

Environmental Health Liaison Meeting
July 17, 2007

Minutes

Present: David Hourdequin, Paul Higdon, Dr. Jim Davis, Ron Winecoff, Barry Patterson and Sue Blaine

Excused: Dr. Ron Campbell

Guest: Mack Dendy and Chris Murray (both for first part of meeting)

The Environmental Health Liaison Meeting was opened by Mr. Barry Patterson at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Patterson introduced guests Chris Murray and Mack Dendy.

Minutes from the June 12, 2007 EHL meeting were approved unanimously on a motion from Mr. Paul Higdon and a second from Mr. Ron Winecoff.

1) Humane Society - Mr. Chris Murray from the Macon County Humane Society addressed the committee. He is a retired law officer from Florida and is now a Volunteer on the Board of the Macon County Humane Society since February of 2007. He inquired about having a second person appointed/certified as a rabies vaccinator. He also offered to have up to 25 volunteers from the Humane Society to help with the health department's next Rabies Clinic. He is interested in other ways to network with the Health Department and County through shelter assistance such as public education programs on animal care and/or other community service projects.

2) Mack Dendy - Mr. Dendy addressed the committee concerning the scheduling program in Jackson County Health Department's Environmental Health Section and other related issues. He has served in that department for many years. He offered several ideas on employee moral and burnout, four ten hour days scheduling, advanced scheduling, cross training, and staff retention.

3) Discussion on Minutes - Mr. Hourdequin led a discussion on follow-up of some of the items addressed in the June 12, 2007 minutes, e.g. Fast Track, number of site visits, and adding extra clerical help in EH, all issues that are ongoing.

4) New Business - Mr. David Hourdequin made a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Higdon as the Chairperson of the Environmental Health Liaison Committee. The motion was seconded by Ron Winecoff and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. David Hourdequin has severed the EH Liaison Committee well.

5) Monthly OSWW Application Summary Report and OSWW State Production Report - Brief discussion was held on the two reports.

6) EH Staffing - Mr. Patterson reiterated that salaries need to go up to avoid the continuing loss of staff.

7) Upcoming Issues - Mr. Patterson briefly touched on issues of related health risks from failing septic systems and bored well contamination.

8) Well Program - Mr. Patterson mentioned that the Well Program will be forthcoming with legislative changes, rule interpretations and the need for more staffing to accommodate the program.

9) Conversion to Electronic Format - Mr. Patterson reported that the On-site Wastewater and Food and Lodging Programs are in the process of a new computer programming system. Staff will be attending training.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ron Winecoff and a second by Mr. David Hourdequin. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Blaine