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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2026 | 5 p.m.

Dubuque County West Campus Conference Room, 1225 Seippel Rd. Dubuque, IA & via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair Dolter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. (in person & Zoom).

Roll Call:

Board Members (In Person):

- Kathy Dolter
- Jeff Metcalf
- Mitchell Edwards
- Sandra Larson

Internal Staff:

- Allie White
- Emma Hilkin

Members of the Public:

- Mike Wolter
- Steve Drahozal
- Randy McClain
- John O’Brien
- Jessica Oberbroeckling
- Karen Hoffmann
- Laura Willging
- Lisa
- Dena

Public Comment:

- Mike Wolter thanked the committee for its time and effort in protecting the community from the potential harmful effects of data centers. He stated that he is a member of the Data Center Accountability Group and said the group's intent is to foster clarity, consistency, and alignment among all parties throughout the process.

Chairperson Announcements & Updates:

- Dolter's comments are included as Addendum A.

BOS/BOH Liaison Comments: None

Approval of July, 2026, Agenda: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Metcalf; approved unanimously.

Action Item**Establish a Data Center Health Impact Citizen Working Group Action Plan**

- The subcommittee discussed and agreed upon meeting dates for future Data Center Subcommittee meetings.
October 21, 2026, 4 PM
January 20, 2027, 4 PM
April 21, 2027, 4 PM
Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.
- The subcommittee discussed and agreed upon meeting dates for future Citizens Data Center Impact Working Group meetings.
August 26, 2026, 5 PM with the topic of light,
September 23, 2026, 5 PM with the topic of noise
October 28, 2026, 5 PM with the topic of water
November 12, 2026, 5 PM with the topic of air
January 27, 2027, 5 PM with the topic of mental/brain health
February 24, 2027, 5 PM with the topic of hazardous materials
- The subcommittee announced that Dubuque County residents may email evidence-based materials, model ordinances, or recommendations for expert speakers (including the speaker's résumé) to Board of Health Chair Kathy Dolter for consideration. kathydolteriowavet@outlook.com.
Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.

Response to Public Questions

- A question was raised regarding who is eligible to participate in the Data Center Working Group. Dolter stated that participation in the working group is open to anyone.
- An individual from Waterloo asked how community members could become involved in addressing data center concerns. Dolter suggested organizing a local Data Center Accountability Group on Facebook.

New Business None**Board Communication and Reports:**

- See addendum B for IDNR summary on Data Center Construction/ Operation.
- Erica Felton's email regarding mental health concerns related to data centers is included as Addendum C.

Next Meeting: October 21st at 4 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Mike Wolter asked about the difference between the Data Center Working Group and the ad hoc committee. Chair Dolter explained that the Working Group reports to the ad hoc committee. See Addendum D for the government process funnel diagram.

Adjournment: Motion by Metcalf at 5:55 p.m.