



SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2020
9:00 a.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
Brent Mendenhall, 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 9:03 a.m.

1. Approval of BOH Meeting Minutes:

February 20, 2020
March 9, 2020
March 11, 2020
March 21, 2020
April 29, 2020

MOTION: Barbara Nelson, MD made a motion to approve February 20, 2020, March 9, 2020, March 11, 2020, March 21, 2020, and April 29, 2020 BOH Meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Butts

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Review of FY2020 Year-to-Date Financial Report

Steve Thomas provided a Year-to-Date report on our FY2020 budget. For the ten months ended April 30, 2020 the expenses were 8.29% under budget and revenue was 11.59% over budget.

Ms. Rackow has begun meeting with the county commissioners to review the FY2021 budget.

3. Conflict of Interest Form

Ms. Rackow emailed the Conflict of Interest Form to all Board of Health members. This form needs to be reviewed and signed each year. She asked that everyone complete the form and return it at their earliest convenience.

4. Idaho Association of Boards of Health Meeting

- In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health meeting has been changed to a virtual format. The meeting will be held on June 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. A meeting invitation and meeting materials will be sent out to Board of Health members prior to the meeting. There are no resolutions to review at this time. Board members who are not planning to attend the meeting were asked to provide Ms. Rackow with a proxy.
- Ms. Rackow reported that the annual conference of the National Association of Local Boards of Health has been cancelled for this year.

5. COVID-19 Update & Response

- Ms. Rackow reported that things seem to be slowing down a bit for the time being. EIPH is focusing on assisting businesses with reopening plans and has have been conducting webinars on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide guidance and answer questions.
- The Governor is having a press conference on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. no announce his decision on the progression to Stage 2. Stage 2 will allow for restaurant dining rooms to open. Restaurants opening dining rooms were asked to submit plans to the health district prior to opening. As of yesterday only about 20% of the plans have been received. Food establishments will be notified that their plans have been received. Ms. Johnson is reviewing the plans and making recommendations to the restaurant if necessary. EIPH does not have enforcement authority for any part of the Governor's order; any enforcement would fall under the jurisdiction of state, county, and city law enforcement. EIPH issues food licenses based on the requirements of the Idaho food code; the Governor's order is based outside of the code and licenses cannot be revoked due to non-compliance with the "Stay Healthy" order. The Board of Health agreed that EIPH should continue education and encourage personal accountability.
- Some bars have opened prior to their scheduled date of opening as outlined in Idaho Rebounds. Idaho's Alcohol Beverage Control was taking complaints and doing investigations.
- Ms. Rackow discussed the definition of youth activities. Several counties are allowing youth rodeo and other events to take place. Youth activities do not include large events like tournaments, competitions, or performances, especially those that allow overnight trips, and should be limited to the youths own community not youth from other community.
- As of today, Crush the Curve has performed 2,300 antibody tests out of its Idaho Falls collection site; 1.09% were positive.
- We are seeing the number of contacts of our confirmed cases increase.
- EIPH is currently planning for the coming months and into the fall when we could see the number of COVID-19 cases increase, along with other illnesses including influenza. We continue to provide public health messages of promote social distancing, wearing masks, and hand washing.
- The public health districts have received limited COVID-19 testing supplies from the state (swabs and viral transport media) to support local needs. In a couple of weeks our health district will receive federal PPE supplies to distribute to nursing homes.
- The CDC has changed the guidelines for COVID symptoms and isolation period. EIPH will update it COVID-19 Decision Tree and share it our partners as well as make it available on our website.
- The Abbott rapid test machines received in our health district were placed at Grand Peaks in St. Anthony and the Challis Area Health Center. We have since learned that the Challis Area Health Center is not in need of the machine, so it will be redeployed to Steele Memorial Medical Center in Salmon.
- Ms. Rackow continues to have weekly updates with the county emergency managers.
- EIPH is slowly reopening our offices; hours will be increased as needed for the demand. Some employees are continuing to telecommute. We are encouraging social distancing, cleaning, and hygiene.
- Recognition of employees was asked at the last meeting. Giving gift cards to employees is not an option. The state has put out a draft statewide COVID-19 Compensation Policy; Ms. Rackow is looking at options and will bring back recommendations at a later date.
- Commissioner Miller provided an update on the plan for opening Yellowstone National Park.

6. Adjournment

Barbara Nelson, MD, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The next Board of Health meeting and Public Budget Hearing will be held on June 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. We will plan on an in-person meeting to be held in the large conference room and Ms. Rackow will set up a Zoom meeting for those unable to attend.



Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary