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LAGRANGE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009

The meeting began at 7:00 pm, present were Rhonda Sharp, Jeff Bassett, Tony Pechin, Katie Caldwell, Rob Bollinger, Robert Holbrook, Joe Greenlee, Alfredo Garcia, Craig Chivers, Linda Bergman, Audrey Howe, Fred Brown, Jeff Wible.

Rhonda Sharp called for a reading; there was one correction to Septic Report: Woodland Hills sewer line will extend to 100 W not 100 E, A motion was made to approve the minutes with the 100 W correction and the motion carried.

New Business: Two Health Board member's terms expire on 12/31/09, Katie Caldwell and Rob Bollinger. A motion was made to retain Katie Caldwell and Rob Bollinger as member of the Board for another term. Joe Greenlee made the motion and Robert Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nursing Report: We have closed our walk-in clinics on Monday's and Wednesday's and have been doing Tuesday and Thursday appointment clinics. We have restricted these clinics to LaGrange County residents only. The restriction has been okayed by ISDH.

As for H1N1, 7 physicians have sign contracts to give H1N1 vaccine, 2 OB physicians will be vaccinating pregnant women at their offices. The health nurses are doing school clinics; we hope to have all the county schools within 2 weeks time. The evening public H1N1 clinics are going well, but we would like to see a bigger turn out. It is hard to plan to far in advance because the vaccine is slow in arriving. We are publicizing the clinics on radio and in newspapers, on the lagrangecountyhealth.org website and we have a dedicated phone line to clinic information at 260-499-4182 ext: 230, so people can call and find out when the clinics are to be held. We have had a lot of wonderful volunteers helping at our clinics.

Public Health Nurse Audrey Howe has be invited to be part of the ISDH School Advisor Committee, this committee meets to discuss CDC changes, state recommended goals and make recommendation to school requirements for immunizations.

Food Report: In September, Alfredo and I gave a presentation on raw milk cheese to the Indiana Environmental Association, all 92 counties were present. We have held 5 classes of state required ServSafe training.

Administrator/Septic Report: Septic installations are down from 2008 but that was expected since building in the county is down. I have been published in the November 2009 National Environmental Health Journal, the topic is Recirculating Vertical Flow Constructed Wetlands: the content is on the wetland system LaGrange County installed at our animal shelter.

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We have been sponsoring the Tobacco Free Association through the school system. We did a billboard this year and they are requesting our sponsorship again for next year. The cost of the billboard is around \$3,000. Joe Greenlee made a motion to sponsor another school billboard with the tobacco free message and Jeff Bassett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board viewed pictures of the road sign the health dept. would like to have constructed at the corner of CR 25 and Townline Road. Parkview hospital and EDC would be working with us. The Board requested the sign be brick to match the surrounding buildings. No decision was made on the sign.

The Board decided to use the April 13, 2010 meeting as a Board Retreat so they can discuss health issues of the county. Time and place will be decided at the January 12, 2010 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

***** NEXT MEET *****
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010
AT 7:00 PM