Emergency Menard County Board of Health Meeting – 4/14/21

Attendance:

Board of Health: Dave Bagot Dr. Hartman Jeff Fore JD Stewart Dr. Brian Miller Brianne Satorius Dianne Markley

Guests:

<u>Health Department:</u> Director Gail O'Neill Assistant Director Bill Dart

I. The meeting was called to order at about 6:05 p.m. with a roll call vote. With seven members answering the roll call, a quorum was established.

II. On a roll call vote, the minutes circulated were approved with seven voting aye.

III. On May 5, there will be a vaccination clinic at Porta High School. Since J&J vaccine is on pause, Pfizer will be available. Uncertain how long the pause will be at this time. With cautious approach, having to deal with this bump and potential for more hesitancy as a result. Mobile clinics are using Pfizer, which does offer opportunity to vaccinate 16 and 17 year olds.

There were 3 new cases today. Numbers seem to be coming down again after a slight uptick. Starting to see some of the variant strains. Also impact of Peoria area having bigger numbers. The group discussed the variants and the known characteristics of those strains.

Two new refrigerators will be arriving at the Menard HD clinic later this week.

IV. The billboards are coming along as recruiting several local residents to promote vaccination are in process and a photographer has been identified. Menard Co. is doing well with vaccination and percent of full vaccinated at about 30% at this time. The group discussed urgency of getting the new billboards in place.

With respect to the secretary position, Diane Markley indicated she had volunteered to serve the board as secretary. Diane was appointed by unanimous acclimation of the Board.

V. The Director presented that there will be a compliance conference upcoming and a reminder to the members that if a license were to be suspended then the establishment could request a hearing before the Board.

VI. Next meeting date is Wednesday May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. There was no public comment.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at about 6:40 pm with unanimous roll call vote.