

# MINUTES

Friday, September 21, 2012 at 4:15 p.m



## ***Board of Ethics Quarterly Meeting***

Carnegie Town Hall  
235 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Swanhorst, Howard Paulson, Jeff Gednalske, Carol Knudtson and Greg LaFollette

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dave Pfeifle, Sioux Falls City Attorney and Cari Hanzel, Recording Clerk

**GUESTS:** Denise Patton

### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Bob Swanhorst at 4:22 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Greg LaFollette and seconded by Carol Knudtson to approve the minutes from the Quarterly Meeting on May 31, 2012. Five Yeses. Motion carried.

### **BUSINESS OR PENDING ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Denise Patton with the Sioux Falls Health Department appeared before the Board seeking guidance on what information she could include in her educational presentations on bedbugs specific to detection methods. She explained that she has a canine bedbug detection business outside of her employment with the City and she wanted to be careful not to self-refer in her presentations and yet provide the public with all the information to make educated decisions on detection options.

Discussion was had regarding the need to avoid a conflict of interest and potential appearance of impropriety, along with the need to fully inform the public of all options for detection of bedbugs.

A motion was made by Greg LaFollette and seconded by Carol Knudtson to direct the Board's legal advisor, David Pfeifle to draft an Advisory Opinion pursuant to the Board's conversation with said Opinion to be considered at the next meeting. Five Yeses. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

No specific date for the next meeting was scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Howard Paulson and seconded by Jeff Gednalske to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cari Hanzel  
Recording Clerk