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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 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 March 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 February 25, 2020 Board of Health Meeting minutes as mailed.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

February FY 2021 Financial Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the February financial reports:

As of the February report, we are 66.67% of the way through this fiscal year. February revenue total \$854,228 with Year to Date revenue at \$4,834,223. This is 77.68% Actual incoming revenue of the budget for the FY. February Personnel expenses totaled \$315,451 with Year to Date Personnel at \$2,469,186 this is 60.77% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Operating Expenses for February are at \$60,278 with Year to Date at \$561,850 this is 56.49% of the budgeted amount.

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

Write-Off Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the March write-off report of \$169. Discussion held.

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

COVID-19 Associated Costs

Per Board request, Ms. JeanBlanc reported year-to-date costs for the COVID-19 response. As of March, the cost for personnel is \$888,000. Some staff were repurposed to fulfill COVID-19 responsibilities as well as some new hires.

Budget Amendment

Ms. Moehrle reported that a Budget Amendment is unnecessary at this time.

Board Reports

Trustee Updates

Commissioner Johnson reported that HB316 passed the House, and it is now in the Health & Welfare Committee in the Senate. The Senate is asking questions and showing concern, however, they are now in recess due to COVID-19.

SB1060 passed, 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.

Director's Report

Legislative Update

Ms. Moehrle reported that we are also watching HB315 which is the Opioid Settlement funds. Discussion held.

Board of Health Budget Committee

Ms. Moehrle asked for direction regarding the language in HB316 that addresses a Board of Health Budget Committee made up of the Chair of each of the county commissions. This committee will determine the formula for how the new funding for Public Health will be distributed among the five counties. Ms. Moehrle will send a letter and a proxy to the boards of county commissions requesting input.

COVID-19

Regional Data Tool for Determining Health Alert Levels

Ms. Moehrle reported on the Regional COVID-19 Risk Assessment. Lewis, Clearwater, Idaho, and Nez Perce Counties are all minimal risk while Latah County is in the moderate risk level. Latah County Commissioner McGraw and Connie Osborn of Gritman Medical would like to remain in moderate risk level at this time.

Health District 2 is at 26% of the population being vaccinated. The hospitals, pharmacies and SEL are doing an amazing job vaccinating. The National Guard continues to assist throughout our District.

Clearwater Paper and SEL are vaccinating their own staff.

Program Updates

Sherise Jurries, Environmental Health Director, reported on the Sewage Program providing data comparisons for both sewage permits as well as sewage fees collected from 2016 to 2020. Staff are very busy. Chairman McGraw suggested hiring more staff to ease the workload. Discussion held.

Board Updates

Connie Osborn, Latah County Representative reported that Gritman's has been collecting specimens on the U of I campus for the last three days. Gritman continues to provide mass vaccination clinics on Thursdays and Fridays.

Dr. Jefferson reported that WWAMI students are assisting SRCC.

Commissioner Winkel reported that Clearwater County is struggling to find living quarters for paramedics/EMS. Property prices in Clearwater County are extremely high.

Commissioner Duman of Idaho County reported that Idaho County continues to see increase in building.

Commissioner Johnson of Lewis County reported an increase in building making it difficult to find a contractor.

Commissioner Zenner of Nez Perce County reported that they are looking at the possibility of hiring an inhouse inspector for road and building issues. The County received a proposal for another 30 plus subdivision for the Howard Estate. Commissioner Zenner thanked Public Health for their heroic work during these difficult times.

Staff Updates

Ms. Larson reported that COVID-19 cases are down. We continue to provide vaccine clinics 4 days per week. Staff are working extremely hard.

Ms. Macke reported the public information requests have slowed and HR continues to be busy.

Ms. Jurries reported that Environmental Health continues to be busy.

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

New and Emergent Issues

Connie Osborn reported that graduations will be in-person this year so we should anticipate a significant influx of people in May.

A public comment was made during the meeting asking when Public Health will advise that mask mandates be removed. This Board of Health has not issued mandates or orders during this pandemic. We have worked with partners to provide guidance. Chairman McGraw thanked the public for their participation.

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

Thursday, April 22, 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.