



SPECIAL MEETING  
 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES  
 April 16, 2020  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Virtual Meeting Hosted by Zoom

**PRESENT:**

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS**

Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman  
 Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee  
 Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner  
 Lee Miller, Commissioner  
 Ken Miner, Commissioner  
 Shayne Young, Commissioner  
 Barbara Nelson, MD  
 Greg Shenton, Commissioner  
 Wayne Butts, Commissioner

**STAFF MEMBERS**

Geri Rackow  
 James Corbett  
 Amy Gamett  
 Angy Harwood  
 Kellye Johnson  
 Steve Thomas

**GUEST**

Commissioner Riegel, Teton County

**Call Board Meeting to Order**

Chairman Reed call the meeting order at 7:05 p.m.

**1. Approval of April 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the April 9, 2020 BOH Meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Dr. Nelson

**ACTION:** MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. COVID-19 Update and Response**

Ms. Rackow provided an update to the Board on COVID-19 and the health district's response efforts.

The Governor's Stay-at-Home Order has been extended through April 30, 2020. Changes to the order included a 14-day self-quarantine period for nonresidents traveling to the State of Idaho. The order also allows non-essential businesses who could provide services curb side or delivery to operate. For the next two weeks, all other non-essential businesses (with the exception of indoor gyms, recreational facilities, dine-in restaurants, bars/nightclubs, gyms/indoor recreational facilities, nail/hair salons) should begin working on an operations plan to safely implement the social distancing and sanitizing in order to anticipate reopening for business May 1. Enforcement of the order is up to local law enforcement. Commissioner Riegel feels strongly that businesses that are opening are going to want guidance from EIPH and the Board of Health should help develop clear guidance for business who are getting ready to reopen. EIPH will continue to provide information, education, and resources to local businesses, but EIPH is not an enforcement agency.

Ms. Rackow reported that President Trump released his plan, Opening Up America Again, this afternoon. The plan addresses the need for the following to be in place to consider re-opening businesses: a robust testing program, downward trajectory of influenza-like illness in the last 14 days, downward trajectory of COVID-like illness in the last 14 days, and the decline in documented cases of COVID in the past 14 days. A similar plan is being developed for the State of Idaho which should be released in the near future.

Ms. Rackow reported that the State Board of Education met today and adopted the re-entry criteria for school districts for returning to school. Some school districts within EIPH's region have been in communication with our staff to discuss possible plan for re-opening in early May. EIPH will continue to help answer their questions and provide input.

EIPH held a webinar today for businesses to provide information about the guidelines for the Operating Plans the Governor referred to in his press conference for the extended Stay Home Order. Unfortunately, the guidelines have not yet been release, but EIPH staff answered questions of the businesses as they were able. Additional informational webinars will be provided. The Board of Health discussed concerns regarding enforcement of the Operating Plan and reopening of businesses. EIPH will continue to share guidance from CDC and other sources (such as the Governor's office) and education businesses as much as possible.

The board members discussed the role of the local Public Health Districts going forward. Needs of the counties are very different across the state. EIPH staff continue to work with its local elected officials to provide guidance.

There were comments and questions from public participants that were addressed.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

  
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Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

  
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Geri L. Rackow, Secretary