**MINUTES**

**January 27, 2025**

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

A general meeting of the Central District Health Department (CDHD) Board of Health was held Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at 1137 South Locust Street, Grand Island, NE. President Ron Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act. Legal notification of meeting was published January 27, 2025, in the Grand Island Independent.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cody Rush, Francis McDonald, Kenneth Wiemers, Mark Stelk, Pam Lancaster (6:01), Paul Lacore, Pat O’Neil, Roger Wiegert, Yetzira Bermudez. A quorum was established.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brittany Lozdoski (excused), Deb Niles (excused).

**CDHD EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION:** Teresa Anderson, Karly Simonson.

**CDHD STAFF:** Celia Webb, Cindy Valdez, Jennifer Carreno.

**RESERVATION TO SPEAK:** None.

**2023-24 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT:** Mark DeDiana, CPA, CORE CPAs, presented the 2023 – 2024 annual audit report. O’Neil (McDonald) moved to approve the audit as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Rush, Wiemers, Stelk, Lacore, Wiegert, Bermudez. Abstain- Lancaster. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** O’Neil(Stelk) moved to approve the slate of officers as follows: Deb Niles as President, Cody Rush as Vice President and Yetzira Bermudez as Secretary. Roll call vote: Aye – Rush, McDonald, Wiemers, Lancaster, Lacore, Wiegert, Bermudez. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL POLICY:** Lancaster(Wiegert) moved to approve the fiscal policy, as emailed. Roll call vote: Rush, McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Lacore, O’Neil, Bermudez. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:** Rush (Bermudez) moved to approve the minutes for November 18, 2024, as emailed. Roll call vote: Aye – McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Wiegert. Abstain- Lancaster, Lacore, O’Neil. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** O’Neil (McDonald) moved to approve the payment of claims as presented from November 22, 2024 to January 17, 2025, in the amount of $894,384.76. Roll call vote: Aye–Rush, Wiemers, Stelk, Lancaster, Lacore, Wiegert, Bermudez. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**: Yetzira Bermudez (Rush) moved to approve the Financial Reports for September 2024 and October 2024. Roll call vote: Aye- McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Lacore, O’Neil, Wiegert. Abstain- Lancaster. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**: Yetzira Bermudez (O’Neil) moved to approve the Financial Reports for November 2024 and December 2024. Roll call vote: Aye- Rush, McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Lancaster, Lacore, Wiegert. Motion carried.

**HEALTH DIRECTOR ANNUAL EVALUATION** O’Neil (Rush) moved to go into closed session at 6:54 p.m. for personnel matters. Roll call vote: Aye – McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Lancaster, Lacore, Wiegert, Bermudez. Motion carried.

O’Neil (Rush) moved to come out of closed session at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye – McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Lancaster, Lacore, Wiegert, Bermudez. Motion carried.

O’Neil (Rush) moved to approve the director’s evaluation with a 3.5% wage increase. Roll call vote: Aye – McDonald, Wiemers, Stelk, Lancaster, Lacore, Wiegert, Bermudez. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Board members are aware of the current activities of the organization’s staff and director.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

* NTV has reported two cases of pertussis in students. Little exposure to others. It is being monitored closely until February 13, 2025.
* The wastewater surveillance report has revealed that there are Influenza A and B testing particles in the wastewater. In a few weeks, wastewater sampling will include H1, H3, and H5 influenza reports. More information can be found on the CDHD website.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment at 7:13 p.m.

Yetzira Bermudez, Secretary, Board of Health

By: Jennifer Carreno, Executive Assistant