

Dr. Rickabaugh made a motion to approve consent agenda items #1 through #7. Mr. Meadors seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

Variances:

Connect a New Home to an Existing Household Sewage Treatment System at 5144 Glancy Corner Marathon, Jackson Township (5-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit reminded the Board that this variance request was tabled at last month’s meeting. She stated the property owners, David and Stacey Drewes, are requesting a variance to connect a new home to an existing household sewage treatment system at 5144 Glancy Corner Marathon, Jackson Township (5-V-25). The two-bedroom home will be demolished and replaced by a new two-bedroom home, with the new home being built on the same footprint as the existing home. The system is a leach bed system that passed all inspections from October 2006 through August 2021. Upon inspection, the septic tank with a riser appeared in good condition. A small leach bed was found following the septic tank. Staff recommended disapproval.

The homeowner, David Drewes, was present and indicated the existing home is actually a three-bedroom home, not a two-bedroom, as indicated in the paperwork provided to the Board.

Dr. Rickabaugh made a motion to approve the variance to connect a new home to an existing household sewage treatment system at 5144 Glancy Corner Marathon, Jackson Township (5-V-25). Mr. Crum seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #4)

Connect a Room Addition to an Existing Household Sewage Treatment System at 1597 Clermontville Laurel Rd., Monroe Township (6-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit stated the property owner, Veronica Benzing, is requesting a variance to connect a room addition to an existing household sewage treatment system at 1597 Clermontville Laurel Rd., Monroe Township (6-V-25). This is a sand filter system. The system has passed all inspections from February 2003 through May 2023, and the homeowners were advised to maintain a clear path to the end of the discharge pipe on two occasions. The homeowners are adding a barndominium, which will be detached from the current home. There will be a full bathroom and one bedroom in the proposed structure. Staff recommended approval and noted an alteration permit would be required to connect the proposed structure to the existing septic system.

The homeowner, Veronica Benzing, was present and had nothing to add.

Mr. Crum made a motion to approve the variance to connect a room addition to an existing household sewage treatment system at 1597 Clermontville Laurel Rd., Monroe Township (6-V-25). Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #5)

Isolation Distance at 1150 Old State Route 74, Union Township (7-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit stated the property owner, SW OH Property Preservation LLC, was requesting an isolation distance variance at 1150 Old State Route 74, Union Township (7-V-25). This leach field type system passed inspections in 2005 and 2008. The property was vacant in 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2016. The system passed inspection in 2021 and received an AOM (Acceptable Operation and Maintenance) designation. The isolation distance variance is necessary because the driveway/parking lot is built over the top of the septic tank and leach field. Staff recommended approval with the contingencies of installing risers on

the septic tank to readily accommodate routine system maintenance and having bollards installed a few feet away around the perimeter of the septic tank to protect the septic tank from system damage.

Doug Riffle, a property owner's representative, indicated the parking lot over the leach field had been present for 60 years. They recently added parking over the grassy area, as shown in the aerial pictures of the property presented to the Board.

Mr. Meadors made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance at 1150 Old State Route 74, Union Township (7-V-25), with the contingencies of installing risers on the septic tank and having bollards installed a few feet away around the perimeter of the septic tank to protect the system from vehicle traffic. Mr. Crum seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #6)

Isolation Distance at 3799 Jackson Pike, Jackson Township (8-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit stated the property owner, Michael Loch, was requesting an isolation distance variance at 3799 Jackson Pike, Jackson Township (8-V-25). This is a sand filter system that has passed all inspections from January 2010 through September 2022. The homeowner is adding to the side of an existing agricultural building. The isolation distance variance is necessary because the closest edge of the sand filter bed is approximately two feet from the addition. Staff recommended approval.

The property owner, Michael Loch, was present and indicated the addition to the side of the agricultural structure would be an overhang for parking equipment.

Mr. Crum made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance at 3799 Jackson Pike, Jackson Township (8-V-25). Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #7)

Public Comment - No members of the public offered any comments at this point in the meeting.

Adoption of Resolution 03-25 Authorizing the Clermont County General Health District to Accept and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for the Repair and Replacement of Home Sewage Treatment Systems – Ms. Nesbit stated passage of a resolution is necessary for approval to accept and enter into an agreement for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) For The Repair And Replacement of Home Sewage Treatment Systems. She indicated the agency will receive \$150,000 in funding through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; however, for 2025, the principal forgiveness awards are subject to receipt of federal capitalization grant funding from USEPA. Until the grant is received, funds will not be available for disbursement. WPCLF agreements may be issued but will include a condition that the disbursement of principal forgiveness funds is contingent upon Ohio EPA receiving the 2024 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund capitalization grant.

Dr. Rickabaugh made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-25 Authorizing the Clermont County General Health District to Accept and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for the Repair and Replacement of Home Sewage Treatment Systems. Mr. Crum seconded the motion. The vote upon roll call was as follows: Mr. Crum, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. (Attachment #8)

Approval to Purchase a Gift, Cake, and Refreshments for Robert Wildey's Retirement Party – Ms. Nesbit asked the Board to approve spending up to \$250 for a cake, refreshments, and a gift from the Health District for Robert Wildey's retirement party.

Mr. Crum made a motion to approve purchasing a cake, refreshments, and a gift from the Health District for Robert Wildey's retirement party. Mr. Meadors seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried.

Approval to Appoint Tyler Braasch as the Director of Water and Waste at the Salary Indicated on the Attached Salary Sheet and to Overlap the Position through April 30, 2025 – Ms. Nesbit stated that upon receiving Mr. Wildey's retirement notice, she opened the position of Director of Water and Waste for internal applications. Mr. Braasch was chosen as the candidate for the job. She then asked the Board to approve appointing Tyler Braasch as the Director of Water and Waste at the salary indicated on the attached salary sheet and to overlap the Director position until Mr. Wildey's retirement on April 30, 2025. She further explained that upon approval by the Board, Mr. Braasch's effective appointment date will be March 17, 2025. During the time between March 17, 2025 and April 30, 2025, Mr. Braasch's current duties as Emergency Response Coordinator will be transitioned to other staff members to cover grant deliverables.

Mr. Meadors made a motion to approve appointing Tyer Braasch as the Director of Water and Waste at the salary indicated on the salary sheet and to overlap the Director position until April 30, 2025. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #9)

Adoption of Resolution 04-25 Declaring Properties Public Health Nuisances – Ms. Nesbit presented the addresses of three properties to be considered public health nuisances as stated in Attachment A of Resolution 04-25 Declaring Public Health Nuisances and Ordering Abatement of Nuisances at Identified Properties.

Following a review and discussion, Mr. Crum made a motion to waive the three required readings of Resolution 04-25 Declaring the Properties listed on Attachment A Public Health Nuisances. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote upon roll call was as follows: Mr. Crum, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. Mr. Crum then made a motion to declare Resolution 04-25 an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety and for the purpose of the immediate need to abate or remove the dangerous public health nuisances. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote upon roll call was as follows: Mr. Crum, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. Mr. Crum then made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-25, declaring the properties listed on Attachment A to be public health nuisances and ordering abatement of nuisances at the identified properties. The motion further stated if corrections were not made within the allotted time, the nuisance cases would be referred to the Health District's legal counsel for appropriate action. Mr. Meadors seconded the motion. The vote upon roll was Mr. Crum, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. (Attachment #10)

Approval and Payment of Bills – Ms. Nesbit presented the Health District's bills for consideration. Following the Board's review and discussion, Dr. Rickabaugh made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Meadors seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. (Attachment #11)

Discussion:

Chick Line Sampling – Ms. Nesbit stated that the Ohio Department of Health contacted the agency and asked to participate in chick liner sampling for Salmonella at a local agriculture supply store. The goal of this surveillance project is to evaluate occupational and public health risks in retail stores, provide educational resources to retail stores and customers, identify harmful strains of Salmonella

and traceback opportunities, and potentially lead targeted sampling in the future. By collecting the bedding from chick shipment boxes, the Ohio Department of Health can test for the presence of Salmonella. Sampling will occur soon after the chicks arrive within agricultural retail stores, hoping that results can serve as an early indicator of what to expect in human cases this year.

Tara Jimison, Director of Nursing, further explained the collection of the straw liners and identification labels of the hatcheries will take place in April and May. The liners will be shipped to the Ohio Department of Health. If there are positive tests for Salmonella, the hatchery will be contacted and instructed on preventive and precautionary measures to avoid spreading the bacteria. She indicated eleven liners were collected last year, of which 64% were positive for Salmonella.

Suicide Prevention 988 Vehicle Decals – Ms. Nesbit stated she was contacted by the Mental Health and Recovery Board and asked if the agency would display suicide prevention 988-hotline number decals on its fleet vehicles. The agency will design the decals, and the Mental Health and Recovery Board will pay for them. In an effort to avoid applying and removing actual decals from the fleet vehicles, she is proposing magnets with the 988-hotline number to be placed on the vehicles. Since mental health is one of the agency’s current CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) priorities, she feels this will be a positive endeavor.

Additional Information:

District Advisory Council Meeting – Ms. Nesbit reminded the Board that the District Advisory Council meeting is on March 20, 2025, at the Clermont County Engineer’s Office, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia. Dinner is at 6:30 pm, followed by a brief Township Association meeting at 7:00 pm. The District Advisory Council meeting will begin at 7:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to adjournment, Ms. Nesbit recognized Board member Andrew Crum for his 23 years of service on the Board of Health. Mr. Crum will not be seeking renewal of his term, which expires this year.

Mr. Crum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 pm. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

