I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order. Members present: Gillen, Docken, Malecha, Miller and Bauer. Jake Gillen chaired the meeting. No members of the public spoke.

II. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

Community Health Services Annual Report

Deb Purfeerst, Community Health Services Administrator, provided the Board with a presentation of the 2017 Annual Report. The annual report summarizes the work of Rice County Community Health Services provided throughout Rice County Public Health Services in 2017. The primary areas of public health responsibility are as follows: 1) assure an adequate local public health infrastructure; 2) promote healthy communities and healthy behavior; 3) prevent the spread of infectious disease; 4) protect against environmental health hazards; 5) prepare for and respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery; and 6) assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

The mission statement is to protect, promote, and improve the health of individuals and families in our community. The Rice County Public Health Vision Elements include: 1) Safe, Healthy Communities; 2) Innovative and Responsive Public Health Department; 3) Engaged Partnerships; and 4) Optimal Health Opportunity and Accessibility for All. The organizational divisions of the agency include: Family Child Health Services, Clinic and Community Services, Home Care Services, Long Term Care Services, and Administration.

III. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Troy Dunn

2018 I-35 Emergency Alternative Route Plan

Sheriff Troy Dunn, County Engineer Dennis Luebbe, and Mike Schweyen from MnDOT Traffic presented the Board with an overview of the routes that MnDOT will be placing “Emergency Alternative Route” signage along the I-35 corridor in Rice County in 2018.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Malecha, seconded by Miller, carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.