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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

November 10, 2010

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present.

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Tony Gonzalez - Quincy

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata

STAFF

Jeff Ketchel – Administrator
Pattie Anderson – Admin. Services Mgr.
Carol Schimke - Program Facilitator
Janet Saito - Accounting Clerk

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Jerry Campbell – EH Director
Jim Whitaker – HD Attorney

ABSENT

Richard Stevens – Commissioner
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Gerald Sands – Electric City

GUESTS

Shantra Hannibal - Columbia Basin Herald

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 13, 2010 were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Kelby – unanimous).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Jeff Ketchel

Ordinance 2010 – 4 (Fee Schedule) – The changes to the existing fee ordinance were reviewed. A couple of changes/additions from last month's presentation included the deletion of an item for which there was no fee. This is unallowable so needed to be eliminated. An addition includes the fee which is imposed upon a business who upgrades from one classification to another. For example if a business is classified as simple and upgrades to a complex, the fee will be the difference between the two fees.

Dr. Curnel inquired if the changes would create additional revenue. For the most part, it is revenue neutral.

Mr. Gonzalez asked if Mr. Campbell agreed with the proposal. Mr. Campbell stated that he was but perhaps in the future an increase in the temporary permits may be necessary.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2010-4 (M/S Curnel/Gonzalez - unanimous).

Ordinance 2010 – 5 (2011 Budget) – Mr. Ketchel gave a presentation on the 2011 budget. A power point presentation was distributed to the Board. A copy of the power point is included in the book of minutes. Ms. Schultheis inquired as to how much money was expected from the cities/towns contributions. It is projected to be approximately \$60,000. To date the Health District has received one contract which indicated that Royal City will be contributing \$1/per person. Mr. Massa stated that Warden voted to contribute as well. Mr. Ketchel explained the value of the contributions and Dr. Brzezny again stressed how important it is for the Board members to discuss this at their city council meetings.

The meeting was then opened up for public comment. With no comments being presented the public hearing was closed.

An Ordinance can be approved anytime after a public hearing is held. However, it was decided to wait until next month to approve the 2011 budget when the commissioner's would be present.

Public Health Standards - Mr. Ketchel informed the Board that the state has drafted a smaller set of standards that will take less time. It has been quite cumbersome in the past and this will definitely help the Health District.

Video Conferencing - The equipment will be installed next week. Mr. Ketchel reminded the Board that Emergency preparedness funds purchased the system for those local health jurisdictions who were interested. It is anticipated that in the future more meetings and workshops will be utilized through the video conferencing equipment to help reduce travel, etc. It will also be a resource for the community to be able to use.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Carol Schimke

Immunization, TB and Notifiable Condition Report – Ms. Schimke briefly reported on the immunization, TB and communicable disease reports. A copy of the reports is included in the book of minutes.

Royal City Flu Clinic – On October 27, 2010 a flu clinic was held at the Washington State Migrant Council in Royal City which provided a deliverable for our Emergency Preparedness grant. The District had received \$2500 from State Farm insurance to help fund a clinic in a migrant worker community which is why Royal City was selected. A total of 235 people were vaccinated. A charge of \$5 per person was charged to help offset the cost of the clinic.

EPI – Update Newsletter – Each Board member was presented with a copy of the first edition of the EPI newsletter which is scheduled to be printed quarterly. A copy of the newsletter is in the book.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Monthly Report - The board received the monthly report for October food inspections.

Quarterly Report - Mr. Campbell provided the Board with a copy of the quarterly report. Mr. Campbell briefly went over the report. A copy of the report is in the book of minutes.

A West Nile Virus Weekly Update paper was presented. Of all the counties in Washington state, Grant County had the most positive mosquito samples. To date, there has been no human cases reported.

Washington State Algae Control – The District has applied for a grant through the Department of Ecology for \$26,000. It would include providing algae samples from the Potholes and Moses Lake areas as well as phosphate sampling. We will know by next month if we have been awarded the grant.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Pertussis - Within the past ten days there have been more cases that have been reported. There are 17 cases that have been proven or are epi-linked. There are also some probable cases. It appears that immunity wanes throughout the years, so it is encouraged that the public obtain a booster immunization. Some of the infants are exposed through an adult contact.

Seasonal Influenza – Flu season has begun but it is not too late to receive your immunization.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending October 31, 2010 totaling \$137,679.29 (#1 - #6 totaling \$121,416.94 and #7 - #45 totaling \$16,262.35) were approved (M/S Kelby/Curnel – unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS

The public meeting was closed and the Board went into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to address union issues, expected to last 5 minutes. The public meeting was re-opened at 8:25 p.m.

With no action being taken and with no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. (M/S Curnel/Gonzalez – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer