



Board of Health Minutes
South Heartland District Health Department
Hastings, NE
September 2, 2026

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions		Roll Call/Vote
	Staff	Michele Bever, Kelly Derby	
	Public providing Comment /	Public: Deb Schmoldt, 511 S. Alexander, Clay Center, NE, Clay Center Pool; Maria Urlacher, 1205 N. Countryside Dr., Juniata, NE, Hastings YMCA	
	Guests	Staff: Neil Heckman, Judi Buntrock, Jessica Warner, Fizza Raza, Luisa Najera-Torres, Samantha Coutts, Chris Junker, Carmen McBride, Erik Meyer, Debora Fernandez, Tami Marcello, Crystal Godina, Rocio Chico, Brooke Wolfe	
Welcome & Call Meeting to Order Board President (Chair)	The September 2026 Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President, Sandra Nejezchleb, at 8:48 am.		
	Open Meeting Statement read aloud by Board President Sandra Nejezchleb: <i>Prior to this meeting a notice was posted in the newspapers in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. Each member of the Board received a copy of the proposed agenda. The agenda for this meeting was kept continuously current and was available for public inspection at South Heartland District Health Department (SHDHD), 606 N Minnesota, Ste 2, Hastings, NE, and on the website. This meeting is being held in open session. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law has been posted in this meeting room and is available for the public's review.</i> A link to the Nebraska Open Meeting Law is posted with Board Agenda on the SHDHD website.		
Determine Quorum	Introductions/Roll Call		Present
	Quorum met		Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Klepplinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
Adopt or Amend Agenda	Motion to adopt agenda		Absent
	Motion	Shackelford	McMeen, Pohlmeier-Mans
	Second	Amyot	
			Ayes:
			Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Klepplinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	Motion Passed		Nays: None
Approve Minutes	Motion to approve the July 1, 2026 Minutes		Ayes:

	Motion	Kohmetscher	Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams Nays: None
	Second	Harrington	
	Motion Passed		
Public Hearing: Proposed Enactment of Public Swimming Pool Regulations Board President (Chair)	Motion to open Public Hearing		Ayes: Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams Nays: None
	Motion	Shackelford	
	Second	Amyot	
		Motion Passed	
Public Hearing: Proposed Enactment of Public Swimming Pool Regulations Bever and Heckman	Presentation: M Bever stated the reason the regulations were being brought to the Board of Health (legislative changes); why the health department was proposing regulations to permit and inspect public swimming pool (public health rationale, legal authority); what specifically was being proposed (adopt state regulations; authorize issuing permits, conducting inspections, and establishing fees; authorize actions to gain compliance with health and safety regulations; provide for appeals and due process); shared the list of regulated pools/spas within the health district by county (n=25 active); introduced Dr. Neil Heckman (part-time staff with SHDHD) who spoke about engagement with stakeholders, the inspection process (and mock educational "inspections" SHDHD conducted with pools that were not inspected by NDWEE this summer), and pool operator training options; and discussed the proposed permit fee schedule and late fees. Pool Operators who provided comment/asked questions: Deb Schmoldt, Clay Center Pool, and Maria Urlacher, Hastings YMCA pools. Questions and comments regarded clarification of inspection process, fees, and pool operator training options/costs.		
	Motion to close Public Hearing		
	Motion	Murphy	
	Second	Kleppinger	
		Motion Passed	
Proposed Enactment of Public Swimming Pool Regulations Board President (Chair)	Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-7 (Pool Regulations)		Ayes: Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams Nays: None
	Motion	Shackelford	
	Second	Grove	
		Motion Passed	

Finances Derby	The first period of the new fiscal year, ending August 31, 2026, shows cash of \$1M, no debt, and net income of \$136K. Notable expenses are the Credible MInd platform, and vending machine service for students at Central Community College in Hastings. State Appropriations netted positive, mimicking the net increase for the period. Outstanding Invoices total \$76K, most of them aged.		
	Motion to accept the Financial Report		Ayes:
	Motion	Neumann	Amyot, Grove, Harrington,
	Second	Shackelford	Jobman, Klepplinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	<i>Motion Passed</i>		Nays: None
Communications from Director Bever	ED Report provided in Board Packet. Bever verbally highlighted staffing, facility, and funding. Key funding points: (1) Governor's July memo for 5% cut in state agency budgets, which reduces by \$17,000 SHDHD's allocated state funds for FY2027; (2) Minority Health Initiative funds cut ~\$25,000 for 2025-2027; (3) Rural Health Transformation Funds Awarded Year 1: \$323,843.74 -Community Health Worker \$158,833.74 -Oral Health Program Expansion \$66,667.00 -Obesity Prevention \$98,343.00		Informational
Finance Committee Neumann	The Committee recommends to the Board adoption of the annual budget for FY2027		
	Motion to adopt annual budget		Ayes:
	Motion	Finance Committee	Amyot, Grove, Harrington,
	Second		Jobman, Klepplinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	<i>Motion Passed</i>		Nays: None
Finance Committee Neumann	The Committee recommends to the Board adoption of Resolution #2026-8 (Educational Benefit Allocation).		
	Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-8		Ayes:
	Motion	Shackelford	Amyot, Grove, Harrington,
	Second	Harrington	Jobman, Klepplinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	<i>Motion Passed</i>		Nays: None
Policy Committee Shackelford	Policies Reviewed/Revised: HR 406 Information Security; HR 100 Bereavement; HR 404 Complaints Policies Eliminated: HR 304 Computer Policy (incorporated into other policies)		
	Motion to approve revised policies HR 406, HR 100, HR 404 and removal of		Ayes:
	Motion	Policy Committee	Amyot, Grove, Harrington,
	Second		Jobman, Klepplinger,

		Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	<i>Motion Passed</i>	Nays: None
Policy Committee Shackelford	Bever presented completed 2026-2031 Strategic Plan.	
	Motion to adopt Strategic Plan	
	Motion	Shackelford
	Second	Grove
		Ayes: Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	<i>Motion Passed</i>	Nays: None
Executive Search Committee Amyot	Amyot provided update on process and timeline for executive director search.	
	Informational	
Communications from Board	Murphy noted that Husker Harvest Days is coming up. She will be doing skin screening	
	Informational	
break		
Bi Monthly Report M Bever	Staff presented themselves and provided their highlights.	
	Motion to accept Bi-Monthly Report	
	Motion	Neumann
	Second	Shaw
		Ayes: Amyot, Grove, Harrington, Jobman, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Murphy, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Oldham, Shackelford, Shaw, Williams
	<i>Motion Passed</i>	Nays: None
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn	
	Motion	Amyot
	Second	Kleppinger
	<i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>	
	Adjourned 11:05 am	
	Ayes: All	
	Nays: None	
	Next Meeting: November 4, 2026, in Clay County	

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Neumann, Secretary

Board of Health

South Heartland District Health Department

Sept. 8, 2026
Date