

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 12, 2022

6:00 PM

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

MEMBERS

Danny Stone – Commissioner
Deanna Martinez – Moses Lake
Kent Andersen – Royal City

Tom Harris – Quincy
Valli Millard – Ephrata
Cheryl Hoffman – Electric City

STAFF

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager
Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Nikkole Fox – Finance Coordinator

Maria Vargas – CPH Manager
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk
Laina Mitchell – I & R Manager
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

GUESTS

Scott Stickel, CAN/AM Teller

Absent

None

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2022 – Tom Harris, Chair (M/S Stone/Andersen – unanimous)
Danny Stone, Vice Chair (M/S Harris/Martinez – unanimous).

Election of Audit Committee for 2022 – Danny Stone, Valli Millard (M/S Stone/Millard – unanimous).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the amendment to add Audit Committee to item #3 (M/S Millard/Stone – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stone/Millard – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The December vouchers for the period ending January 11, 2022 totaling \$458,324.06 (#1 –#3 totaling \$302,743.28, #4 – #22 totaling \$50,370.08, #23 - #32 totaling \$14,587.41, #33 - #48 totaling \$33,090.02, and #49-64 totaling \$57,533.27 were approved (M/S Stone/Martinez – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

None

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Health Officer's COVID-19 Report - Dr. Brzezny

PowerPoint presented regarding COVID-19 rates, vaccine information, trends & guidance; discussion held.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - Stephanie Shopbell

Program Updates—Summary emailed to the board; Stephanie gave the board a briefing on the jobs of the EH division.

EH is working on formalizing training plans for septic and water recreation, having these plans will allow for cross training and reassignment if needed.

Other Updates—Monthly reports emailed to board; discussion held.

EH completed their sanitary surveys for 2021.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (HC) REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program updates—Emailed and update given to board, no questions

Other Updates—None

INVESTIGATIONS AND RESPONSE (I&R) REPORT – Laina Mitchell

CD Stats—Emailed to board, no questions.

Laina gave the board an update on the status of COVID surge in our county; discussion held.

Other Updates—None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financial Report—Emailed to board, no questions.

Point of Sale Receipting System for GCHD—PowerPoint presented to board; discussion held.

Motion made to authorize the administrator to sign the contract with CAN/AM Teller and proceed with implementing the POS system (M/S Martinez/Stone – unanimous).

2021 Audit Update—Theresa gave an update to board, no questions.

Update on New Board Composition Required by HB1152—Theresa gave an update to board; discussion held.

Other updates—None

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

COVID—PowerPoint presented to board.

Healthcare Emergency Challenges—Update to board; discussion held.

Influenza Update—Included in PowerPoint.

Other Updates—None

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OTHER BUSINESS— Commissioner Stone would like his proposed resolution shared with the new board for discussion at February’s Board of Health meeting.

Commissioner Stone also requested that he be allowed to waive attorney/client privileges regarding Resolution 21-5 that was brought forward at the December 8, 2021 meeting so that he may share emails that were exchanged between him and the District’s legal counsel with the County’s legal counsel. Discussion was held and decided that they cannot make such a decision without knowing the content of the emails or discussion.

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. (M/S Andersen/Martinez – unanimous).

Tom Harris, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk