



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2020
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS

Geri Rackow
 James Corbett
 Angy Harwood (Zoom)
 Kellye Johnson (Zoom)
 Steve Thomas (Zoom)
 Amy Gamett (Zoom)
 Cheryl O'Connell (Zoom)

GUEST

Michael Kane

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Change to the Agenda

Discussion and vote on approving the Amended Agenda to include COVID-19 Update/Report by Local Medical Providers due to the need to hear the most current information regarding COVID-19 from medical experts.

MOTION: Commissioner Butts made a motion to amend the agenda to include Update/Report by Local Medical Providers.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Commissioner Shenton	Yes	Commissioner Butts	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes	Commissioner Young	Yes
Commissioner Miner	Yes	Commissioner Mendenhall	Yes
Bill Leake	Yes	Dr. Barbara Nelson	Yes

3. Approval of July 9, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the July 9, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Review Public Comment on EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan

Electronic as well as printed copies of all comments were provided to all Board of Health members prior to the meeting. Ms. Rackow reported that nearly 500 individuals submitted comments on the plan and provided an overview of the comments received. Discussion followed by the board. Ms. Rackow stated that continued public education will be shared on the various topics identified through the public comments.

5. COVID-19 Update

Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett provided an update on cases in the state and the health district, which are both increasing. Data on EIPH's website has been changed to show the active rate of 10/10,000 population per county which was discussed at the last meeting. Testing turn-around time is still lagging, but has been improving over the past few days; however, there are approximately 750 outstanding tests from the Idaho Falls area.

6. COVID-19 Update/Report by Local Medical Providers

Dr. Richard Nathan, Dr. Jared Morton, Dr. John Miller, Dr. Kenneth Krell, Dr. Todd Bagwell, Dr. Tim Ballard, and Dr. Barbara Nelson provided information on the COVID-19 virus, hospital capacity, and the importance of wearing face masks and more. All were in favor of having a mandate for cloth face masks now and feel this would slow the spread and not overload the healthcare system.

7. Review/Approve EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan

The Board of Health members reviewed and discussed the plan in explicit detail. Board members made several changes that included moving the issuance of an order for face coverings from High Risk to Moderate Risk. In addition, changes were made to the active case rates for Clark, Custer and Lemhi Counties due to their smaller populations.

Mr. Kane, EIPH legal counsel, provided information regarding legal issues and the process for issuing orders.

MOTION: Bill Leake made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Regional Response Plan as amended and shown on the screen.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION PASSED 8-1 (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Chairman Reed	Yes	Commissioner Shenton	Yes
Commissioner Butts	Yes	Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Young	Yes	Commissioner Miner	Yes
Commissioner Mendenhall	Yes	Bill Leake	Yes
Dr. Barbara Nelson	No		

Dr. Nelson asked for the record to reflect that she feels it is a mistake not implementing an order for masks now based on the information provided today from local medical experts.

Ms. Rackow will work to get information about EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan to the public. The metrics will be reported on EIPH's website.

Commissioner Reed asked that a press release be put out to let the public know that the Board of Health strongly recommends wearing masks in public now to avoid further measures being implemented.


8. Future Meeting Schedule

Ms. Rackow recommended having a standing meeting every Thursday to receive COVID-19 updates, review the plan's metrics, and consider actions to be taken based on the plan. Special and/or Emergency meetings could be called as needed.


A Special Meeting will be held on Thursday July 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom) to consider moving Teton County to the Moderate Level and implementing associated actions as outlined in the plan.

Ms. Rackow reported that Governor Little has invited the Board of Health of Public Health Districts 6 and 7 Boards of Health to meet with him on July 23. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.



Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary