

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2020
4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Hosted by Zoom

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS

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

Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of April 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the April 23, 2020 BOH Meeting minutes.

SECOND: Bill Leake

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.

EIPH has been working internally to develop guidance for business to go along with the Governor's Opening up Idaho guidelines. This information will help when businesses start to develop their plans for re-opening. The information is post to the EIPH website. One document is for general businesses and one is specific to food establishments with dining rooms. Rebound Idaho released re-opening protocols Child Care and Day Care, Youth Activities, and Places of Worship. These are slated to open in Stage 1 on Friday, May 1, 2020. Guidance from the Governor states that food established that are re-opening dining rooms are required to submit their plan to the Health District for approval.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next several weeks, EIPH will continue to provide webinars for business to get information and ask questions about plans for re-opening.

Over the past two days, Ms. Rackow presented information on COVID-19 to the Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Falls Online Lunch-In (a collaborative effort between several civic organizations in Idaho Falls). Following the Lunch-In, a press conference was held to unveil a plan called Look, Ask, Share. It is a concept of supporting business and consumers by having plans posted as an assurance businesses are doing everything they can to protect their customers. This is a combined effort between the City of Idaho Falls, City of Ammon, Bonneville County and Senator Risch's "Support Local Gems" Campaign. Ms. Rackow will follow-up to see if the Look, Ask, Share campaign is available to be shared with the other counties.

Ms. Rackow has been working Greg Adams, Emergency Manager in Teton County, and Brian McDermont on a campaign in Teton County that is similar to the one introduced today in Bonneville County. Following guidance and information, businesses would submit an electronic plan for the county to review and then would get an endorsement from the county.

The elected officials meeting is tonight, Ms. Rackow will update them on the hospital and clinics trend and share some testing data specific to our health district. She will also provide information and answer questions regarding Idaho Rebounds' Guidelines for Opening Up Idaho.

EIPH is currently receiving additional subgrant funds to help with our COVID-19 response. At the state level, the Health Districts were asked to put together information regarding potential funding needed through the end of this year for the contact tracing response, which has been done.

Ms. Rackow presented some ideas for the use of the potential donation from the Department of Energy to assist with the health district's COVID-19 response. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Bill Leake made a motion to authorize Director Rackow to utilize the donated funding from the Department of Energy to use at her discretion based on information and input provided by the Board of Health today and give spending authority to the district as an increase in the budget equal to the amount of the donation.

SECOND: Commissioner Miner

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board members then discussed efforts to continue protecting people especially during the upcoming tourist season. Ms. Rackow stated that even when the State is back open, EIPH will continue to educate the public and encourage the continuation of distancing and good hygiene practice.

3. Executive Session: Personnel Matters

MOTION: Commissioner Miner made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (b).

SECOND: Commissioner Young

ACTION: Commissioner Butts – yes, Commissioner Miner - yes, Commissioner Miller – yes, Chairman Reed – yes, Commissioner Shenton - yes, Commissioner Young – yes, Bill Leake – yes, Dr. Nelson - yes

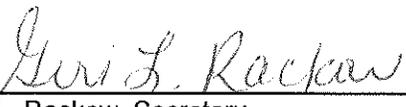
The Executive Session concluded at 5:18 p.m.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held in approximately two weeks, and Ms. Rackow will send an appointment to the Board of Health members for the meeting.



Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary