

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2023**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chairperson Billy Fried, Debbie Condado, Dr. Amy Slette

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Mike Roach, Marcy Davies, William Crump

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Kyla Waksmonski, Venette Tess and Joneil Tess

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Petra Pietrzak, Steven Schreier, Anthony Rio, Dorothy Skye, Tom Jerow, Kathleen Cooper

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**Call to order:** Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

**Minutes of December 13, 2023:** Motion by Fried/Kelly to approve the December 13, 2022, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by Fried/Kelly to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public Comment/Communications:** None

**Introduction of New Employee:**

Robbie Deede: Conlon introduced Deede as the PH Preparedness Coordinator / Public Health Nurse. Deede previously worked in this position from 2012-2017. Deede said he has been a nurse for over decade and worked as a contractor for disaster readiness. Deede has a lot of background in public health and preparedness.

**Board of Health Orientation:** Watched "What is Public Health? Episode 1 of That's Public Health" video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ig2cnOLFBR4>

**2023 Fee Schedule:** Conlon presented and reviewed the recommended changes to the 2023 Fee Schedule. Discussion followed. Kelly/Condado made a motion to adopt the 2023 Fee Schedule and amend the price of the radon test kits to \$15.00. All ayes; motion carried.

**PFAS Update – Town of Stella:** McKinney gave update on PFAS in the Town of Stella. McKinney said the DNR and DHS are taking lead on the PFAS located in the

Town of Stella. The DNR is creating a website for the Town of Stella, which should be up by the next town meeting.

The DNR & DHS are taking steps to provide temporary safe drinking water to residents with private wells who are impacted with elevated levels of PFAS. They are providing bottled water to these households

**Monthly/Quarterly Updates:**

Environmental Health: McKinney reviewed the presented handouts regarding Public Health Environmental Staff and an overall program update of last year.

Flu: Deede presented data for the 2022-2023 flu season as of the end of 2022.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Conlon said COVID cases have been at a consistent level.

**Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:** Conlon discussed the purchase orders, vouchers and new blanket voucher in detail. There were no line item transfers at this time. Motion by Fried/Kelly Roach to accept the purchase orders, vouchers and new blanket voucher for 2023 as presented. All ayes; motion carried

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Next meeting February 14, 2023 at 9am, Board of Health Orientation, Medicare Rates

**Public comment/communications:** None

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Committee Chairman or Designee

*Joneil Tess*  
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Committee Secretary