Seneca County Board of Health
Special Meeting Minutes

The Seneca County Board of Health met on Thursday, July 13, 2023, in Conference Room A at Seneca County General Health District, 92 E. Perry St. Tiffin, OH 44883. With a quorum present, Board President Dr. Clay Wolph called the Board's special meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. The Board then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Roll Call:

Scott Lyons – Absent	Dr. Clay Wolph – Present	Dr. Sarah Sewell– Absent
Bob Podach - Present	McKenzie Posey – Present	Dr. Zachary West–Present
Natasha Vitte - Present	Allen Weinandy – Absent	

Other Health District Staff Present:
Laura Wallrabenstein, MA, RS, Interim Health Commissioner, Director of Environmental Health
Anita Gaietto, BBA, Fiscal Director
Andrea Barrell, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing
Erika Handru, BA, Communications Specialist
Harold Huffman, PhD, Emergency Planning & Injury Prevention Manager

Guests Present: Lee Wilkinson

Executive Session: Board member Dr. Zachary West made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending court action. The motion was seconded by board member Natasha Vitte. There was no discussion after the second motion. The members voted by roll call: Mr. Podach- YES; Mrs. Posey- YES; Dr. West- YES, Dr. Wolph- YES; Mrs. Vitte - YES. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered executive session at 8:11 a.m. The board president Dr. Clay Wolph asked Erika Handru. B.A., Communications Specialist, to stay in executive session.

Board President Dr. Clay Wolph informed the public that the Board was back in open meeting at 8:28 a.m. He said no action was taken in executive session.

Legal counsel for pending litigation: Board member Dr. Zachary West discussed retaining Reminger Co., L.P.A. to represent the board for Case No. 2023-0676 in the Supreme Court of Ohio. Board member Dr. Zachary West stated that he thought it'd be in the best interest of the board and the public to have Reminger Co. L.P.A. represent them in the public records case (Case No. 2023-0676) and continue to have previously retained counsel represent the board in two other pending cases. Board member Makenzie Posey specified that Reminger Co., L.P.A. would represent the board just for the public records case and not the other cases. Board member Bob Podach said that Reminger's expertise is in public records.

Board member Dr. Zachary West made the following motion: "Be it resolved that the Seneca County Board of Health accepts the offer of Public Entity Risk Services of Ohio to provide legal representation by the law firm of Reminger Co., L.P.A., retroactive to June 27, 2023, for the Seneca County Board of Health in the case styled The State of Ohio ex rel. Sunny Farms Landfill LLC v. Seneca County Board of Health, Case No. 2023-0676 in the Supreme Court of Ohio. Reminger Co., L.P.A. will represent the Seneca County Board of Health in this case instead of Van Kley Law, LLC and Haak Law, LLC. The Seneca County Board of Health declines the offer of Public Entity Risk Services of Ohio to provide legal representation for the Seneca County Board of Health in the case styled The State of Ohio ex rel. Sunny Farms Landfill LLC v. Seneca County Board of Health, Case No. 2023-0617 in the Supreme Court of Ohio and declines the offer of Public Entity Risk Services of Ohio to provide legal representation for the Seneca County General Health District in the case styled WIN Waste Innovations of Seneca County LLC v. Wallrabenstein, Case No. 23-7181 in the Environmental Review Appeals Commission." The motion was seconded by board member Natasha Vitte. There was no further discussion.

The members voted by roll call: Mr. Podach- YES; Mrs. Posey- YES; Dr. West- YES, Dr. Wolph- YES; Mrs. Vitte - YES. Motion passed 5-0.

Environmental Health Director: Board member Dr. Zachary West discussed the Environmental Health Director position. He said the board is currently speaking to one candidate and he's hoping the position will be filled soon after Laura Wallrabenstein's retirement. There was no motion.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by board member Dr. Zachary West. It was seconded by board member Bob Podach. The board adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

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Board of Health President

Board of Health Secretary