



August 11, 2026
Board of Health
2026-2027 Budget Hearing Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
X		Dan Lynch-Buffalo County Commissioner
X		Sue Hunter – Buffalo County Citizen
	X	Bill Stewart – Dawson County Commissioner
X		Nicole Thorell –Dawson County Citizen
	X	Scot Grams – Franklin County Supervisor
X		Renee Grams – Franklin County Citizen
X		Glenn Hofman – Gosper County Supervisor
	X	Daren Hatch – Gosper County Citizen
	X	George Scott – Harlan County Supervisor
	X	Yvonne Tolle – Harlan County Citizen
X		Heath Hofstetter – Kearney County Commissioner
	X	Cody Krull – Kearney County Citizen
X		Rick Streeter – Phelps County Commissioner
X		Kayla Knauss DO – Physician
X		Dr. Alicia Lyons – Dentist
X		Dr. Jessica Robb – Veterinarian
X		Leigh Anee Lehmann – Mid-Level Practitioner
X		Melissa De La Torre - Minority Health Representative

Also present: TRPHD representatives: Jeremy Eschliman, Health Director; Katie Mulligan, Chief Operating Officer; Andrea Shoemaker, Executive Assistant; Jesse Valenti, Finance Section Manager; Haleigh Eschliman, Community Health Manager; Jacki Haley, Clinical Section Manager; Ashley Green, Environmental Health Supervisor; Emily Eschliman, Community Health Worker; Kathy Arrants, Family Support Specialist; and Mike Henry, Legal Counsel.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Sue Hunter, Board President, as an In-Person meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. As such, virtual participation (voting) is allowed by board members. The virtual option (Zoom) is also available for public participation.

Meeting notices: Hunter acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was posted in the room with booklets available. Hunter noted the meeting notice publication has occurred in newspapers of record within each county of the district, in addition to an agenda being continually current and available at the TRPHD office and on the TRPHD website.



Roll call completed by Shoemaker; 12 members present (Lynch, Hunter, Thorell, R. Grams, Hoffman, Hofstetter, Streeter, Knauss, Lyons, Robb, Lehmann, and De La Torre).

Introductions Acknowledgements

The Board welcomed and acknowledged new Board member Leigh Anne Lehmann, who was introduced as the Mid-Level Practitioner representative. The Board expressed appreciation for her willingness to serve and contribute her professional expertise to the Board of Health.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion made by Thorell, seconded by Lynch to approve agenda as presented. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

MATERIAL AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY BEFORE THE MEETING & AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

- August 5, 2025, Budget Meeting Agenda
- 2026-2027 Budget Narrative (Final Narrative)
- Budget Proposal 2026-2027

President Hunter opened the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing session at 6:05 PM.

Public Hearing on proposed 2026-2027 Budget

J. Eschliman reviewed the budget narrative and provided an overview of the key financial considerations for the upcoming fiscal year. Valenti then provided a detailed review of the proposed budget and supporting information, including anticipated revenues, projected expenditures, budget assumptions, and other factors impacting the organization's financial position. The discussion provided an overview of the financial planning and considerations used in developing the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Board President closed the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing session at 6:19 PM.

Public Comment. The board accepted public comments on the proposed Budget for 2026-2027 Budget. There being no further public comments, the Public Comment period was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Lynch and seconded by Streeter to adjourn. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**



The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to adjournment by consensus at 6:21 PM by Hunter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular meeting immediately following this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Thorell".

Nicole Thorell,
Secretary (AS/JE)