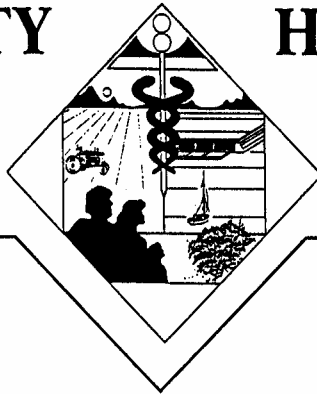


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# HEALTH DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**May 14, 2008**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

### **MEMBERS**

Mark Wanke – Ephrata  
Tony Massa – Warden  
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek

Keith Anstine – Quincy  
Jon Lane – Moses Lake  
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

### **STAFF**

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

Jerry Campbell – EH Director  
Jim Whitaker – Attorney

### **ABSENT**

Gerald Sands – Electric City  
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

LeRoy Allison – Commissioner

### **GUESTS**

Robert Grate – Moses Lake

Kris Dexter – Moses Lake

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 9, 2008 were approved after the name of the guest was changed to Randy Bracht (M/S Lane/Kelby– unanimous).

### **PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS -**

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**Ladanyi Lake Shore Estates 1, 2 & 3** - Mr. Richard Grate and Mr. Kris Dexter attended the meeting regarding Ladanyi Lake Shore Estates.

Mr. Campbell explained the issue that has arisen. Mr. Grate applied for three (3) separate plats. Since each plat was created from a separate tax parcel, Mr. Campbell felt these were three separate projects and could have a Group B water system with an exempt well for each one with a separate water source for irrigation being available. By following the guidelines there would be an adequate water supply for nine (9) households per plat.

Mr. Campbell contacted the Department of Ecology, Water Resources to obtain their opinion. They determined that the three plats are considered one project. Part of the definition of a project is concurrent development of adjacent properties by the same person. DOE felt the common name of the three plats was also an indication of being a single project.

Mr. Whitaker asked Mr. Grate what he wanted the Board of Health to do. He said he wanted them to approve the wells. Mr. Whitaker said that we cannot do that. The Health District is only the contract agent of DOH and DOH has the authority to make the final decision and to resolve all disputes over application of the Group B system rules. Any appeal of the DOH directive to the Health District on these Group B systems should be taken up in a timely manner with DOH in Spokane.

Mr. Grate understood that he is approved for one (1) Group B system for one of the three proposed plats. He needs to find another water source for two (2) of the plats to be approved and proceed with his project. Mr. Whitaker informed him that if DOE/DOH sees Grant County approving his request to approve all three plats with Group B systems or other exempt wells DOE/DOH may be in contact with him to enforce current DOE rules.

**Septic System Permit** – Mr. Stevens had received a letter from Mike Arvan regarding the cost of an expired septic system permit. The current fees are \$125 for a renewal if it is renewed within 30 days of expiration. After 30 days it is a new septic system permit fee of \$270.00. At the top right hand corner of the permit application form, in bold and underlined, it states that the permit is good for only one year. Mr. Campbell explained the process of what is done when a permit is applied for and also when it is renewed. He also explained what happens if the rules change or if some building, etc. has erected between the time of the original application and the renewal period such as building a garage, next door neighbor puts in a well close to the property line, etc. In certain instances, a whole new design may be required. No action was taken regarding this matter.

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

Mrs. Grigg presented an agreement between the Health District and Grant County Hospital District No. 7 for the purpose of service availability to the citizens of the Hospital District. This has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

The Health District has received \$4,500 to use in the following way: \$1,500 for vaccinations such as flu for the low income families, \$1,000 in the Tuberculosis program and \$2,000 to help with the

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Family Resource booklets. A motion was made to adopt the agreement (M/S Massa/Lane – unanimous).

**Coulee Community Hospital Complaint** – An anonymous complaint has been sent to the Health District as well as the Coulee Community Hospital Administration, some newspapers, and the Department of Health Facilities and Services Licensing.

The complaint states that there are some serious health issues surrounding the laundry area of the current CCH regarding mold.

Mrs. Grigg has been in contact with the Department of Health facilities and Services Licensing, and with the Hospital Administrator. Mrs. Grigg has recommended to the administrator that they be in contact with Labor and Industries; the hospital administrator noted that he had been working with their Infection Control staff.

This is not a public health issue, but is within the jurisdiction of the Department of Health. We know of no illnesses that have been reported and since the letter was sent anonymously, we have no contact information.

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

**Food Inspections** – The Board received a copy of the April food inspections.

**Quarterly Report** – Mr. Campbell briefly went over the quarterly report. Copies were provided for the Board in their packets.

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

Dr. Brzezny gave a report of the recent measles outbreak which began on Monday, April 28, 2008. MMR vaccinations have been declining in recent years. There were initially eight (8) cases with secondary cases appearing as well. Two Christian schools in Moses Lake were affected with other businesses coming into contact with affected children. As of today there have been a total of 15 cases being reported and for the past 2 weeks this has taken priority above all other work in most positions of the District.

In addition to the measles, we have also had seven (7) cases of chicken pox reported with five (5) in one school. Immunizations have been provided as well for these contacts.

With the measles outbreak, there have been a total of 440 individuals exposed to the 15 cases with 1 case exposing 270 individuals. There have been 700 contact incidents. The incubation period is 21 days. Thirty percent of our contacts (140) are not immune to the measles. There is currently one (1) suspect case that is currently in Portland, OR who has recently moved from Moses Lake.

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We have made contact with patients who have been on “rash watch” which is making sure that no symptoms have developed and have also sent out Health Officer quarantine notices – which state that they are to have no outside contact with the public.

The approximate cost for the past 2 weeks has risen to \$60,000 with an estimate being 10% of our budget by the time the outbreak ends. Some of the staff time has been provided and funded by Kittitas County, along with Region 7 epidemiologist who is paid through Region 7 funds.

The outbreak has been linked to an event which was held in Kirkland, Washington with no other cases appearing in the state which may indicate that the outbreak started in Grant Co.

Every case has been a non-immunized person. We are unable to enforce compliance with the directive that they stay home and not go out into the public.

Dr. Brzezny also reported that it is transmitted by air and can linger for up to possibly 4 hours.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending April 30, 2008 totaling \$166,107.17 (#1-#4 totaling \$134,323.77) and (#5-#65 totaling \$31,783.40) were approved (M/S Massa/Stevens – unanimous).

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Mrs. Grigg

Mrs. Grigg stated that the Washington State University Intercollegiate Nursing program will be applying for participation in the National Children’s study. This is similar to the application that the University of Washington did last year. The Health District has provided a letter of support to participate in the study.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. (M/S Anstine/Kelby – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

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Mark Wanke, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer