

**BOARD OF HEALTH****September 14, 2016****7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present.

**MEMBERS**

Tony Massa – Warden

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

John Glassco – Soap Lake

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Tom Harris - Quincy

**STAFF**

Katherine Kenison - HD Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Todd Phillips - Environmental Health Mgr.

Darcy Moss – Admin. Services Mgr.

Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer

Amber McCoy – Environmental Health Sanitarian

**ABSENT**

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Carol Nordine – Electric City

**GUESTS**

Ann Belchik-Moser - Mosquito Control District #1

Art Brown - Light of Larson Church

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Item 8a will be moved to item 4, item 4 will be moved to item 5 and Item 10, Executive session will be moved to item 6. A motion was made to adopt the amended agenda (M/S Curnel/Wanke - unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS** - The vouchers for the period ending September 13, 2016 totaling \$172,212.86 (#1 – #22 totaling \$132,514.10 and #23 - #51 totaling \$39,698.76 and #32 - #62 totaling \$83,861.39) were approved (M/S Steven/Curnel– unanimous).

**BOH RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT (RESOLUTION 16-4).**

Mrs. Adkinson explained that there were no changes to the content of the Resolution, but a few items were added to address public comments during official Board of Health meetings. Changes include adding a sign-in sheet for citizens who would like to address the Board and a three minute speaking time limit when addressing the Board. If more time is needed in a complicated matter, the Board Chair can allow for more time. Lastly, citizens wishing to address the Board need to be present during the public forum comments time of the meeting or prior to the beginning of the agenda item they wish to speak on. If they are not present at that time, they will need to return at a later meeting to address the Board.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 16-4 (BOH Resolution Establishing Procedures for Conducting the Business of the Grant County Health District) (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS** – A letter from Cara Hoyt, Royal City Summer Fest Committee Chair, that was left at the last BOH meeting and also e-mailed to Board members, was reviewed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The meeting adjourned at 7:10 to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last approximately 15 minutes regarding potential litigation. The meeting was extended by 10 minutes. The public meeting was re-opened at 7:35 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Mr. Phillips

**Public Hearing on Interim Temporary Recreational Water Contact Facility (Ordinance 16-3)** - An e-mail from the Department of Health regarding inflatable water features and discussions about regulations and/or exemptions with the expanding of use of these features at community events was distributed. The e-mail states that DOH is working with stakeholders and the State Board of Health to evaluate which facilities should be regulated and which are exempt and the best way to protect the public and limit government intervention. A decision is expected to be made by the end of 2016.

Ordinance 16-3 was distributed. The ordinance was updated to address the inflatable water features. Mr. Phillips explained that he will be on an advisory committee to provide feedback for direction on a permitting or exemption process. In light of the recent e-mail and information from DOH, Mr. Phillips recommends tabling the Ordinance.

The meeting was opened to a public hearing. Mr. Brown state that he appreciated the time the Health District has put in to addressing this issue. With no more comments, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made to table Ordinance 16-3, Interim Temporary Recreational Water Contact Facility (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

**Mosquito Control District #1 Presentation** - Dr. Brzezny presented a power point on the subject of the mosquito problems and challenges with mosquito control. He explained that wetlands are a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Contracts with the USDA mitigate for vector, but can be challenging with varying mosquito district areas and municipalities in Grant County. He highlighted a specific municipality in Grant County where mosquito traps had been set. There were high numbers found in the traps in 2014, but low numbers in 2015.

Ann Belchik-Moser from the Mosquito Control District #1 explained there are three different districts in Grant County that cover 600 square miles. She also explained that property owners approve the support and the funding to spray for mosquito control. If property is outside of the approved Districts, they are not able to provide spraying services. A handout was distributed.

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Potential services could be provided in areas if an agreement was made and permits obtained through the Department of Ecology. An area can be annexed, but it has to be done by the voters.

Dr. Brzezny stated that the Board has an obligation to protect the health of the public and hypothetically asked the Board if they would be willing to support integrating a comprehensive plan to prevent mosquito problems with mosquito control

**Crab Creek Supplemental Feed – Mr. Phillips**

The Bureau of Reclamation has been running more water than usual through Crab Creek. The office received some phone calls from citizens living in the surrounding area regarding water in a basement and other water and septic concerns. The Bureau has since hired someone who will be monitoring these concerns. Land owners with concerns are encouraged to call the Bureau as concerns arise. The Bureau plans to keep in touch with the Health District to avoid potential Public Health risks.

**Food Inspection Software – Mr. Phillips**

A grant was received in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase user friendly software. Mr. Phillips would like to gain data efficiency from the new software. EH staff went to Walla Walla County Health Department to observe to see how they use their food inspection software. Sanitarians will have hand held devices at the inspections. When they return to the office, the data from the inspection would be uploaded right away. It is estimated that the cost will be \$1,600 per user and an additional \$640 per user, per year.

