President Herath called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

MOTION The minutes of the February meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Ms. Nelson. Motion carried.

MOTION The financial report was approved with a motion by Dr. Maurus, second by Mr. Fuhr. Motion carried.

Environmental Health had received a Vector Protection grant in the amount of $15,000 to spend by the end of March. The department would like to purchase the following items:

- Two Geo XT 512MB TFT Standalone GPS units at $4,835 each $9,670
- Canon iR3025 copier $5,100
- Digital camera $500

Total $15,270
MOTION  After a brief discussion Dr. Maurus made a motion to approve the purchases for the Environmental Health program, second by Dr. Metcalf. Motion carried.

MOTION  A resolution to transfer monies from IDPH Breast and Cervical Cancer (IBCCP) Outreach Grant in the amount of $21,000 into the Health Department IBCCP account was approved with a motion by Dr. Metcalf, second by Mr. Fuhr. Motion carried.

MOTION  A resolution to transfer $1,500 from funds given by the Moline Foundation Grant into our HIV/AIDS education program was approved with a motion by Dr. Metcalf, second by Ms. Nelson. Motion carried.

MOTION  The service delivery report was approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Dr. Kenney. Motion carried.

Dr. Metcalf informed the members that a new law has gone into effect regarding the screening of children for glaucoma three times during their school life. Dr. Metcalf said that during his thirty plus years as a pediatric physician he has only seen one case of genetic glaucoma in a child. This screening will need to be performed by an optometrist with significant expense for the parent. The department’s Vision and Hearing technicians are not certified to carry out this screening. It is still very unclear what impact this will have for the department.

In the Administrator’s report, Paul Guse reported that the flood on the Rock River currently does not affect the department, but once the flood waters recede we will then check the residents well water for contamination at no charge to the residents for processing.

The issues of the bats in a Rock Island Church will be the topic of discussion involving the citizens in the area of the church, the County and Health Department and the City of Rock Island. The hope is that the bats will not take up residents in the surrounding homes or churches. A wildlife specialist will be offering his services, at no charge, to the area homeowners.

The Environmental Health department will be undergoing a program review from the State in the near future.

A problem with one of our local septic installers was discussed. The installer and Mr. Guse will be present at the next Human Services meeting to hopefully work out a way the County will see positive change in the circumstances that are occurring. The installer is currently licensed by Rock Island County and the hopes are the situation will be resolved. If he doesn’t comply the County can pursue is license.
Mr. Guse also stated that the Silvis housing development with the septic field problems are progressing nicely. The hope is to get sewers in place before summer.

Ms. Trute told the members that on March 5, 2008, Dr. Maurus, Ms. Nelson, Dr. Herath, Theresa Foes and she went through the governance assessment with a state facilitator. The department is doing a great job and we should be getting a report back from the State. With the monies received from this assessment the department plans to obtain Board of Health orientation manuals to give to each member. Dr. Herath said it was very reassuring that most things we are doing we do very well. Ms. Nelson stated that the State facilitator was quite impressed by what we do.

The Health Department has received a $10,000 STD prevention grant. We hope to be able to open more female appointments for the detection of STD’s. Our two new nurse practitioners are willing to go to training on male STDs. We are hoping the funding will continue to allow us to make changes in our clinics. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is hosting a national conference in Chicago and has given the department $1,000 grant so Rael Slavensky, and the two nurse practitioner are going to attend.

The Health Department will have an Emergency Preparedness exercise on May 1, 2008 from 9:00a.m. to noon. The board is welcome to observe or participate. The drill will be off-site and the scenario will involve the Des Moines Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGRBAI).

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has recruited new members and on May 7th Ms. Foes will be going to Springfield to recruit. In June our region in Western Illinois area will be given a CDC grant for a Pandemic Flu table top exercise which will last two and a half days.

The ad in the newspaper for this time period is for the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. People from our area that call the Quitline number will be given the Health Department’s Tobacco program and they may be eligible for nicotine patches.

The complaints regarding the new smoking law have been few. The health inspectors are currently monitoring for smoking during their inspections; however, business owners are saying they love the new law and have seen more business.

MOTION The Administrator’s report was approved with a motion by Dr. Metcalf, second by Mr. Fuhr. Motion carried.
MOTION The Human Resource report was approved with a motion by Dr. Metcalf, second by Ms. Nelson. Motion carried. Ms. Roberts reported the retirement of Barbara Potter after twenty-two years at the department. The March anniversary listing was also presented.

MOTION The claims for the month were approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Dr. Maurus. Motion carried.

Dr. Herath adjourned the meeting at 6:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Kenney, DMD, by
Linda L. Roberts, PHR

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