

BOARD OF HEALTH**August 12, 2020****6:00 PM**

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

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden

Brad Parrish – Electric City

Tom Harris – Quincy

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Kevin Newland – Wilson Creek

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Maria Vargas – CPH Manager

Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

Darcy Moss – Financial Facilitator

ABSENT

Stephanie Shopbell – E.H. Manager

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the amendment to add item #4-Board Chair remarks. (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The July vouchers for the period ending August 11, 2020 totaling \$331,747.61 (#1 – 3 totaling \$221,184.92, #4 – 21 totaling \$45,589.36, #22 - 33 totaling \$21,150.13, #34 – 42 totaling \$10,528.48, #43 – 49 totaling \$33,294.72) were approved (M/S Curnel/Stevens – unanimous).

Chair Remark – Meeting was held with the secretary of state, health officers and board chair regarding Grant County moving back to Phase 1; discussion held.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

GCHD Financials—Theresa sent the budget in an email to the board and gave an update.

Surplus of GCHD Vehicle—motion made to approve the surplus of Ford Ranger. (M/S Steven/Harris – unanimous)

DOH Support During the COVID-19 Case Surge—Theresa gave update to board, working on community messaging for a “media campaign”.

UNIFIED COMMAND – Theresa Adkinson

Other—GCHD is no longer housed at the UC center. Logistics has distributed over 100,000 masks in Grant County and we are still having twice weekly meetings.

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COMMUNITY MITIGATION/DOCUMENTATION OFFICER – Theresa Adkinson

Signs and Resources for Businesses—GCHD’s website will be updated with signs for education purposes.

Outdoor Markets—GCHD inspectors are reporting that vendors doing a great job at encouraging the public about masks and physical distance.

Other Updates for Environmental Health—EH summary given to board in email; no questions.

PLANNING CHIEF – Darcy Moss

Darcy gave an update to the board.

OPERATIONS CHIEF – Maria Vargas

Disease Investigations & Contact Tracing—Maria gave an update to the board to include the shift in communities being affected by COVID.

New Disease Investigators—GCHD has hired CD Investigators and most of them are working remotely. An interview was held for a Public Health Nurse, hope to have an update for next meeting.

Other Updates--None

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER – Theresa Adkinson

COVID Media Campaign with Support from DOH—Theresa is having weekly meetings with local chambers for the “safe start pledge”.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

PowerPoint presented to board; discussion held.

OTHER BUSINESS—Support and words of encouragement were given to the staff of GCHD; discussion held regarding cases and deaths in our communities.

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. (M/S Curnel/Stevens – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board