

LAKES REGIONAL HEALTHCARE
DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2026

A regular meeting of the Dickinson County Board of Health was held on May 13, 2026, in a hybrid format. The primary in-person meeting was held in the Big Spirit room of Lakes Regional Healthcare. Dr. Zachary Borus called the meeting to order at 5:56 pm.

PRESENT (BOH members)

Connie Bjornstad
Kittie Webster
Beth Will
Dr. Zachary Borus

Absent (BOH members)

Dr. Alan Blake
Denise Wunn
Carol Deschepper

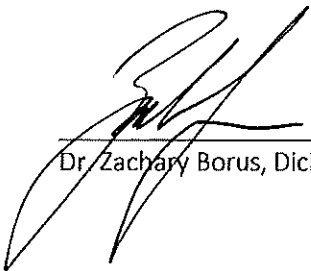
Also Present (other attendees)

Patsey Laue
Levi Markwardt
Nate McCormick
Megan Kardell
Brandi Larsen
Zach Barish

1. Approval of Agenda - A motion was made to approve the agenda by Connie Bjornstad, seconded by Beth Will. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Review and approve May, 2026 meeting minutes - A motion to approve the minutes as written by Beth Will, seconded by Connie Bjornstad. Motion carried unanimously.
3. WIC Presentation-Maddie Boswell – Speaker was not present.
4. Environmental Health Specialist Report
 - a. Septic and Well Permits for May and June 2026
 - Well permits completed: 6
 - Septic Systems completed: 1
 - Septic Permits Pending: 18
 - Septic Permits waiting for detailed drawings: 7
 - b. Total Time and Transfer Septic Report
 - Total for future install: 2
 - Total building demolition: 2
 - Total inspection: 3
 - c. Well Abandonment Report
 - Well abandonments: 0
 - Wells tested: 4
 - Wells renovated: 0
 - d. Environmental Report – Megan Kardell discussed the environmental report.
5. Public Health Overview Report: 5 Foundational Capabilities – Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention: Blood Pressure monitoring continues at the Senior Center, as well as walk-ins at the Public Health office. Pam continues to evaluate candidates for the Care for Yourself program. Milly presented diabetic education to two separate groups at Hope Haven. Dickinson County PH has agreed to participate in Combat Cancer, an evidence based cancer prevention, screening, detection and access-to-care initiative across rural Iowa counties. Efforts will focus on lung, colorectal and skin cancer and will be reimbursable. The first shipment of colorectal screening kits has been ordered. We should be receiving them later this month. Dickinson County PH was awarded \$2,268.60 by the LRH Foundation. 6 convertible car seats and 6 infant car seats have been purchased. Distribution will begin as soon as they are received. Communicable & Infectious Disease Control: Brandi completed a 21-day tracking for a resident that traveled to the DRC, at the request of IDSS. Weekly respiratory virus reports from IHHS are reviewed every

Friday. Influenza, COVID 19 and RSV activity are low. Immunization services continued in June, with 9 clinics held, 141 patients served and 340 vaccine doses administered. 2 TB tests administered. Milly has been working on reminder recall reports for students entering their senior year and needing vaccinations prior to school starting. Patsey sent out 144 vaccine reminders letters for the month. Environmental Public Health: Brandi discussed the report. Emergency Preparedness & Response: Brandi attended a tabletop exercise in Storm Lake, put on by the Buena Vista County PH. A mock measles outbreak in their elementary school occurred. Many key stakeholders in the community attended. Key players received a scenario; multimedia updates were given. Participants then reviewed the situation and engaged in a group discussion of appropriate responses to the issue. Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health: Holly completed 21 Home visits in the month of June for the Best Care for Better Babies program. She also taught one session of childbirth education. Organizational Updates: The month of June has been a busy one in Public Health. The Public Health team transitioned to Epic. District 2 alignment-Calhoun, Webster & Wright counties have voiced interest in being the lead entity for District 2.RFP's will go out at the beginning of August. Brandi has been accepted into the Iowa New to Public Health Residency Program, this is a 12 month professional development training. It consists of 12 online modules, mentorship and a project/presentation of an evidence-based quality improvement project. The program kicks off later this month.

6. Financial Update – Nate discussed PH Financial Performance for FY26
7. Public Comments – None
8. Other Business - None
9. Next Meetings (Wednesdays at 5:30 pm)
 - a. September 9,2026
 - b. November 11, 2026
10. Adjournment – Dr. Zachary Borus adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm. Meeting minutes taken by Patsey Laue



Dr. Zachary Borus, Dickinson County Board of Health Chair