ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING January 15, 2025

- I. <u>MEETING</u> called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Monica Standel.
- MEMBERS PRESENT Monica Standel, Kevin Watkins, Dawn Fulk, Stephen Smith, Leann Clink, Carolyn Richards & Robert Fielitz.

MEMBERS ABSENT- Marie Muller.

III. STAFF PRESENT - Liz King, Greg Brown, Dr. Remington Nevin & Tammie Berger

IV. CITIZENS -

- a. Angie Defrain Fort Gratiot Solar Project
- b. Marilyn Strickler, 6350 School Rd., Peck, MI Solar Project
- c. Libby Prill, 6177 Tripp Rd., China Twp., Solar Project
- d. Mike Hilferink, Marine City Solar Project
- e. Tyler Meganck 1219 Minnesota, Port Huron, MI Misinformation campaign
- f. Tray Smith 1690 Cleveland, Port Huron, MI Youth Suicides
- g. Chris Barto 4607 Metcalf Rd, Clyde, MI Solar Project
- h. Liz Masters 1629 Fox Rd., Wales Twp.
- i. Cynthia Bankston, 3024 Thornhill, Port Huron BOC member and Port-O-Call, mold issues
- j. Lynn Schroeder 3945 Vincent Road, Clyde Township Solar Project
- k. David Hoffman, 3773 Spartan Dr., Fort Gratiot Solar Project
- I. Dr. Katherine Albrecht, China Twp. Solar Project
- m. Sandy Richardson 4126 Cole Road, Fort Gratiot, MI Solar Project
- n. Vance Richardson 4126 Cole Road, Fort Gratiot, MI Solar
- o. Judy Wilton Fort Gratiot, Solar Project
- p. Sandy Tannehill, Wales Twp. Solar Project, P.A. 233, Public Service Commission
- q. David Norris, 3478 Brace Rd, Fort Gratiot Solar Project
- r. Michael Hamilton, 4490 Carrigan Rd, Fort Gratiot Solar Project
- s. Daniel Jagodzinski, 4426 Metcalf Road, Burtchville Twp. Solar Project
- V. <u>APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR/ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u> The Board appointed King as temporary chair and nominations were opened. Nominations for Chairman: Fulk nominated Monica Standel for Chairman. Nominations for Vice Chair: Richards nominated Dawn Fulk for Vice Chairman. Nominations for Secretary: Fulk nominated Carolyn Richards for Secretary. Motion by Watkins seconded by Fulk to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as nominated. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. <u>MINUTES</u> The Board received the December 2024 meeting minutes. Motion by Watkins, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

VII. <u>BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER</u> - The Board received and reviewed the December 2024 AP Transaction Register in the \$107,864.61 and the December Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Watkins, seconded by Fulk to accept the December 2024 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report to forward to the controller

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – The Board received the following correspondence for review:

- a. Letters from county administration sent to recently appointed Advisory BOH members, Monica Standel, Leann Clink, and Carolyn Richards.
- b. Health Department letters to newly appointed Advisory BOH members, Leann Clink and Carolyn Richards.
- c. Health Department welcome letters to newly elected BOC members, Karry Ange and Robert Fielitz.
- d. Health Department communication to providers regarding the 2025 Healthcare Professional Guide to Disease Reporting in Michigan

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Solar Project – Dr. Nevin – Discussed first his personal opinions regarding the current and future role of public health and provided members with a book by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Discussed Public Act 233 and the Public Health Code that gives the health department authority to enact health regulations. Dr. Nevin discussed in detail the six recommendations from his latest memorandum. He stated that any regulation should have components to address each of his six recommendations

Discussion by the Board followed. A motion was made by Richards to file and accept Dr. Nevin's memorandum to the Advisory Board of Health. Seconded by Fulk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richards to develop regulations as soon possible under the health department's authority to oversight the installation of these types of projects based on the medical director's recommendations. Seconded by Fulk. Motion carried unanimously.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE - Liz King

- 1. Building Update Going well. Continue construction meetings. Administrative staff have toured the site.
- 2. 2024 Annual report The report this year will be a different model, be scaled down with links and include a video interview.
- 3. Legislative Updates:
 - a. Statewide Septic Code was not pushed through in December but is expected to be reintroduced in 2025.
 - b. Lead testing will be reintroduced in 2025.

XI. <u>ITEMS FROM MEMBERS -</u>

- a. M. Standel Asked about the water main break on Harsens' Island. Greg stated all is functioning. Restaurants were temporarily closed, but reopened within days. Liz was notified by Emergency Management very promptly Two HD reps were at the EOC on site.
- b. R. Fielitz He has spoken to two representatives from the Sierra Club and has been informed to expect to see new policies that modifies the viewpoint on solar.
- XII. <u>NEXT MEETING</u> The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- XIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Motion by Watkins, seconded Fulk to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

Elizabeth King, Health Officer - Director

Monica Standel, Chairman

Carolyn Richards, Secretary

Distribution to:

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