

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
April 17, 2024; 5:45 P.M.

Present: Brian Miller, M.D., President
Raj Dhamrait, D.D.S.
Korrine Vlahos, M.D.
Theresa Smith, R.N.
Greg Stumpf - Treasurer
John Ridley, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham, Executive Assistant to the Director

Excused: Deborah Grant, Vice-President
Senator Doris Turner

Guest: none

1. President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 Board of Health meeting was made by Greg Stumpf, seconded by Theresa Smith, passed unanimously.
3. **Director's Report:**
 - a. John introduced Greg Stumpf, who is replacing George Preckwinkle's position as County Board representative and Treasurer.
 - b. **Animal Control:**

John reported due to space constraints and the high census number of dogs, some hard decisions are going to need to be made, as far as euthanasia. Last quarter, live release rate was over 95%, which is way above the national average. This shows the staff is making great efforts in getting animals adopted or transferred to rescue groups. John continued that the backyard breeders are a big issue in Sangamon County and throughout the nation.
 - c. **Environmental Health Strategy:**

John stated he is restructuring the Environmental Health Division. There will be new incoming supervision and reorganized leadership. This will save on the labor side of the cost of that division.
 - d. **Clinic**

John announced a Nurse Practitioner will hopefully be starting at SCDPH soon. Will be reaching out to her with an offer. This will be someone that will be employed by SCDPH, not SIU.
4. **Public Comments**

None

5. New Business:

- a. Next meeting scheduled for June 26, 2024.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. was made by Theresa Smith, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Graham; Executive Assistant to the Director