

# GRANT COUNTY

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# HEALTH DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**June 10, 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**

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

Keith Anstine – Quincy  
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

### **STAFF**

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

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr  
Michael Wyman – Attorney

### **ABSENT**

Carolann Swartz – Commissioner  
Gerald Sands – Electric City

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

### **GUESTS - None**

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 13, 2009 were approved as written (M/S Kelby/Carter – unanimous).

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### **PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** – Peggy Grigg

**State Funding Update** – In January the Health District will be losing \$32,000 (20%) of the Blue Ribbon funding that has been provided for the past couple of years. Originally it was to be totally cut, but they took \$16,000,000 from the Tobacco program to continue a portion of the funding.

Additional cuts include: Tobacco Prevention funds by \$10,000, Group B funds by \$5,300, and the HIV/AIDS program has already been cut by \$4,000 for the July – December 2009 period.

There will be a conference call on Friday where additional information will be obtained regarding funding.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Jerry Campbell

**Food Inspections** – The Board was provided with the May report.

**Group B Water Workshop** – A workshop was held last night for Group B Water System (3 – 14 connections) purveyors. The Health District receives funds from the state to do surveys but this funding will be cut next year.

Currently, there is an EHS on maternity leave and will return around the end of August.

### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Dr. Brzezny

**H1N1** – Dr. Brzezny stated that the virus is increasing worldwide with no cases being reported in Grant County. There are approximately 4500 – 5000 cases in the United States. It is the influenza season in the southern hemisphere with 1700 cases being reported in New Zealand, 1400 in Chile and 1400 in Australia. There is little or no immunity or no vaccine to fight this disease.

In Australia one half of the people becoming ill are not the young and very old which is what happened previously. Other age groups with no underlying health conditions are becoming ill.

Currently, there are no plans to include the virus in the upcoming vaccine mixture.

Two and one half percent of the ill are ending up in the hospital when normally only 0.5 – 1% are hospitalized with the regular flu. WHO has not officially declared a Level 6 although it is world wide.

Dr. Brzezny believes that in September and October, when the flu season arrives again, the strain could be more severe than before.

**Tuberculosis** – TB continues to be the #1 cause of death in lung disease. Out of the 4 possible active cases the Health District is currently treating 2 people. One person has definitely tested positive, 1 possible, 1 pending, and 1 has been excluded.

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**OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUES** – Dr. Brzezny reported that with state funding being reduced it is hard to continue providing the services necessary to prevent disease such as childhood immunizations. Free vaccine from the State will no longer be universally provided which will present a hardship for some.

He also reported that some additional funding may be forthcoming and there will be more information later.

Measles in on the rise worldwide, mostly because of unvaccinated people due to various reasons.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending May 31, 2009 totaling \$164,461.31 (#1-#4 totaling \$135,239.38) and (#5-#48 totaling \$29,222.01 were approved (M/S Carter/Lane - unanimous).

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Mr. Kelby asked Mr. Campbell about mosquito spraying. He said they could spray up to the creek, but could not spray across the creek because it was a wildlife preserve. He wondered when it was allowed to do the spraying. Dr. Brzezny stated that it becomes a health issue when there will be serious health outcomes.

Dr. Brzezny reported that West Nile Virus has already been discovered in mosquitoes this year, which is the earliest ever to be discovered. Department of Ecology has regulations and the state Department of Health works with them and can call an emergency when enough horses and people are infected.

Mr. Campbell informed the Board that an error had occurred in the Fee Ordinance regarding the late fee for pools. Pools should not have been included in the programs that are charged a double fee for late payment. They should be charged half the permit fee which is what the Pool Ordinance states. The correction has been made in the Ordinance.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. (M/S Lane/Carter – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

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Keith Anstine, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer