



SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES  
April 9, 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  
Wayne Butts, Commissioner  
Greg Shenton, Commissioner

**STAFF MEMBERS**

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

**GUEST**

Commissioner Riegler

**Call Board Meeting to Order**

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

**1. Approval of April 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miner made a motion to approve the April 2, 2020 BOH Meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Miller

**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. She reported on local and statewide cases.

Ms. Rackow reported on the elected officials meeting held on April 8, 2020, she obtained feedback from some officials and will follow up with their questions and provide additional information.

An informational webinar for Food Establishments was held this morning; 41 participants attend. EIPH provided information and answered questions about COVID-19. This meeting will be held weekly for the time being.

Keith Gnagey, Teton Valley Health CEO, informed Ms. Rackow that through a donation in their community they are going to be able to obtain an Abbott rapid testing machine in the next few days. They will have the capacity to do over 300 tests per month for the next three months.

The Public Health Directors will participate in the Governor's Task Force on Monday, April 13, 2020 to talk about hospital surge capacity plans. All the districts have been working with hospitals in their areas regarding surge plans and also hospital-specific data for the emergency managers. This information will be shared as soon as possible after it is received. Ms. Rackow meets with the county emergency managers each morning to provide updates.

Starting this week, an Area Field Officer from Office of Idaho Emergency Management will be stationed at EIPH to assist our region with COVID-19 response efforts as needed. He will be working closely with county emergency managers.

Ms. Rackow announced that all Community Conversations have been postponed for the year.

3. **FY2021 Budget Planning Discussion**

Ms. Rackow reported that client visits in clinical services has decreased over the past month; however, WIC participation has increased. At this time, it is hard to predict what will happen with our Environmental Health programs (septic, land development, food establishment inspections, etc.) due to the coronavirus pandemic and the effect it is having on our economy. For the time being, we are able to maintain all staff in their jobs; however, we are evaluating what this looks like going into Fiscal Year 21 which begins July 1.

The FY2021 budget is almost ready and will be presented at the April 23, 2020 board meeting. EIPH will experience a reduction in state general funding due to the state's hold backs this fiscal year and next. Ms. Rackow does not feel the District will be able to afford salary increases for employees in FY21 due to anticipated decreases in revenue. Ms. Rackow asked for feedback from the counties regarding their anticipated level of funding for public health in FY21.

Through the state and county emergency declarations, EIPH may be able to recover some additional costs of the COVID-19 work being done.

4. **Future Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Rackow recommended having the April 23, 2020 meeting via zoom beginning at 9:00 a.m. and cancel that evening's meeting.

Once our Board of Health approves the FY21 budget, Ms. Rackow will meet with the county commissioners, via phone, prior to the Public Budget Hearing on June 18.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

  
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Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

  
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Geri L. Rackow, Secretary