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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH
August 13, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mr. Anstine with the following members, staff and guests present.

MEMBERS

Jon Lane – Moses Lake
Tony Massa – Warden
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek

Keith Anstine – Quincy
LeRoy Allison – Commissioner

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Manager

Jerry Campbell – EH Director
Jim Whitaker – Attorney

ABSENT

Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Gerald Sands – Electric City
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

GUESTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 9, 2008 were approved as written - (M/S Massa/Kelby– unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS - None

PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Personal Health Summary Report – Mrs. Grigg presented a summary report for the period of January through June 2008. She briefly reviewed the report and asked the Board to please contact her if they had any questions. A copy of the report is included in the book of minutes.

Revision of Fees – Mrs. Grigg is proposing to change and/or delete a few of the TB and HIV fees. She is proposing to apply a sliding fee for all of the existing fees related to TB. Also, only high risk clients will be tested at the Health District for a PPD, unless special arrangements are made, which may exclude the use of the sliding fee schedule. These items are (P-400 through P-406).

An additional fee would be added to the TB fees, which has to do with immigration documentation requirements. There is a special form that needs to be filled out by the nurse and Dr. Brzezny and this fee applies to the time that is spent on this documentation. There would be no slide for this fee (P-407).

Two, 4, and 7 hour classes for HIV/AIDS are no longer provided by the Health District, so Mrs. Grigg is proposing to delete these fees from the schedule (P-501 through P-503).

A motion was made to have a Public Hearing next month to consider the changes and deletions (M/S Lane/Massa – unanimous).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Adoption of Septic System Ordinance – Mr. Campbell, along with the Mr. Whitaker and Dr. Brzezny, have made the changes requested at last month's meeting regarding the addition to the septic system ordinance. The public hearing to consider the two Ordinances was opened and comments were requested.

Mr. Allison requested to know what WAC 246-272A-0250 (2) said. The actual WAC was not available but Mr. Campbell stated it says the resident owner of a single family dwelling may install the septic system for that residence.

Dr. Brzezny said that the WAC states that the Health Officer actually sets the rules, but would like the Board's approval.

Dr. Brzezny also stated that the Ordinance as proposed would provide that the homeowner cannot install more than one (1) system within a 12-month period and cannot install a system in an ocean or marine area.

After further discussion, Mr. Allison stated he was uncomfortable in adopting the Ordinance without actually seeing the WAC. He prefers to table the vote until next month and hopefully there will also be some feedback from the public as well as reviewing the WAC.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing (M/S Lane/Kelby – 3 yes and 1 no).

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A motion was made to table the two (2) Ordinances for adoption until next month's meeting (M/S Lane/Allison – unanimous). The public hearing will be re-advertised.

Quarterly Report- Mr. Campbell briefly went over the E.H. Quarterly Report. A copy of the report is included in the book of minutes.

Mr. Campbell requested permission to add one other agenda item. There were no objections.

Septic Systems at the Fairgrounds – Mr. Campbell informed the Board that he had received a complaint from the City of Moses Lake, Mr. Shawn O'Brien, regarding the septic systems that have been or will be installed at the Grant Co. Fairgrounds. His concern is that the sewage flow will be greater than the volume for which it was designed.

There are five (5) septic systems that are affected. One was installed in February by the 4-H building. Two (2) will replace existing restrooms and two (2) systems are new – one at the end of the fairgrounds near the carnival and the other one on the east side by the rodeo arena.

Mr. Allison asked if the complaint was verbal or written. Mr. Campbell stated that it was a written complaint.

Paperwork was distributed to the Board from Gray & Osborne, Inc. that indicated how they arrived with their estimations. Mr. Campbell explained that they used attendance from 2005 to base their calculations.

One of Mr. O'Brien's concern was why was the year 2005 used? Mr. Lane also had other paperwork from May 2006 that showed Gray & Osborne, Inc. had previously used other data and wondered why the difference in the numbers?

Considerable discussion was held regarding this matter. Mr. Campbell stated that Building 17 has a meter which can monitor the sewage flow. Although installed, the other sites are not in use. The Health District will monitor the wastewater flow for the septic system which is in use. As of this morning it had gone through nine (9) cycles since installation in June 2008. The system is designed to have a maximum of 4 cycles per day.

It was stated that if the systems are undersized and there is not enough reservoir space, there will be excessive discharge in the ground. The concern is that a manual override feature of the control panel would allow more wastewater discharge than 3500 gal/day as designed. If a system is greater than 3500 gallons, then it is up to the Department of Health to issue the permits.

Dr. Brzezny stated that the newer system is better than the old system. The number of visitors is the variable in this situation.

Mr. Allison asked about the installation of three (3) septic systems in the Cascade Park area that have been installed by the City of Moses Lake. Mr. Lane was not aware of these systems. Mr. Allison was wondering why the City was concerned about the fairgrounds.

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Mr. Lane would appreciate the metered system to be monitored closely which Mr. Campbell stated we would do.

Mr. Campbell stated he has contacted Richard Benson from the Department of Health to review the engineering design and to submit his opinion.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

CDC Prevention Specialist Update – The Health District has been informed that we will not be receiving a specialist this year. In fact, all four (4) of the agencies located in Washington that participated in the interviews were unsuccessful. Dr. Brzezny interviewed two individuals and one was highly recommended. We were encouraged to participate again next year. Dr. Brzezny stated it was a good experience, but disappointing.

TB Update – The active case that had been resistant to some of the medications has now been closed, he will be further monitored. There is one other active TB case currently.

Measles Update – Dr. Brzezny presented a slide show regarding the measles outbreak that occurred in Grant County in recent months. He quickly went through some of the slides and gave a very informative report.

A letter has been sent to the Washington State Medical Association requesting that they do away with the waivers, or exemptions from immunizations, for children in schools. One of the slides showed what percentage of children had signed waivers regarding their immunizations.

West Nile Virus – Grant County has had one equine case of the West Nile Virus in the 31st week of the year. There are currently 2 horses that are symptomatic. Dr. Brzezny feels that we will have a human case this year.

The Mosquito District has sprayed 130 acres and is currently trapping mosquitoes and testing them for the virus.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

While Dr. Brzezny was setting up for his presentation the vouchers for the period ending July 31, 2008 totaling \$178,859.29 (#1-#4 totaling \$147,755.84) and (#5-#56 totaling \$31,103.45) were approved (M/S Allison/Massa – unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS – None

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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. (M/S Lane/Massa – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Mark Wanke, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer