

# GRANT COUNTY

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# HEALTH DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH November 12, 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**

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

Keith Anstine – Quincy  
Gerald Sands – Electric City

### **STAFF**

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

Jerry Campbell – EH Director  
Jim Whitaker – Attorney

### **ABSENT**

LeRoy Allison – Commissioner  
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

### **GUESTS**

Janet Saito – GCHD Accounting Clerk

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 8, 2008 were approved with a correction being made in the Salmonella Poona section of the minutes. The last sentence should be stricken from the record - (M/S Anstine/Massa – unanimous).

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

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

**Quarterly Report** – Mrs. Grigg has made a couple of changes since the report was mailed last week regarding data for the latent tuberculosis program. A copy of the report is included in the book of minutes.

**Resolution 2008-1** – This Resolution provides for the appointment of acting Health Officers for limited periods which replaces and updates Resolution 2006-2. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2008-1 (M/S Anstine/Kelby – unanimous).

**Resolution 2008-2** – This Resolution provides for the emergency appointment, of an acting Health Officer for a limited period of time, allowing the administrator to make the appointment. This is a new Resolution and has been reviewed by legal counsel. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2008-2 (M/S Anstine/Massa – unanimous).

**Commercial Lease Agreement/Interlocal Agreement for County Lease Payments** – The recommended changes were made to the inter-local agreement as requested last month. Mrs. Grigg requested approval of the documents. A motion was made for approval (M/S Sands/Massa – unanimous). Copies of the agreements will be included in the book of minutes. Agreements will be signed together when the final copy of the county's lease agreement is made available.

**Measles Report** – A copy of the report had been included in the mailing last week. A copy of the report is included in the book of minutes.

**2009 Preliminary Budget** – A copy of the proposed budget had been sent to the Board last week. Mrs. Saito reviewed the revenues and expenditures as well as the assumptions made in developing the budget. The total for 2009 is projected to be \$2,240,925. To date for 2008 sewage revenues are down approximately \$30,000. The projected ending fund balance for 2009 is \$187,265 which would include coverage for one month's payroll and general expenses.

Mr. Wanke inquired as to whether Mrs. Saito was conservative in her figures. Mrs. Saito responded that the sewage permit and food establishment revenues are questionable. She is conservative in her revenue projections and flexible on the expenditures.

A motion was made to set a Public Hearing for next month to adopt the 2009 budget (M/S Massa/Anstine – unanimous).

**Drive-Thru Flu Clinic** – This is the first year that the Health District has done a "drive-thru" flu shot clinic. Other counties have done this in the past. There were several planning sessions and the incident command system was used. The clinic was held in Ephrata in the Moore Furniture parking lot. There were 100 vaccinations given in a 3 hour period. We utilized some volunteers including nursing students, EMS, and Ephrata Police Department.

**Assessment Report Topics** – A 2008 Health Assessment Report Outline had been received by the Board last week which showed the key health indicators. The introduction included an assessment description and the population demographics. If there are any more suggestions for topics, please contact Mrs. Grigg.

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**Public Health Inter-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement** – This agreement is to voluntarily aid and assist each of the Health Districts by the interchange of public health resources and services in the event that a public health incident, emergency or disaster situation should occur. It is necessary and desirable to execute this agreement for the interchange of such mutual assistance on a county, regional and/or statewide basis. A motion was made to approve and sign the agreement (M/S Sands/Lane – unanimous). A copy of the agreement is included in the book of minutes.

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

Mr. Campbell briefly went over the quarterly report that had been sent to the Board last week. The inspection report for October will be included in next month's packets.

Dr. Brzezny asked if the E.H. staff would be able to complete the visits needed to inspect new wells for the year. There have been 70 new wells from January through September and 28 inspections have been made. Mr. Campbell believes that his staff will be able to accomplish this task – which is to inspect half the number of total wells that are dug. A copy of the report is included in the minutes book.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Campbell if the County has met with Department of Health yet regarding the Fairgrounds. Mr. Campbell stated that he was aware that Richard Benson was to meet with them, but does not know if this has occurred yet. Mr. Campbell will check and get back to Mr. Lane.

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

**Seasonal Flu Update** – Dr. Brzezny reported that there have been two cases of Influenza B reported. One on Friday and one today with one case being from Ephrata High School. He believes there will be more cases reported in the coming weeks. There has been one reported death in Idaho caused by the flu. The warmer climates get the flu sooner, and it has seemed to be more aggressive there.

**Salmonella Poona Update** – No new cases have been reported.

**Communicable Disease Report** – Grant County statistics seem to be between the rural and urban in terms of numbers being reported. We are higher than the state in cases of Gonorrhea but lower than the state in Chlamydia cases. The District could be doing more in ways of prevention but due to funding we don't have the resources to do so. We are currently tracking the information only.

**Resolution 2008-3 (Supporting Public Health Funding)** – Dr. Brzezny presented the Board with this Resolution which is requesting support to stabilize long-term, secure funding for public health services. Mr. Whitaker mentioned that the numbers on the back page need to be changed and then on number 6 it should include the Association of Washington Cities.

Dr. Brzezny reminded the Board of the employees who have not been replaced, the money that has been and will be received this next year with stipulations and is being used in a different capacity

than originally planned, and that 2010 looks “gruesome”. Funding continues to be of great concern to public health entities.

A motion was made to adopt the amended Resolution 2008-3 (M/S Anstine/Massa – unanimous).

Mr. Wanke asked Dr. Brzezny about the reporting and tracking of influenza by googling on the internet. There is a place where you can go on-line and report cases, but there are also some drawbacks to this reporting system, such as not knowing for sure who is doing the reporting.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending October 31, 2008 totaling \$167,429.64 (#1-#4 totaling \$140,293.86) and (#5-#55 totaling \$27,135.78) were approved (M/S Massa/Lane - unanimous).

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

**Public Health Partner Awards** – The following were awarded public health partner awards:

Workplace Flu Prevention

Bureau of Reclamation  
Grant County Sheriff’s Office  
Takata Industries

Vaccinators at flu clinics

Phyllis Fries  
Belia McPartland  
Sookjin Lim  
Shellie Hansen  
Barbara Cherf  
Lacey Radel  
Chelsi Leavitt  
Christina MacGregor  
Brian Fritz  
Jessica Zeller  
Jonathan Fritz  
Christine Getz  
Jeni Seitz

Supporting the flu clinic

Emergency Management  
Jennifer Brooks  
Katherine Christian  
Alex Stehr  
Marsha Asay  
Ephrata Police Department  
Grant County Public Works

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Moses Lake Senior Center  
Moore Furniture – Ephrata  
BBCC Nursing Program Staff

Tara Dockery – Volunteer at flu clinic  
Kyle Foreman – Assistance for flu clinic  
Moses Lake Lioness Club – Equipment loan for flu clinic  
Samaritan Healthcare - for the public flu shot clinic at Pioneer Medical Center  
Grant County Maintenance (Moses Lake) for providing on-site assistance to Professional staff

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The public meeting was adjourned and an executive session was called to discuss litigation, and union negotiations to last approximately ½ hr. at 7:42 p.m. The session was extended for 15 minutes at 8:12 p.m.

The public meeting was re-opened at 8:27 with a motion being made to adjourn the meeting (M/S Anstine/Kelly – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 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