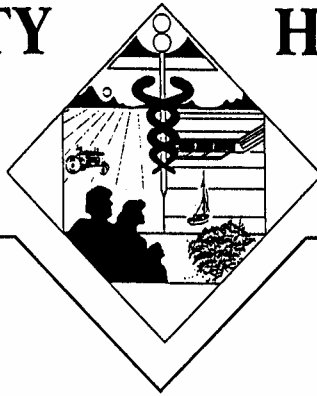


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August 12, 2009

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Anstine with the following members, staff and guests present.

MEMBERS

Carolann Swartz – Commissioner
Tony Massa – Warden
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Gerald Sands – Electric City

Keith Anstine – Quincy
Bruce Reim – Ephrata
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jim Whitaker – Attorney

ABSENT

Jon Lane – Moses Lake

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

GUESTS –

Joy Reese – Grant Co. Health District Assessment Coordinator

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – Mr. Campbell presented a request on behalf of Deborah Roberts regarding payment of an expired septic system permit. She was unable to proceed with the installation due to a lawsuit between the county and another homeowner in which her property was affected. Because of the extenuating

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circumstances, the Board agreed with her request of not having to pay the renewal fee for the septic system. A motion was made to extend her permit for one more year without paying the renewal fee (M/S Stevens/Sand – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 8, 2009 were approved as written (M/S Swartz/Massa – unanimous).

PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Assessment Report – Mrs. Grigg informed the Board that the complete Grant County 2008 Biennial Health Assessment report had been e-mailed to them. A copy will also be available online in the near future. Joy Reese, Assessment Coordinator for the District presented a power point presentation on the Health Assessment.

Personal Health Report – 2nd Quarter – Mrs. Grigg reviewed the quarterly report which included Maternal-Child Health, Immunization, Communicable Disease, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, Tobacco Prevention, and Fit for Life programs. A copy of the report is in the minute's book.

Mrs. Grigg reported that free vaccine for childhood immunizations which are now provided universally for all children will be changing in the coming year. There are certain groups that will be eligible for the free vaccine; otherwise, the vaccine will also be included in the cost. Dr. Brzezny and Mrs. Grigg are considering doing vaccinations only in the event of an outbreak and foregoing routine childhood immunizations, which can be obtained at most private healthcare providers offices. The change would become effective no later than May, 2010, when the universal vaccine is no longer available. The HPV vaccine is no longer on universal vaccine status.

Royal Hospital District #7 – Mrs. Grigg stated that Royal Hospital District #7 has agreed to provide \$4,000 for immunizations and \$1,000 for Resource for Families Booklets.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Kittitas Co. Moratorium on Wells – Mr. Campbell reported on a 120 day moratorium on new exempt wells that Department of Ecology has imposed on Kittitas Co. DOE had received requests from citizens of the county to do this because they were concerned about the number of wells that were being drilled. DOE and the county have been trying to come up with an agreement for the past two years with no resolution, thus resulting in DOE imposing the moratorium. There have been more than 3000 wells drilled since 1998.

The issue indicates that at some point in time DOE will take action in other counties. Mr. Stevens said what is happening is that they are putting restrictions in outlying areas and that Grant County will probably be in line for this same type of action.

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Environmental Health Report – 2nd Quarter – Mr. Campbell reviewed the quarterly report which included Water, Food, Sewage, Solid Waste, Vector, Chemical and Physical Hazards, Living Environment, Epidemiology and Well Delegation programs. A copy of the report is included in the minute's book.

Mr. Whitaker informed Mr. Campbell that the City of Mattawa is considering shutting down the Saturday market that is currently held at Hund park. He wondered if this would impact the vendors if they had to move to another location, which would probably be at Fox Orchards. They had used this location prior to April when Hund Park became available. Mr. Campbell said that it should not be an issue as far as the Health District was concerned.

Fee Increases – Mr. Campbell informed the Board of the financial situation related to the Environmental Health programs. In order for the E.H. division to be self supporting the fees would have to be increased by 20 – 25% which is not what we want to do. In 2008 the deficit was \$36,000 and in 2009 a \$95,000 deficit is projected. The District will be looking at ways to reduce expenses and possibly raise fees around 10-15%. Like Personal Health, there are mandated programs that have to be provided. Mr. Campbell plans on presenting a proposed fee schedule in October for adoption in November.

Dr. Brzezny told the Board that the District is looking to the Board of Health for direction regarding policy decisions.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

H1N1 – Dr. Brzezny provided a handout that showed the positive influenza tests reported to CDC by U.S. He reviewed the progression of the disease in which over 5 million people have been infected. There have been 145 hospitalizations and 12 deaths (in which 2 have been pregnant women) in Washington State. Seventy five percent of those infected have been less than 50 years old. The most critical age to be vaccinated is 6 mos. to 24 yrs. Human trials of the swine flu vaccine are currently in progress. There will be two (2) shots given at four (4) weeks apart.

There will be 160 million doses of vaccine available, both live and inactive. The District will be working with schools and providers regarding the immunizations. People over the age of 65 are not included in the priority group.

Tuberculosis – The Health District is still currently treating 3 individuals for active Tuberculosis, with 43 close contacts being evaluated for exposures.

West Nile Virus – There have been eight (8) mosquito pools in Grant County that have tested positive for WNV, mostly in the Moses Lake area. Two horses have also been infected. Dr. Brzezny just received word today of a person who was informed that when they donated blood they had tested positive for WNV. This is the first human case in the state.

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending July 31, 2009 totaling \$172,444.40 (#1-#4 totaling \$134,128.72) and (#5-#68 totaling \$38,315.68 were approved (M/S Massa, Stevens - unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS – None

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. (M/S Massa/Stevens - unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Keith Anstine, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer