



## Minutes

Housing Board of Appeals  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
6:00 PM

June 16, 2026  
Oelwein, Iowa

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**Mayor:** Brett DeVore

**Mayor Pro Tem:** Matt Weber

**Board Members:** Mike Kerns, Steve Cockerham, Andrew Miller, Robert Lumbus, Roger Rueber, David Kral

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### Roll Call

**Present:** Kerns, Cockerham, Miller, Rueber, Kral

**Absent:** Lumbus

**Also Present:** Abdul Awan

### Approve Minutes

1. Approve minutes from January 19, 2022 Meeting
  - Motion to approve by Kerns, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller, All in favor

### Appeals

2. 985 South Frederick - Appeal of Revocation of Occupancy
  - Discussion involved going over the given timeline of events from the agenda packet. Kral initially read and reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> inspection scheduling, the inspection taking place, the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection being missed twice, the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection failure, the complaint inspection, and then a 3<sup>rd</sup> inspection failure, then placarding taking place for loss of occupancy and tenants notified a timeline to vacate, then communication with ownership and an on-site walkthrough as well as obtaining a building permit for work being performed. Mr. Awan confirmed the timeline of events as written in the packet. He confirmed that he did not communicate with Community Development during the process. He did confirm that he has evicted tenants out of 2 problem apartments, however, this took place after placarding was done. Kerns, Miller, and Cockerham questioned Mr. Awan regarding why no communication took place, the extent of any insect or rodent infestation, and if the inspection reports have since been completed. Mr. Awan stated that the inspection report lists have since been completed and they continue to do major overhaul of a specific apartment that sustained tenant damage. Cockerham also expressed his concern regarding bed bugs and the necessity to vacate the premises regardless to ensure a thorough abatement for any infestation. Miller expressed that he felt no leniency should be given regarding loss of occupancy considering an extended timeline and leniency was already given by Community Development along the timeline of events as they were.
    - A motion was made by Kerns to uphold the loss of occupancy for 6 months. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rueber. All in favor
    - Loss of Occupancy is upheld. Occupancy is revoked for 6 months.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by Miller to adjourn, all in favor.

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