

BOARD OF HEALTH**March 11, 2020****6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present:

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Brad Parrish – Electric City

Tom Harris – Quincy

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Maria Vargas – CPH Manager

Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Stephanie Shopbell – E.H. Manager

Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with an amendment to Administrator’s report “B” now Resolution 20-1. (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Stevens – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The February vouchers for the period ending March 10, 2020 totaling \$174,789.57 (#1 – 3 totaling \$120,623.43, #4 – 13 totaling \$8,781.23, #14 – 37 totaling \$45,381.91) were approved (M/S Curnel/Stevens – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Stephanie Shopbell

Food Program Update & Report—In packet, no questions.

On Site Septic Update & Report – In packet, no questions.

Other – Ashly, our new Environmental Health Specialist started March 2 and has started training.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Maria Vargas

Staff Updates – GCHD has a new PHN and is underway in her training.

Other – None

ASSESSMENT REPORT – None

Tony Massa, Board Chair, acknowledged GCHD staff on the hard work over the last few weeks. He has been on phone calls expressing his concern on how under funded Grant County is.

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ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financial Update & COVID-19 Costs – To date \$35,000 has been spent on response for COVID-19. There is the possibility of funding but no definite numbers. Per CDC there should be approximately \$560 million to local public health. GCHD is maximizing exempt staff as well as non-exempt staff with priority being keeping staff healthy. Incident Command Service (ICS) was activated on March 2 due to confirmed cases. This does include Grant County Emergency Management and GCHD meeting for daily briefings, assignments and working with our commissioners.

Emergency Employment Request-Resolution 20-1 – Discussion held. Motion made to approve Resolution 20-1. (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous).

Other – None

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Influenza Update – Influenza A had a recent increase and now seeing it flatten. Increase in positive Influenza results are in part to more testing being done to rule out COVID-19.

SSP/HAV Update – Flier in packet, there continues to be Hep A outbreaks we must continue to work with county jails on vaccinating inmates.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Response)—Power point presentation by Dr. Brzezny, discussion held. Public health emergency implication reviewed. Social distancing and proposed non-pharmacological interventions reviewed in detail.

Other – None

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT – With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. (M/S Curnel/Stevens – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board