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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 25, 2021
Nez Perce County Office via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Board Members Present:

Denis Duman
Greg Johnson
Connie Osborn
Dr. Jefferson
Doug Zenner
Dave McGraw
Rick Winkel

Staff Present:

Carol Moehrle
Mike Larson
Rachael JeanBlanc
Perri Larson
Sherise Jurries
Kayla Moehrle

Excused:

Guests:

The February 25, 2021 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.

Chairman McGraw asked for approval of the January 28, 2020 Board of Health Meeting minutes as mailed.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

January FY 2021 Financial Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the January financial reports:

As of the January report, we are 58.33% of the way through this fiscal year. January revenue total \$1,047,442 with Year to Date revenue at \$3,979,995. This is 63.95% Actual incoming revenue of the budget for the FY. January Personnel expenses totaled \$292,540 with Year to Date Personnel at \$2,153,735 this is 53.01% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Operating Expenses for January are at \$76,403 with Year to Date at \$493,572 this is 49.62% of the budgeted amount.

MOTION: Greg Johnson moved, and Dr. Jefferson seconded the motion to approve the January Financials as presented. Carried unanimously.

Write-Off Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the October write-off report of \$169 to be recognized in December. Discussion held.

MOTION: Denis Duman moved, and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to approve the October write-off recognized in February as presented. Carried unanimously

Budget Amendment

Moved to March Board of Health Meeting.

Board Reports

Trustee Updates

Commissioner Johnson reported that SB1060 is moving forward, any mandates passed by Public Health must be approved by a Board of County Commissioners within 7 days. Chairman McGraw asked that the Board be ready to meet when more information is available addressing legislation regarding the future of Public Health. Discussion held.

Commissioner Johnson reported on the letters to the editor thanking Public Health for efficient vaccination clinics.

Director's Report

Legislative Update

Ms. Moehrle reported that the Millennium Fund presentation will be March 1st the Millennium Committee and the JFAC presentation will be March 2nd.

Ms. Moehrle reported that HB66 and HB67 remove the authorities from local Public Health and Idaho Department of Health & Welfare from closing schools and universities. Public Health has never done this. Schools and Universities often contact Public Health for guidance. This gives the authority back to the school boards.

Commissioner Zenner reported on HB197 on county ordinances changes. This bill changes a current misdemeanor to an infraction. This bill removes both Public Health and County authority. Discussion held.

COVID-19

Regional Data Tool for Determining Health Alert Levels

Ms. Moehrle reported that 8,533 COVID-19 cases reported to date and 91 deaths. Four of our five counties are in the green minimal risk category with Latah County in the yellow moderate risk.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Ms. Moehrle also reviewed the Governor's vaccination data. Vaccinations are recorded for the county in which the individual resides, not where the individual was vaccinated. To date 39% of our residents aged 65 and older have been vaccinated. The next phase 2.3 is scheduled to open mid-March.

Updates

Connie Osborn, Latah County Representative reported that Gritman's has given over 3,000 vaccinations to date. Gritman is utilizing the student recreation center for mass vaccination clinics on Thursdays and Fridays. Latah County now has an increased number of vaccine providers, mostly in pharmacies. Clinics are available through www.idahoprepmo.com Individuals must be in the appropriate category and reside or work in Idaho.

Dr. Jefferson reported on the misinformation provided by Dr. Eggleston in the Lewiston Morning Tribune and the letter written by him and several other physicians to address this misinformation.

Commissioner Winkel reported that Clearwater County has acquired a building which will soon be the new police station. The ambulance service has acquired a few RVs to house people while on shift. Eventually three to four individuals will be hired full-time.

Commissioner Duman of Idaho County reported that Idaho County continues to remove snow. St. Mary's Hospital is adding an addition for a new ER and Respiratory Clinic. St. Mary's Hospital and Syringa Hospital are providing COVID-19 vaccinations.

Commissioner Johnson of Lewis County reported he has received his first COVID-19 vaccination from St. Mary's Hospital and is soon to receive his second; the process was smooth and efficient.

Commissioner Zenner of Nez Perce County reported that he will receive his first COVID-19 vaccination from Public Health following the meeting. Nez Perce County is still working hard to acquire air service. Nez Perce County is waiting for Lewiston Police Department to relocate in order to break ground on the new courthouse.

Staff Updates

Ms. Larson reported that COVID-19 cases are down allowing staff to move focus from contact tracing to vaccinating. Staff are working extremely hard.

Ms. Macke reported that Public Health is thankful as staff continue to work hard through the vaccination portion of the pandemic.

Ms. Jurries reported that Environmental Health sewer program continues to be busy even with snow on the ground.

Ms. JeanBlanc reported that Fiscal is extremely busy transferring our accounting system over to the State's new system called LUMA.

Ms. Larson reported that staff are working hard to accommodate the vaccination clinics.

New and Emergent Issues

Ms. Moehrle reported that the National Guard have been assisting Public Health. This resource has been invaluable, and we have requested additional National Guard to aid with COVID-19 efforts throughout the District.

NEXT MEETING: Meetings will be scheduled as needed to re-evaluate Regional Health Alert Levels.


Thursday, March 25, 2021 the Board of Health at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Health office in Nez Perce County via ZOOM due to COVID-19.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:02 a.m.



Dave McGraw
Board Chairman

Attest: _____


Carol Moehrle, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on March 25, 2021.