Mrs. Adkinson added that she believes the software purchase will streamline the process and provide more clarity on inspections. E.H. staff reached out to colleagues from other Public Health agencies and were also conservative in their search.

Mr. Phillips stated that the State uses the software in their shellfish and transient accommodations departments.

A motion was made to purchase the food inspection software up to \$17,000 with the use of grant funds that were previously awarded (M/S Swartz/Wanke – unanimous).

**Compost Updates** - Last Friday Mr. Phillips and Stephanie Shopbell went to the Royal Organics site for a routine inspection and to follow up on the clean up progress. R.O. has eliminated the large pile, but there are still pieces of garbage getting through the fence. Mr. Phillips reminded them of the October 31 clean-up deadline.

Mr. Phillips had a conversation with Gregg from Ovenell Farms Compost. Mr. Ovenell stated they may not continue to receive yard waste mixed with food waste. It is difficult to handle and new WSDA pest management mitigations may not financially be feasible.

**Other updates** - None

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**COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Mrs. Adkinson

**Personnel Update** – Kathleen Nelson, RN, has been hired as the Community Public Health Manager. She will start on September 26. She will work in both Community Health and Personal Health programs. Stephanie Lafferty, RN, was hired as a Public Health Nurse. She will be cross training with Lois Swenson in preparation for Lois's retirement in February. There is still one other Public Health Nurse position open. We will wait to hire after Kathleen begins and assess the staff needs.

**SHAPE Coalition** – SHAPE is a sexual health coalition formed to carry out outreach activities and education in school districts. Next week, Moses Lake School District will be hosting a curriculum training to address high teenage pregnancy rates. GCHD will be sending two staff and will continue to work with Quincy and Moses Lake School Districts.

**Ephrata Complete Streets** – Four cities, Moses Lake, Quincy, Soap Lake and Electric City, have adopted a complete streets ordinance. The City of Ephrata will be meeting later this month to consider adoption of their complete streets ordinance. The Health District will be working with the City of Ephrata and the Ephrata School District to address accessibility for students who walk to school. The WA State Department of Transportation (DOT) will be doing a site visit at the intersection by the Columbia Basin Hospital to observe pedestrian safety concerns. A grant proposal was submitted to DOT for an engineering planning grant. During this site visit DOT will make recommendations to improve the grant application..

**Other Updates** - None

**ASSESSMENT REPORT** - Mrs. Adkinson

An employment offer has been extended to Laina Mitchell. An assessment training plan will be put in place when she starts work.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Mrs. Adkinson

**Personnel Update** – Carol Nordine is taking a temporary leave from her position on the Board. Area 7 will need to decide who will be representing her while she is gone.

**Other Updates** - None

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Dr. Brzezny

**Vector-Borne Diseases** – There is now local transmission of Zika virus in the United States, which was predicted. There are approximately 28 cases in Washington. Recently increased notifications of bat situations have been received. The first mammal this year in Grant County to have West Nile Virus was identified today. There are 52 areas in our County that have been identified as having mosquitoes that carry WNV. Grant County has had the most mosquitoes test positive for West Nile Virus in the state.

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**STDs Update** - An info graphic prepared by Susan Kim, a University of Washington medical student, was distributed. The information was accumulated from the STD outreach event that was done at Longview Tracts area in Moses Lake. Only 11% knew about syphilis and 43% had used drugs within the last three months. The hope is to go back to the area in December to address STD's again.

**Other Updates** – The monthly communicable disease report shows that there continues to be high rates of gonorrhea cases. The Health District has handled 843 reports of notifiable conditions this year to date, which means we average approximately 5-10 reports a day. Last year there were over 1300 reports.

Dr. Brzezny received a letter from the United States Surgeon General, Vivek H. Murthy, concerning the urgent health crisis of opiod addiction that we are facing in America.

Mrs. Adkinson reminded the Board about Resolution 16-3, Interventions for Injection Drug Use and Disease, that was adopted earlier this year. Mrs. Sackett has been meeting with community partners and law enforcement to obtain input on a needle exchange program. She will be sharing the information with the Board in the future.

Dr. Brzezny added the efforts are going to be put towards working with medical providers on their prescribing practices and monitoring of prescriptions.

Dr. Curnel explained at his clinic they have a new protocol that limits the number of pain pills that can be prescribed to patients. In Moses Lake, the police officers will soon have Narcan available. He also stated that he is a sponsor for patients who like to have it in their homes for addicted family members.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:34p.m. (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Darcy Moss, Administrative Services Manager  
Clerk of the Board