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MINUTES

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 24, 2020

Nez Perce County Office via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Board Members Present:

Mark Frei
Greg Johnson
Connie Osborn
Dr. Jefferson
Doug Zenner
Dave McGraw
Rick Winkel

Staff Present:

Carol Moehrle
Mike Larson
Rachael JeanBlanc
Perri Larson
Ed Marugg

Excused:

Guests

Senator Nelson

The September 24, 2020 Board of Health meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman McGraw.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District has created a Board of Health email for public comment. Comments in response to and agenda item for a specific meeting date must be received 24 hours in advance of the applicable meeting to all for routing and board member review. Individuals may also mail comments to Public Health. Viewing of the meeting may take place live via YouTube. No comments were received for the September 24, 2020 meeting.

Chairman McGraw asked for approval of the August 20, 2020 Board of Health Meeting minutes as mailed.

MOTION: Rick Winkel moved, and Doug Zenner seconded the motion to approve August Board of Health meeting minutes. Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August FY 2021 Financial Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the August financial reports:

As of the August report, we are 16.67% of the way through this fiscal year. August revenue total \$494,169 with Year to Date revenue at \$4,517,300. This is 27.09% Actual incoming revenue of the budget for the FY. August Personnel expenses totaled \$277,382 with Year to Date Personnel at \$3,526,481 this is 13.21% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Operating Expenses for August are at \$50,847 with Year to Date at \$808,405 this is 18.72% of the budgeted amount.

MOTION: Greg Johnson moved, and Connie Osborn seconded the motion to approve the August Financials as presented. Carried unanimously.

Write-Off Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the August write-off report of \$80. Discussion held.

MOTION: Rick Winkel moved, and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to approve the August write-off reports as presented. Carried unanimously

Board Reports

Dr. Jefferson reported that COVID-19 percentages are rising with the surveillance testing at the University of Idaho.

Commissioner Johnson reported that the Lewis County Fair will take place over the weekend with CDC guidelines in place.

Connie Osborn, Latah County, reported that the University of Idaho is utilizing BioBot. Latah County Fair was a success. Gritman continues its preparedness efforts.

Commissioner Frei reported that there were communication issues with the COVID-19 outbreak at the North Idaho Correctional Institute.

Commissioner Zenner reported that the Tribal outbreak seems to be slowing. The Nez Perce County Fair will be virtual. Nez Perce county is utilizing the old high school for some court services.

Commissioner Winkel reported that the fires in Clearwater County have been contained. He also reported his disdain that the NICI transferred positive COVID-19 cases via Clearwater County ambulance without knowledge.

Senator Nelson offered his support and appreciation for Public Health's efforts in this Pandemic and future legislation.

Commissioner McGraw reported that the Latah County Fair was a success; they utilized a virtual auction and followed CDC guidelines. Moscow continues to enforce their mask mandate.

Director's Report

COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Moehrle provided a situational COVID-19 update. Ms. Moehrle presented and reviewed the data dashboard for District 2 COVID-19 data. Current case count is 1002 with 23 deaths. The age groups have been adjusted to better reflect the school age populations. Discussion held.

Ms. Moehrle addressed the significant increase in numbers in Idaho County this week. Ms. Moehrle provided an alert to Board members regarding the spike of 120 cases early Monday morning via email. The majority of the cases reported were within the North Idaho Correctional Institute (NICI). Our protocol for reporting outbreaks in outside agencies/businesses is to provide media support unless they prefer a joint media effort or that we take the lead. Ms. Macke communicated with the Public Information Officer for NICI who chose to take the lead with the media to provide accurate and timely information. Ms. Moehrle asked the Board for their communications preference in the future with the media when it affects their agencies and their counties. Moving forward Ms. Moehrle will provide alerts/updates to all elected officials throughout the District rather than just the Board of Health. Discussion held.

Ms. Moehrle provided and reviewed the Regional Data Tool for Determining Health Alert Levels as well as the new Regional Risk Summary dashboard for Board of Health review and approval. Discussion held. Commissioner Frei inquired about enforcement if levels become critical. Ms. Moehrle reminded the Board of a previous discussion requiring full support of the Board and fellow Commissioners to move between levels. Public Health has no enforcement authority and would look to the cities and counties if enforcement was needed.

MOTION: Doug Zenner moved, and Mark Frei seconded the motion to once again adopt the Regional Data Tool for Determining Health Alert Levels for one month as presented. Carried unanimously.

Waiving of Environmental Health Fees for Wildfire Victims

Considering the recent wildland fires, Ms. Moehrle asked the Board if their preference would be to waive Environmental Health fees for the victims. Ms. Jurries reported that those fees range from \$300 to \$400. There we 15 homes destroyed in Clearwater County. Commissioner Johnson reported that those folks in Lewis and Idaho Counties who lost homes in 2015 were very appreciative of this gesture.

MOTION: Doug Zenner moved, and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to waive Environmental Health fees for wildland fire victims for 2020. Carried unanimously.

Staffing Changes

Ms. Macke provided an update on current staffing. Sherise Jurries has accepted the Environmental Health Director position. Jacob Wimpenny, EHS, will be transferring from our Orofino office to Lewiston leaving an opening in Orofino. We recently hired Teresa Chrisman as an Administrative Assistant, Risto McFeely as a Public Health Preparedness Planner, Connie Spears as a Registered Nurse. We are awaiting hiring lists for a Health Education Specialist with an emphasis in communications and a Financial Technician. Discussion held.

New and Emergent Issues

Commissioner Zenner reported on the Emergency Legislative Session and the misinformation regarding abuse of power by Boards of Health. Senator Nelson recommended the Board have a plan going forward for the legislative session. Discussion held.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 22, 2020 the Board of Health meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Health office in Nez Perce County via ZOOM due to COVID-19.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:19 a.m.



Dave McGraw
Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Carol Moehrle, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on October 29, 2020.