



**BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Meeting Minutes**

*February 26, 2021*

**Forward/Handout:** Copy of email from Dr. Jennifer Morse with analysis of communicable disease. Document forwarded after meeting materials were sent. Copies distributed to those attending meeting in person.

I. **Call to Order:** Jim Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. **Roll Call**

**Members Present – In Person:** Jim Maike, Judy Nichols, Tom O’Neil, Richard Schmidt, Ray Steinke, Hubert Zuiderveen

**Members – Online:** Ron Bacon, Robert Baldwin\*, Betty Dermeyer, Paul Erickson, Pauline Jaquish, Bryan Kolk, Nick Krieger, Phil Lewis, Dawn Martin, Martha Meyette, Roger Ouwinga, Shelley Pinkelman, Gary Taylor

*\*During roll, Robert Baldwin announced he will be the regular member and Dave Comai will be the alternate for Kankaska County*

**Member Excused:** James Sweet

**Alternate – Online:** Dave Comai

**Staff – In-Person:** Kevin Hughes

**Staff – Online:** Jane Drake, Christine Lopez, Dr. Jennifer Morse

III. **Approval of the Agenda.** Motion by Ray Steinke, seconded by Hubert Zuiderveen, to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

IV. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Ray Steinke, seconded by Judy Nichols, to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

V. **Public Comment:** None

VI. **Committee Reports**

A. Executive Committee. No report.

B. Finance Committee. Did not meet. Christine Lopez, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the financial report for January 31, 2021. The balance sheet showed a total fund balance of \$7.5 million. Total revenues for the month were almost \$1.6 million, with expenses slightly higher and just over \$1.6 million. Lopez said almost \$400 thousand had not been received from billings for the COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

1. *Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll.* Motion by Richard Schmidt, seconded by Ray Steinke, to approve the January accounts payable and payroll total of \$1,584,260.60.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Nick Krieger	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Phil Lewis	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Dave Comai	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Ray Steinke	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O’Neil	Yes		

Motion carried.

- C. Personnel Committee: No report. Kevin Hughes advised the Board a Personnel Committee meeting will be scheduled in early March. He said he had matters to present to the Committee for action at the March 26 full board meeting.
- D. Legislative Committee. Kevin Hughes reported on House Bill 4049. He said the bill would create criteria for schools to open or close. It would also remove authority on school closures from the State and assign it to the local health departments.

## VII. Administrative Reports

- A. Medical Director. Dr. Jennifer Morse shared an analysis she completed on trends in communicable disease reports from 2019 to 2020 in the 19 counties she serves as the Medical Director for the local health districts. According to the analysis, reports of all 70 communicable diseases not including influenza declined by 52.1% during the period in the 19 counties. State totals for the same disease reports and period showed an overall decline of 32.7%.

Morse said the declines could be due to less congregating and fewer gatherings due to State emergency orders, and implementation of the use of protective equipment and social distancing to prevent the spread of disease.

- B. Health Officer. Kevin Hughes reported the number of COVID-19 cases in the DHD#10 jurisdiction began to decline. In addition, the rate of positivity from COVID-19 tests also decreased. He summarized the report of COVID-19 vaccines included with the meeting materials. He noted as of the day before the Board meeting, the total number of the vaccine doses administered was just over 33 thousand.

He said the vaccine waitlists for priority groups such as first responders and teachers were just about finished. Plans were in place to begin vaccinating the next prioritized group of food processing employees and seasonal agricultural workers. He explained the State required that 75% of the vaccine doses allotted were to be used for the population aged 65 years and older.

Hughes provided other updates:

- PFAS contamination in Oceana County. Water filters being provided to affected residents.
- Oral health screening bill proposed by Rep. VanSingel and recently passed. Will not go into effect until funding is available.
- The financial audit report will be presented at the March meeting along with an amended budget.

Other questions about vaccines being administered, priority groups, virus variants, and reactions were discussed by Hughes and Dr. Morse.

## VIII. Other Business

Jim Maike called on members to voice comments or other questions.

## IX. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Friday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m.

## X. Adjournment

Jim Maike adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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*Jim Maike, Chair*

*Date*

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*Judy Nichols, Secretary*

*Date*