

Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee
April 27, 2023

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Robert Ollar, Cheryl Glenn, Kelly Stagen, Emily Struckoff, Carol Kneier, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Commissioner Tony Waldron, Shannon DeVuyst, Jayson Pope, Lisa Smith, Laura Orben, Robin Skibber, Laura Harris and Joan Edel

Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2023 - Motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023, meeting made by Dr. Ollar and seconded by Commissioner Waldron. All in Favor. Motion approved.

1. **Commissioners' Update** – Commissioner Waldron stated that he had recently sent a tick to ESU to be tested. The Commissioners thanked the task force for all their hard work on spreading awareness of tick and TBD's throughout the community.
2. **Chair Report** – None
3. **Legislative Updates** – None
4. **Member Updates** –

Brian Snyder- Brian stated that WMH has sponsored the art contest again this year and on May 3rd at 11am the task force will be presenting the winners with their awards. This year there are 11 students that participated in the event and they were all invited to the ceremony. Brian also shared that since last month's meeting Rosie and himself have each given an interview with Channel 13 to talk about the art contest and general tick information and safety tips.

Shannon DeVuyst – Shannon stated she worked with Rosie and Brian to develop a spring press release reminding people of ticks and the steps they should take to protect themselves when outside. The release also included information on the free tick testing program at ESU.

Kelly Stagen – Kelly shared that Hemlock Farms Conservancy is holding several events this summer and they are open to the public not just Hemlock Farms residents. On August 18th ESU is doing a tick talk on the Hemlock Trail which was one of the study sites. Kelly stated that she would be willing to create a video talking about trail safety tips that could be posted on the task force website. Brian stated he will be in contact to discuss this further.

Dr. Ollar – Dr. Ollar shared information on a new lab test that can determine if someone has true neurological problems or if it is a TBD. He will gather more information on this for the next meeting.

Carol Kneier – Carol stated that Wayne Memorial Hospital will be attending Wayne County Ag Day in May. They will have tick information to handout to the public.

5. **Public Outreach** – None
6. **Other Business** – None

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Laura Orben. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Thursday, May 25th at 10am