that today the Wisconsin Supreme Court is hearing arguments today regarding the lawsuit filed against extension of the Safer at Home orders.

5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. None

6. Announcements

7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Future Agenda Items: June 1, 2020

A. TBD based on COVID-19 response

- i. Election of Board of Health Officers for 2020-2022
- ii. Update on the Board of Health Self-Assessment Plan of Work

- iii. Continuation of the identification of community health priorities with members of Healthy Marathon County

John Robinson shared that County Board rules have changed, which affects the meeting schedule for committees. It might be worth looking at moving Board of Health meetings to a different day.

8. Adjourn

John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder