
Board of Health Meeting Minutes Sept. 9, 2025

Board of Health (BOH) President Eric Rock called the convention to order at 5:00PM.

In attendance: Rock; Administrator Courtney Midkiff; Health Commissioner Marc Barr; Director of Environmental Health Steve Swatzel; BOH Medical Member Wilma Mansfield, MD; BOH Member Roger Gaul; BOH Vice President Edna Weber. Absent was BOH Member Pam Patterson. Guests were Wes Karr and Chris Tenoglia, who entered at 5:04PM.

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Mansfield offered prayer.

Environmental Health:

BOH Members agreed to deviate from the agenda to accommodate guests: Karr and Tenoglia. There was discussion about the status of the post-closure care of the Karrten C&DD Landfill. This matter has been discussed with Ohio House District 94 Representative Kevin Ritter after he inquired about the Meigs County Health Dept.'s (MCHD) experience working with OEPA during a recent visit. It was noted that Joe Goicochea of OEPA's Div. of Materials and Waste Management contacted Midkiff earlier this month for an update requesting leachate pumping records of 3,500 gallons weekly (as per BOH orders) as well as a copy of written BOH orders following the May BOH Meeting to Karr and Tenoglia formally extending the post-closure care period. Goicochea also said OEPA wants to meet with the MCHD to discuss the annual survey focusing on the non-compliance of both Karrten and the Meigs County Landfill. This follow-up email from Goicochea was shared internally and with the BOH. Meanwhile, OEPA still has not granted Karr and Tenoglia a permit to install a wetland to manage the leaking leachate, but has required them to obtain permission from an adjacent landowner for treated leachate to flow through their property should a wetland be permitted for construction. Tenoglia presented a copy of the signed letter from the neighbor that was submitted to OEPA late today via email. They continue having Dais Septic Services pump leachate from the facility on a weekly basis and deposit it into the Village of Pomeroy's sanitary sewage system. This is costing the owners a significant amount of money. It was noted that the contractor they are using – Dais Septic Services – does not have a vehicle with enough capacity to haul 3,500 gallons as ordered by the BOH. This was determined following the May 2025 BOH meeting. Swatzel has been provided documentation of the pumping. Per Swatzel, a recent water sample from the facility taken by the owner's engineering firm showed minimal containments in the leaking leachate. OEPA has not conducted an inspection of the facility for a couple of months while Swatzel has visited the site monthly including today. He noted no overflow was observed today. OEPA proposed Sept. 16th for a joint inspection. After discussion, Weber made a motion to revise the May BOH orders to have Karr and Tenoglia pump and dispose of 2,000 gallons of leachate weekly as they continue to work with OEPA to obtain a wetland permit. The post-closure care extension remains at 12/31/25. Gaul seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Midkiff beseeched a motion to approve the 8/12/25 BOH Meeting Minutes as emailed prior to the meeting for Member review. Gaul made a motion to approve the document as emailed; Mansfield seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Midkiff requested a motion to approve the payment of BOH monthly bills as presented via spreadsheet including a Then and Now Certificate; the Aug. 2025 daily deposits to the Auditor's Office; Aug. billing remuneration report; an appropriation adjustment for an increase in S000S51 (Membership Fees) by an additional \$1,235 for a total appropriation of \$2,785; appropriation adjustments for FY 25 WIC T052T01 – Salaries – Increase to \$97,175.38 from \$95,946.35 (difference of \$1,229.03); T052T02 – Increase to \$10,044.95 from \$4,700.81 (difference of \$5,344.14); T052T03 – Medicare – Decrease to \$1,390.99 from \$1,392.16 (difference of \$1.17); T052T04 – Worker's Comp – Decrease to \$253.39 from \$2,079.27 (difference of \$1,825.88); T052T05 -Contracts – Increase to \$1,800 from \$1,620 (difference of \$180); T052T06 – Insurance – Decrease to \$9,295.81 from \$12,347.07 (difference of \$3,051.26); T052T11 – OPERS – Increase to \$14,652.99 from \$13,441.60 (difference of \$1,211.39); increase the revenue in T052T01 (FY 25 WIC Revenue) from \$132,626.17 to \$148,738.1 (difference of \$16,111.94). There was a \$20 Aug. 2025 donation. Gaul made a motion to approve the fiscal items as presented; Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Aug financial reports were not provided by the County Auditor with adequate time for Midkiff to compile the Aug. BOH Fiscal Report for review and approval. The report will be presented for approval during the Oct. regular BOH meeting.

Midkiff asked for a motion to approve the 2025-26 MCHD Nursing and Respiratory Season Fees as emailed to Members prior to the meeting for review. Rock made a motion to approve the fees as emailed; Gaul seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Environmental Health continued:

In Aug. 2025, there were four nuisance complaints resulting in one food service inspection; two solid waste inspections; one sewage inspection. There were eight animal bites investigated in Aug. 2025 involving five dogs, one rabbit, one bat and one cat.

Swatzel noted that the MCHD has sufficient remaining funding via the OEPA Mosquito Control Grant with which to extend Mosquito Control Technician Hannah Circle's contract through Oct. 1st. Rock made a motion to extend Circle's contract through Oct. 1st; Gaul seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The MCHD responded to ODH's survey results of its Food Program by submitting requested information and is now awaiting the State's response.

A nuisance hearing was conducted concerning alleged open dumping of solid waste along a creek bank by Michael Oiler of 32372 Hampton Hollow Rd in Langsville. The MCHD received a complaint on July 29th, which was investigated the same day. Swatzel observed similar trash downstream as what was found on the stream bank behind Oiler's home. A MCHD-issued letter was mailed to Oiler on Aug. 12th. Upon receipt, Oiler contacted the MCHD to discuss the situation. Swatzel reported that Oiler called the

MCHD today asking for another week in which to complete the abatement. Oiler stated he had no transportation to attend today's meeting. Rock made a motion to grant Oiler 10 days in which to complete the abatement or face legal referral to the County Prosecutor; Gaul seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Swatzel updated the Membership on applications he has received through Indeed for the MCHD's available Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Specialist in Training position. He is in contact with one qualified candidate whom is attempting to get all his required application materials submitted. Barr added that the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners is aware of the limitations of the strict State requirements for REHS. Meanwhile, MCHD staff discussed the issue with Ohio House District 94 Representative Kevin Ritter during his recent visit.

Other New Business:

Midkiff noted that the next three rounds of MCHD audits will be conducted by an IAP contracted by the Auditor of State (AOS) Office. AOS presently does not have sufficient staffing to perform all the audits required by government agencies. The MCHD will be included in a project with three other similar entities and the project will be bid out. The MCHD will be financially responsible for some of this process' expense.

Midkiff and Barr informed attendees about a new mobile Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) service for those in active substance abuse that is being grant funded by the Ohio Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services via Anchor, which is an out-patient addiction treatment program in Chillicothe. Anchor is federally licensed as an opioid treatment program that allows it to provide substance use disorder medications directly to patients. Anchor will be bringing its mobiles into Meigs County (beginning in Pomeroy at a location to be determined). Community readiness efforts are on-going including with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the MCHD (which supports this harm reduction effort), Meigs Co. Sheriff, Meigs Co. Public Transit, GJMADAMH Board, other mental health providers, etc. Kick-off is estimated to take place in late 2025. More details will be provided when available.

Old Business:

Midkiff corrected a previous misstatement in the Aug. BOH Meeting Minutes about the MCHD's required compliance deadline with cybersecurity requirements in Ohio HB 96. The MCHD must be compliant by July 1, 2026 not Jan. 1, 2026.

Midkiff reported on the Aug. 26th Mini Food Giveaway in conjunction with the Southeast Ohio Food Bank and OhioHealth's Wellness on Wheels (WOW). The turnout exceeded expectations. The food bank brought 60 boxes of food and fresh produce, which was all given out by the end of the event. The MCHD, WOW and CareSource provided information about available services to participants. Another event is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 25th.

Infectious Disease Update:

Barr reviewed the Aug. 2025 Meigs County Infectious Disease Report as compiled by Regional Epidemiologist Nathan Christian. It will be posted at www.meigs-health.com. He noted that the rise of vector-borne disease, particularly Lyme Disease, is very concerning.

Building Update:

The dumpster that served the MCHD and other offices within the Meigs Multi-Purpose Health Center recently was abruptly removed by Rumpke: the refuse hauling company it belonged to. Rumpke was being paid by Hopewell Health Centers, which moved from the building more than a year ago. The Board of County Commissioners worked with another refuse hauler: All American Trash to provide services. Delivery of another dumpster is anticipated by or before Sept. 15th.

Miscellaneous Business:

Upcoming events/closures include the Annual Workforce Development/Employee Recognition Day (at which Roger Gaul to be recognized for 15 years on the BOH) on Sept. 10th from 8:15AM-3PM at the Rutland Bottle Gas Building on the Fairgrounds; Falls Prevention Event on Sept. 25th from 10AM-noon at the Mulberry Community Center; MCHD Outreach Flu Clinic on Oct. 4th from 9AM-noon at the Meigs Co. Farmers Market; Chamber Lunch & Learn on Oct. 7th from 11:45AM at the Blakeslee Center (Topic Social Return on Investment); MCHD Holiday Closure on Oct. 13th for Columbus Day.

Barr reminded attendees that the Ohio Association of Boards of Health (of which the MCHD is a member) Fall Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM at Delaware Public Health. A virtual option will be offered. Registration is now open and the link was provided to BOH members via email. He encouraged members to participate to obtain the annual State-required two hours of continuing education.

The next BOH Meeting will take place on 10/14/25 at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the MCHD.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:23PM with a motion by Rock.

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Health Commissioner

(Midkiff transcribed the 9/9/25 BOH Meeting Minutes.)



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