

BOARD OF HEALTH**September 11, 2019****7:00 PM**

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

MEMBERS

Mark Wanke -- Ephrata

Richard Stevens -- Commissioner

Tom Taylor -- Commissioner

Dr. David Curnel, Moses Lake

Tom Harris, Quincy

Brad Parrish, Electric City

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny -- Health Officer

Jon Ness -- E.H. Manager

Rita Morfin -- Board Clerk

Theresa Adkinson -- Administrator

Anna Franz -- H.D. Attorney

ABSENT

Tony Massa -- Warden

Cindy Carter, Commissioner

North County Board of Health Representative -- Brad Parrish was introduced to the board.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA -- The motion was made to approve the agenda. (M/S Curnel/Stevens -- unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINTUES -- The minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Taylor/Stevens -- unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The August vouchers for the Period ending September 10, 2019, totaling \$187,059.37 (#1 – 3 totaling \$135,801.81 #4 – 16 totaling \$2,294.03 and #17 – 42 totaling \$48,963.53) were approved (M/S Curnel/Taylor -- unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS -- None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT -- Jon Ness

Food Program Workshop -- Jon presented the current timeline and process, discussion was held. Board decided addition of an FTE to meet food inspection requirements was necessary and directed Jon to bring back a proposed fee schedule to fund the position.

Moses Lake Sewer Leak -- Jon gave a brief summary on the sewer leak into Moses Lake. Testing has been done since the leak happened on August 29 with results showing acceptable levels. Jon mentioned there was great work done by all involved.



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Dr. Curnel, Moses Lake representative, informed the board that the City of Moses Lake has approved \$350,000-500,00 to fix the sewer lines.

Moses Lake Harmful Algae Bloom – Grants are being applied for in the hopes to recoup some of the costs incurred while informing the public of the risks, as there is no specific funding for this work. GCHD can now submit four water samples a week, which is up from the two samples a week. Jon will be meeting with Department of Ecology, Moses Lake Watershed Council and Moses Lake Irrigation District to discuss the next steps. Discussion was held that there is no easy nor cheap fix to the situation. Commissioner Taylor expressed his concerns on how the warnings about toxins in the water are hurting the economy.

Recognition was given to Kelsey Jacobs, Environmental Health Specialist, on the coordination of volunteers in the community to take water samples. Having the volunteers saves GCHD thousands of dollars.

Landfill Tipping Fee – Discussed agreement with Public Works to receive \$0.15 per ton tipping fee to cover the 25% match costs required for the solid waste grants, and other solid waste activities not fully funded by the grant, which has steadily decreased over the last several funding cycles.

Other – Food and septic reports sent in email, no questions.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

See packet for program updates – GCHD is the lead agency out of four counties on The CDC supports the concerns and conversations being held regarding vaping. King County has had their first young with lung disease due to vaping. Risk factors must be shared.

Other – There were over 500 people in attendance for the safe firearms event; recipients were encouraged to use the safes not only for their firearms but for medications.

ASSESSMENT REPORT

North Central Washington Tobacco Landscape Assessment – Informational handout presented, no questions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Board of Health Vacancies – Brad Parrish was introduced at the beginning of the meeting. There still do not have a representative for Seat 8, Rita and Theresa will continue their outreach.

Financial Report – Theresa reported that FPHS funding is usually received by June however the State Office of Financial Management had not released the funds yet. No questions.

Adams County Public Health Services Assistance – Jon and Timm, Adams County, have met and feel that one hour a week would be enough time while they continue their recruitment process. Adams County feel that their septic sanitarian position may not be filled until March 2020 and are prepared to reach out to neighboring counties if needed. Jon gave a brief summary on the work that he has done for Adams County and it is much less than what was originally anticipated.

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With that information the board agrees on continuing to help Adams County and a motion was made to have Chair Massa sign the MOU. (M/S Curnel/Taylor – unanimous)

Update to the Board of Health Resolution (16-4) “Establishing Procedures for Conducting the Business of the Grant County Health District” New Resolution 19-3 – Discussed changing meeting time to 6:00 pm and giving the board a call-in option when not able to physically be at a meeting.

Commissioner Taylor would like to reduce the presence of the county commissioners by rotating their attendance at board of health meetings. Anna, HD attorney, will research and advise the board. Motion made to adopt Resolution 19-3 as amended. (M/S Taylor/Harris – unanimous)

Board of Health Meeting Time – See “d”

Other – None

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Communicable Disease Update – In 2018 two measles outbreaks took place in Washington; those included outbreaks originating in Clark and King/Snohomish Counties in Washington State. As of August 28, the second measles outbreak is concluded which means we have no cases in Washington State to date. With Washington State’s new exemption law pertaining to MMR vaccine we continue to work closely with the school districts.

Washington State does have a human case of West Nile Virus in Franklin County (that information was not included on the CDC’s most recent map).

There are currently 23 cases of Hepatitis A related to an outbreak in Washington State. GCHD continues to work on offering Hepatitis A vaccine to those that are vulnerable.

Update on CD stats give, no questions.

Sewage Spill-Health Officer Perspective – Dr. Brzezny gave a brief summary on the leak, actions being taken and current status.

SSP Update – Flier provided, no questions.

Other – There has been an increase in severe respiratory illness; 450 possible cases nationwide, 155 confirmed and probable cases in 15 states due to vaping. The age group vaping is the teenage to adolescent group. Of products associated with this illness, 80% contain THC, 20% contain nicotine, but the responsible chemicals are currently unknown and being investigated by the CDC/FDA. With direction from the President of the United States, the Federal Government (HHS) released a plan today to ban and remove flavored

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vaping products such as, strawberry, grape, etc. from the market, effectively prohibiting manufacturing of such flavored products. The only flavor that will be allowed is tobacco. This is still only a proposal but are trying to move forward with the removal of the flavors.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT – With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. (M/S Taylor/Curnel – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board