

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION /PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
November 1, 2012**

Approved

DATE: November 1, 2012 TIME: 10:00a.m. PLACE: Room: A231

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. The following were present; Jack Allen, Lori Djumadi, Joe Stuchlak, Reesa Evans, Glen Licitar, Terry James, Al Sebastiani, Chris Murphy, Justin Huelsemann, Sarah Grosshuesch, Janet Wimmer, Trena Larson, Paul Pisellini, Barb Morgan, Fran Dehmlow

Late arrival: Fred Nickel

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Murphy started out by stating that the purpose of this meeting was to propose an addition to the Adams County Personnel & General Administrative Policies regarding blue-green algae issues. Once the addition was agreed upon it would be taken to the Administrative Committee and then to the County Board Committee.

A presentation on blue-green algae monitoring activities and related health issues was given by Reesa Evans.

Justin Huelsemann gave his presentation stating we can't reduce the amount of blue green algae in the lakes but we can reduce the number of people that get sick and are unaware of Blue Green algae. Justin explained that he works for three counties, Sauk/Juneau and Adams County; he is only physically here in Adams County once a week.

Grosshuesch stated that H&H Services isn't looking at closing the beaches every time a complaint would come in – that a cell count would need to be determined. If the cell count reached the moderate level then they would post an advisory sign for the public. The public beaches would not be closed unless the cell count would reach a high risk level.

Grosshuesch also stated that she needs to be “in the know” about the events that are taking place at the county parks. It would help her to know when big events like the Triathlon are scheduled.

Items discussed by Committee members were:

- Should we keep the informational signs posted at all times during the summer months on the local beaches?
- Maybe the areas where swimming lessons take place should be tested more frequently?
- What is the County's Liability?
- Training in regards to Blue-Green Algae blooms needs to be completed by all departments.
- We should utilize all departments' websites to get the word out in educating the public about the health effects of blue-green algae blooms/ as well as post up to date information on locations that have been posted or closed due to elevated cell counts.

Wimmer stated that we need to move forward with everyone on board, all committees.

A concern was brought up that we had heard from everyone other than Fred Nickel.

Nickel then gave his statement; that his department manages the land – not the water. He will not post signs or monitor the water- this is not his or his staff's responsibility. He continued on that when a policy is adopted he would support the policy but that he did not have to be a part of it.

Discussion occurred again that we need to maximize our resources in today's economy—we need everyone aboard and everyone to play a part. It was explained to Nickel that he would not be responsible for anything other than just placing the signs when told to –

Nickel then stated that his department would post the signs when told to do so – however he or his staff would not participate in the training.

The outcome was finalized that a protocol would need to be determined which would accompany the policy. This would be completed by December 1, 2012 by a representative from each committee. Jack Allen (H&HS) Terry James (L&WC) Trena Larson (Admin) and tentatively Bill Miller (Parks)

The final draft of this policy and protocol will be sent to each committee to be adopted, then Admin to recommend to the County Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40a.m. Passed unanimously.