

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 20, 2022**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Steve Nass at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Board of Health**

Present: Dr. Jessica Coburn, Meg Turville-Heitz, Samantha LaMuro, Steve Nass

Excused: Dr. Don Williams

**Executive Committee**

Present: Joan Fitzgerald, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Michael Wineke

ZOOM: Brandon White

**Land and Water Conservation Committee**

Present: Walt Christensen, Matt Foelker, Cassie Richardson, Meg Turville-Heitz

ZOOM: Margaret Burlingham

Absent: Dan Herbst; Kirsten Jurczyk

**Planning and Zoning Committee**

Present: Matt Foelker, George Jaeckel, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Cassie Richardson

**Solid Waste Committee**

Present: Joan Callan, Mark Goose, Anita Martin, Robert Preuss

Excused: Jeff Johns

**Others present:** Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Elizabeth Chilsen, Health Officer/Director; Supervisor Jeff Smith, Whitney DeVoe, Johanna Shinnors, Corporation Counsel; Brett Scherer, Sarah Elsner, James Zumstein, Haley Nielsen, Matt Zangl, Planning and Zoning; Patricia Cicero, Joe Strupp, Land and Water Conservation; Tim Jackson, DATCP, Weenonah Brattset, Marianne Schulz, Dave Hill, Kay Braaten, Lyle Braaten, Ed Cohen, Kimberly Wortmer, Dyan Pasono, Tom Steinback, Leslie Ott.

**Others present via ZOOM:** Susan Bence, Environmental Reporter, Milwaukee Public Radio; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel; James Kerler, Tyler Kubicek, Watertown Environmental Health; Sue Marx, Samroz Jakvani, Health Department; Adam Voskuil; Katherine H; Linda Frank, Kelli Rowley; Sarana Stolar, Heidi Blawat, Ronalee Monroe, Beth Lane; Tyler Dix, Department of Natural Resources; Lisa Casto.

**3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**4. Review of Agenda**

No changes.

**5. Public Comment**

The following people spoke against the number of CAFOs allowed in Jefferson County and the related issues:

Written public comment submitted prior to the meeting:

Mara Bekmanis, Victor Karaliunas, Sue Keeling, Janet McConouhey, Denise & Kevin O'Halloran, Kevin O'Halloran, Ed Cohen, Steve and Dyan Pasono, Robert & Sherry Schettler, Ryan and Meaghan Kingsley, Janet Foust, Amy Rinard.

Public comment during the meeting:

Weenonah Brattset, Marianne Schulz, Dave Hill, Kay Braaten, Lyle Braaten, Ed Cohen, Dyan Pasano, Tom Steinbach, Leslie Ott, Lisa Casto.

**6. Communications**

Wehmeier explained that there was a question-and-answer document and other various documents available for review. This information is posted on the county website on the meeting page under supplemental information. No action taken.

**7. Presentation by County Staff on siting process and regulatory framework related to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and other agricultural operations**

Wehmeier shared a Power Point presentation on the siting process and regulatory framework related to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and other agricultural operations. Staff discussed issues related to their areas of work: Joe Strupp and Patricia Cicero, Land and Water Conservation; Matt Zangl, Planning and Zoning; Whitney DeVoe, Corporation Counsel. No action taken.

**8. State Agencies Overview – Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**

Curtis Hedman, from the Department of Health Services (DHS) gave a high-level overview of parameters they consider when assessing health concerns and human safety.

Tim Jackson, Program Manager from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), talked about the Livestock Siting regulations.

A copy of the presentation will be posted on the county website. No action taken.

**9. Discussion and possible action on next steps and staff guidance**

Wehmeier said that staff is seeking guidance on next steps going forward. Committee members asked for clarification from staff on the Livestock Siting amendment process and discussed steps that other counties and municipalities are trying, including information from the Water Quality Conference hosted by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA). No action taken.

**10. Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule and agenda items**

No action taken.

**11. Adjourn**

Motion by Goose/Jaekel to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. Motion passed.