**ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES | BUDGET MEETING**

**August 21, 2018**

The Echols County Board of Health met at the Echols County Health Department on

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Evelyn Howell, Chairman | Dianne Richardson | Dr. William Grow |
| Brenda Corbett, Secretary |  | Teresa Giles |
| Lance Heard |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Bobby Walker |  | Blake Lowery |
|  |  | Leigh Ann Combass |
|  |  | Vicky Carter |
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**Call to Order**

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

**Public Comments**

* Dr. Grow introduced Leigh Ann Combass as the new county nurse manager for Echols.

**Approval of May 15, 2018 Minutes (See attachment)**

* Lance Heard made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2018 meeting. Brenda Corbett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

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

* The Revenue and Expense Summary was reviewed through July of the current fiscal year. Ms. Giles noted that Echols’ budget is in good shape with no expected problems.

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

* Dr. Grow provided an Enterprise System Modernization (ESM) update. The process is still ongoing; however, the District has implemented the migration to M&M in all ten counties.
* Senate Bill 329 did not get through legislation. This bill would have given the Board as an entity sovereign immunity. The District is currently discussing options with the DPH attorney regarding obtaining liability coverage.
* A proposed 2019 Board of Health Meeting Schedule was provided with a request that any conflicts with be submitted by August 24, 2018. A final schedule will be sent out to all members.
* The 2018 Legislative Breakfast will be held October 16, 2018 at the South Health District Office. Invitations will be mailed to board members, legislators and county commissioners.

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**Nurse Manager’ Report –Leigh Ann Combass, RN**

* Leigh Ann thanked the board for the opportunity to be a part of the Echols County Health department. She has been working with district staff and attending meetings as a part of her training.
* The health department is planning an open house for September 15, 2018 to promote community awareness of health department services. Free blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings and blood glucose screenings will be offered.
* Tentative dates for this year’s school flu project are September 25-27, 2018. Staff is in the process of working with the school.

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

* The Environmental Health Update for May 11, 2018 - August 16, 2018 was presented.
* Mr. Lowery informed the Board about a grant the district received from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for mosquito surveillance. Environmental health staff will place traps in three sites in the county – one at the health department, one at the river boat landing and one on the school’s campus. The sites will be monitored three nights a week during peak mosquito season beginning in September.

**Announcements**

* There were no other announcements.

**Adjournment**

* Lance Heard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brenda Corbett. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Corbett, Board Secretary

Vicky Carter, Typist