

# GRANT COUNTY

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# HEALTH DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**May 13, 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  
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

Keith Anstine – Quincy  
Cindy Carter – Commissioner  
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**

Bruce Reim – Ephrata

Gerald Sands – Electric City

### **GUESTS - None**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

**Personal Health Quarterly Report** – The Board had previously received the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Mrs. Grigg identified the most recent changes. A copy of the report is included in the minute's book.

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

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

**Environmental Health Quarterly Report** – Mr. Campbell gave a brief overview of the report. If there are any questions, please contact him. A copy of the report is included in the minute's book.

**Installers & Designer's Workshop** – Last month the staff held a workshop for the installers and designers in which approximately 15 individuals attended, to discuss policy issues. Agenda items included information about the Health District's programs and equipment.

Mr. Campbell stated that birds will not be accepted for testing of the West Nile Virus until July 1.

Mr. Lane asked if the Health District had inspected St. Rose of Lima school this year which is a requirement for their audit. Mr. Campbell thought the inspections had occurred but he will check to make sure.

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

**H1N1 (S-OIV)** – Dr. Brzezny gave a presentation on the novel Swine Origin Influenza Virus. It has been discovered that the virus is behaving much like the seasonal flu, and the World Health Organization has raised the Pandemic Alert level to Phase 5. Phase 6 would mean that the antivirals could be released.

In the U.S. there are 2618 cases, 3 deaths, and 2500+ samples waiting testing. In Washington State, 1289 samples have been submitted, 10 probable, 236 confirmed and 1 death. Of all the samples tested, 60+% have been positive for seasonal Influenza A. Grant Co. has submitted 11 tests with 10 coming back negative and 1 pending.

The state lab is currently able to process 80-90 tests per day with results coming in approximately 24-72 hrs. CDC was previously doing the testing. Urgent care centers in Washington State are seeing a 98% increase in fever/flu like cases as of 5/4/09. Of all the testing that has been done, 1/6 of all the tests are positive for SOIV.

Grant Co. has received enough antivirals for 3.8% of the population. Commercially, there are approximately 300 doses available so there is no shortage of medication at this time.

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Currently, the Health District has incurred approximately \$26,000 in expenses to respond to the situation. It is due to travel, staff time, etc. Dr. Brzezny gave credit to the staff which has done a really good job.

Mr. Lane stated that it is overwhelming with the amount of information and requests regarding the outbreak. In addition, the schools have now been asked to fill out an illness report which puts additional burden upon the schools. Dr. Brzezny explained the importance of keeping the schools in the loop and the information that is being asked of them. It is hoped that by doing some of the reporting, it will allow the schools to remain open.

**Chicken Pox** – There are four (4) cases in the Moses Lake School District. We continue and encourage vaccinations.

**Pertussis** – There have been more cases recently in Kittitas Co. A nurse was diagnosed and had exposed numerous patients. There have been some contacts investigated in Grant County with no cases identified.

**Tuberculosis** – There is a possible active case of TB in Quincy. Samples have been sent for testing and the patient is receiving medication.

**Purchasing Antivirals** – Forms were provided to the Board in the event they would like to purchase antivirals at a reduced cost through the Health District. Mrs. Swartz inquired as to the shelf life, which Dr. Brzezny stated the expirations could be extended because shelf life is approximately 10 – 20 years.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending April 30, 2009 totaling \$159,119.25 (#1-#5 totaling \$131,663.88) and (#6-#72 totaling \$27,455.37) were approved (M/S Massa/Lane - unanimous).

### **OTHER BUSINESS** –

**Audit** – The audit has been completed. Only a compliance audit was conducted which resulted in a reduction of expenditures of approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Grigg reported that there were only a couple of minor exit items to be addressed and that previous items had been corrected. Mrs. Swartz attended the audit exit conference and stated that the Auditor's had good things to say about the District regarding the audit. The financial report that was submitted to the Auditor's office was included in the Board's notebooks.

**Royal City** – Mrs. Grigg gave a review of the activities that the Health District has provided in the Royal City area. Royal City Public Hospital District provided some funding last year and might possibly do so again this year. Their Board will be meeting next week.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. (M/S Carter/Kelby – unanimous).

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The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 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