



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT :

J. Picco, DDS, President (By Zoom)
T. Hills, DVM, Vice President (In Person)
R. Kapur-Pado, DO (By Zoom)
W. Standinger III, Legislator (In Person)
T. Nytech, DVM (In Person)
W. Simmons (In Person)

STAFF PRESENT:

L. McCafferty, Secretary (By Zoom)
P. DeWind, Esq., County Attorney (By Zoom)(Arrived at 7:38 A.M.)
A. Reigelman, Secretary to the Public Health Director (In Person)

ABSENT:

J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
K. Millar, CRNA

GUEST:

Wendy Walsh, District Manager, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District (Arrived at 7:30 A.M.,
Departed at 8:07 A.M)

Dr. Picco asked Dr. Hills to chair meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:34 a.m. by Dr. Hills.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Hills introduced Ms. Walsh who presented on Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Walsh provided an all-encompassing overview of Tioga County's SWCD.

- Formation of SWCD in 1944; listed governing board & district staff members
- Programs & Services offered (Ag programs vs. non-Ag programs)
 - Ag Program Ex.- Ag Environmental Management Program (AEM): with over 270 farms enlisted in the program helps farms with heavy use area protection, Riparian forest buffering, grazing systems, and more. Assists in planning, design, assistance and construction oversight in all areas.
 - Non-Ag Programs Ex.-Hydro-seeding, Stream Program, permit assistance, equipment rental, flood control projects, etc..
- Various funding sources comes from private landowners, local municipalities, federal/state grants
- Upper Susquehanna Coalition is fully administered out of Tioga County SWCD. Offers wetland restoration, buffer work, water quality improvement, stream corridor rehabilitation and more.
- SWCD Participates in other County Committees: Ag & Farmland Protection Board, Ag Resource Group, Hazard Mitigation Service Committee, etc.

Ms. Walsh ended with questions from the Board:

- Dr. Kapur inquired what kind of budget SWCD works with.
 - Ms. Walsh explained that they have County appropriation of funds, grant funding, and funding that comes from the state, encompassing about \$700,000-\$800,000; and a greater sum with the Coalition.

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- Dr. Nytch inquired about Riparian repairs and if private landowners have the ability to choose the kind of trees/foliage that will be planted.
 - Ms. Walsh stated that SWCD provides options of foliage they can plant and landowners have input in what is chosen. Ultimately, the goal is to have foliage that provides the best coverage.
 - Mr. Simmons commented that he had worked with SWCD with a Riparian Buffer project for his land. In which he stated is going very well.
- Question was asked if SWCD has enforcement ability, if landowners do not comply by regulated water source locations.
 - Ms. Walsh replied that they are not a regulatory agency; they can educate and provide options, but can not enforce. Often times they are a go between for New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEH) and landowners.
- Ms. McCafferty commented that Ms. Walsh provided a great overview especially in discussing point source and non-point source contamination. Stated that the Environmental Health Program works closely with SWCD.
- Dr. Hills thanked Ms. Walsh for her presentation; thereafter the entire Board stated their appreciation.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve prior minutes made by Dr. Nytch; seconded by Dr. Kapur-Pado; all were in favor, motion approved.
- Enforcements:
 - Dr. Nytch inquired why the Arby's stipulation was so costly. Ms. McCafferty replied that the stipulation increases if the establishment does not correct a violation that previously occurred. Dr. Nytch requested that the number of violations (within one year) also be included on the enforcement log. Ms. McCafferty stated that would be accommodated.
 - Ms. McCafferty explained the water-related stipulation; which was a failure to report a monthly water test.
 - Short discussion of types of water test panels for supplies, with focus on lead in water supplies. Ms. McCafferty will provide example of water sampling schedules.
- Board Vacancy Update: Ms. McCafferty stated that Mr. Simmons, the Board of Health's new member was in attendance. Dr. Hills introduced everyone on the Board.
 - Mr. Simmons gave an overview of his background:
 - Grew up on dairy farm in Berkshire, and continued the dairy farm for a time, then went to beef cattle. (currently retired from);
 - Attended college for forestry;
 - Went into sales for dairy nutrition;
 - Worked in Precision Management (with Nutritional Management)
 - 4h Leader;
 - Currently works closely with Berkshire Fire District and Emergency Services;
 - Feels big responsibility to public service.
 - Ms. McCafferty requested County Attorney DeWind explain why only one candidate.
 - A draft resolution recommending both candidates was not accepted, as there was only one current vacancy. County Attorney DeWind explained that the existing vacancy was filled by Mr. Simmons. Since the Board did not have another vacant seat (and the next vacant seat was not yet established) a second member could not be included.
 - Dr. Picco commented that he received an email from Ms. Haray-Butcher stating her resignation from the Board of Health.

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- Dr. Kapur-Pado welcomed Mr. Simmons, and asked if a letter was sent to the second candidate (referred to in the February 17th meeting) Teresea Leary.
 - Ms. McCafferty stated that, to her knowledge, unknown if any correspondence went to any candidates. Then asked the Board what letters they would like to be distributed, and to whom.
- Dr. Nytch asked why both candidates could not be brought on, as he thought the February 17th meeting had determined that they would expand to 10 members.
 - Response: Did not motion to expand to 10 members.
- County Attorney DeWind stated that the Board should reach out to the next candidate and ask if they would like to serve, then would need to be approved at the next Legislative meeting.
 - Dr. Picco asked County Attorney DeWind if the Board should motion to approve Ms. Haray-Butcher's resignation.
 - County Attorney DeWind replied that would not be necessary, it is understood that the resignation is accepted.
- County Attorney DeWind noted that the Board could make a motion for next candidate.
 - Legislator Standinger made motion to advance next candidate to Legislators; Mr. Simmons seconded.
- Dr. Hills asked if there was any discussion on the matter.
 - Dr. Kapur-Pado inquired if the Board needed to call and ask Ms. Leary if she would still like to serve on the Board before sending to Legislators (as she has not been contacted in over four months). She asked if that was how Mr. Simmons's appointment took place.
 - Ms. McCafferty commented that she called Mr. Simmons to ask of his interest before resolution was put through.
 - County Attorney DeWind stated that a resolution could be put forward contingent on Ms. Leary's acceptance.
 - Ms. McCafferty stated that she was frustrated about the lack of professional courtesy with keeping all candidates informed, and asked if anything was sent by the Committee to the candidates.
 - Dr. Kapur-Pado replied that the Committee did not send any correspondence to any candidates.
 - Dr. Picco stated that Ms. Leary should be called to see if still interested; then after response will send letters to all candidates on outcome.
 - Legislator Standinger stated the earliest Ms. Leary would be approved would be at the April 12th Legislative meeting.
 - Ms. McCafferty stated that she will reach out to Ms. Leary to inquire of interest, then will submit to Legislature. The Secretary will send letters to all candidates on behalf of the Board.
- Dr. Hills asked if all were in favor to move forward to Legislature to fill Ms. Haray-Butcher's position with Ms. Teresea Leary; all members were in favor; motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- N/A

INFORMATIONAL:

- Ms. McCafferty stated that the Agency Report and Cannabis Conversation handouts were sent to the Board (electronically).
 - She let Board members who were present via Zoom know that they would be sent Health Educational promotional "rocks" encouraging vaccination, as they were distributed to those who attended in-person.



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- “Rocks” are promotion for vaccines in general; especially promotion of children to get vaccinated. Preventable childhood disease.
- COVID is still around, continuing surveillance.
- Healthy Neighborhoods- Public Health did not receive grant funding; frustrating because originally told that it would only be to first-year awards, now counties that have never received grant are being rewarded.
- Offered to reach out to Bob Williams, Deputy Director of Emergency Services, to present on topic of Tioga County Fire and Emergency Services.

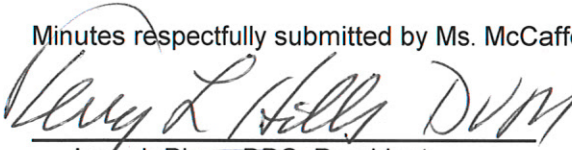
Dr. Kapur-Pado welcomed Ms. McCafferty back to attending in person.

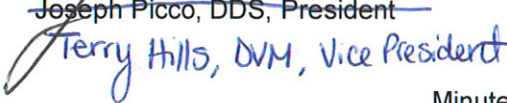
County Attorney DeWind let the Board know that last night the Governor extended order 11 until April 15, 2022 for public meetings to continue to hold meetings virtually. Since the next Board of Health meeting is April 21st, the Board will plan to meet fully in person.

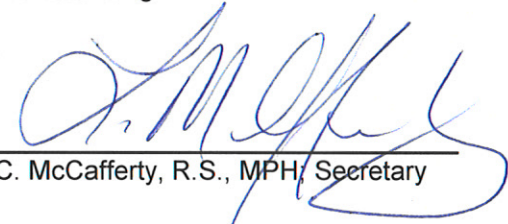
Ms. McCafferty reminded the Board to complete the Tioga County Annual Policy Review and Financial Disclosure Statements. Reminder email with information will be sent to Board after meeting.

Dr. Hills concluded meeting at 8:41 A.M. and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ms. McCafferty.



Joseph Picco, DDS, President

Terry Hills, DVM, Vice President



Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH, Secretary

Minutes approved April 21, 2022