

**Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee**  
**September 28, 2023**

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Robert Ollar, Jill Gamboni, Cathleen Mattos, Emily Struckhoff, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Commissioner Tony Waldron, Shannon DeVuyst, Rosie Schoepp, Cheryl Glen and Laura Harris.

**Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2023** - Motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2023, meeting made by Dr. Ollar and seconded by Jill Gamboni. All in Favor. Motion approved.

- 1. Commissioners' Update** – Commissioner Osterberg stated that since last months meeting he gave a packet of tick information to a local resident who may have a TBD. He stated this person never heard of the Task Force which concerned Matt. He also stated that the Task Force should consider hosting a art contest for everyone in the County and the winning posters be printed and displayed in local stores as a way to spread awareness. Rosie stated that she will form a committee to discuss this project and report back at the next meeting.
- 2. Chair Report** – Rosie stated that she went to the Senior Expo that was held earlier in the month and it was an excellent opportunity to reach the public. The tick bagel was a huge attraction for the table and they handed out prizes for people that could find the tick. Rosie also stated that she would like to meet with Brian to go over all the materials the Task Force has and make any necessary updates as some publications are over 5 years old and may contain outdated information.
- 3. Legislative Updates** – Representative Probst is hosting a kids fair on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Akenak Park in Delaware Township. The fair will be from 11-2 and asked if the Task Force would like to attend. Rosie stated that she will attend and bring along additional information for kids.
- 4. Member Updates** –  
  
Dr. Robert Ollar – Dr. Ollar shared two presentations with the Task Force, one was on Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) and the other was on a small scale tick study. Dr. Ollar shared the basics of RMSF and stated that it starting to be found in Pike County. He also shared specifics on testing all the tick species in our region while staying within available funding. Emily stated that the reason why Dog ticks may be found in lower elevations could be contributed to tick habitat.
- 5. Public Outreach** – None
- 6. Other Business** – None

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Dr. Mattos. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am