**ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES**

**February 15, 2022**

The Echols County Board of Health met by conference call on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Evelyn Howell, Chairman |  | Dr. William Grow |
| Dianne Richardson, Vice-Chairman |  | Dwain Butler |
| Brenda Corbett, Secretary |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Shannon King |  | Blake Lowery |
| Bobby Walker |  | Leigh Ann Combass |
|  |  | Tiffinee Dasher |
|  |  | Teresa Giles |

**Call to Order**

* Ms. Howell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of November 16, 2021 Minutes (See attachment)**

* Ms. Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. King. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Financial Information** – **Teresa Giles (See attachments)**

* Ms. Giles presented the Echols County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary.
* The Echols County Board of Health’s FY2021 Audit Report was presented. Mr. Walker made a motion to accept the Echols County Board of Health’s FY2021 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corbett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Bobby Walker joins the call at 12:03 p.m.**

**Public Health Updates – William R. Grow, MD, FACP (See attachments)**

* Dr. Grow provided the COVID-19 update, which included vaccination and testing information available to the community, announcing a sharp decrease in the number of cases throughout the state. At least 36% of Echols County citizens are fully vaccinated. There has been a dramatic decrease in the number of vaccinations.
* The Board will be notified when future board meetings will be held in person.
* The 92nd Georgia Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting and Conference will be held May 4-6, 2-2022 on Jekyll Island. Registration will be prepaid, and travel will be reimbursed after the conference. Any board member interested in attending should contact Patrina Bowles.

**Ms. Howell’s call dropped. Ms. Richardson continued with the meeting.**

* Dr. Grow informed the board officers were up for election for 2022 – 2024. Ms. Corbett announced she would be stepping down as secretary. Ms. Richardson asked Mr. Walker if he would be willing to accept the position as Board Secretary. Mr. Walker consented. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the current Echols County Board of Health positions with Mr. Walker being elected at Secretary. Ms. King seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Health Department Update – Leigh Ann Combass (see attachments)**

* Ms. Combass announced availability of COVID vaccine for children five years and older
* School immunization audits have been completed.
* Planning has begun for back-to-school immunizations and Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition (EEDN) screenings.
* Echols is continuing to offer all clinical services.
* Jasmine Dawson’s last day with Echols is February 15, 2022.

**Ms. Howell returns to the meeting at 12:20 p.m.**

**Environmental Health Update - Blake Lowery (see attachments)**

* Mr. Lowery noted a correction needed to his report. There were eight site evaluations instead of the eighteen listed on the report.
* Inspection and food score reports were provided to the Board.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bobby Walker, Board Secretary

Tiffinee Dasher, Typist