

## WETZEL-TYLER BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

On February 23, 2016, the Wetzel-Tyler Board of Health held a meeting at 1:00pm at the Wetzel-Tyler Health Department. Present were Brent Gamble, Chairman, Linda Ritz, Larry Lemon, Karen Cain, Administrator and Eric Peters via telephone. Absent was Dr. David Hess. Guests included Camissa McCurdy, Admissions Director of Genesis, New Martinsville, Linda Holmstrand, Regional Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, Mike and Mary Ellen Benicasa, members of Tobacco Coalition and Latrisha Whitlatch, YSS representative.

Quorum was determined with three members present and one via telephone.

### Old Business:

Minutes of the meeting held November 10, 2015 were presented by Brent Gamble. Motion to approve by Larry, seconded by Linda. Motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Reports from October, November, and December 2015 were presented for approval. Motion to accept by Linda, seconded by Larry and motion passed unanimously.

### New Business:

Linda Homstrand updated the board members on the status of bills within the Legislature affecting tobacco usage. Senate bill 666 has been introduced which will allow Veterans organizations and video lottery license holders be exempt from indoor smoking prohibition. The legislature has suggested more than one tax increase amount on cigarettes, but have yet to come to an agreement.


Karen presented the Wetzel-Tyler Clean Indoor Act Regulations to each board member. It was asked if Karen could possibly highlight the changes made from the previous version, rather than have to go between the two and she said that it would be done and redistributed to the members.

Senate bill 372 was then discussed, which includes some changes in the local boards of health, but at this time there has been no progression since the January 21<sup>st</sup> introduction.

Lisa Thornburg, CPA was scheduled to present the results of the 2014-2015 audit, but at the last minute was unable to attend. This has been rescheduled for the next board meeting.

The replacement of the Board of Health member, John Eckels, was discussed. Karen informed the board of Tom Cooper's interest in the position. She enlightened the board on Tom's experience and the various projects he has already assisted the Health Department with. Other members of the board did agree that his many contacts and ties to the community would be an asset to the organization. It was at this time that Mike Benicasa expressed his interested in the open position also. The selection of a new board member was put on hold until the Board Chairman had time to discuss with the interested parties the duties of the position and what experience they may have.

Motion to adjourn by Larry, seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.

  
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John Brent Gamble, Board Chairman

17 Feb, 2016  
Date