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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 Feb 15, 2022

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Mike Lane Don Suppes Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman (Absent)	Greg Rajnowski Karen O'Brien Pat Sullivan Leone Anderson Teri Stephenson Robbie LeValley	Lance Boren

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Suppes at **3:30 PM**.
 Action on the January 18 Minutes: Jo Rosenquist moved to approve/Commissioner Lane second/Unanimous. Minutes approved.

Financial Reporting - Leone Anderson:

- Payment Approval Report - Leone explained several payments:
 - Delta County Ambulance District (DCAD) - this was paid from immunizations funds to DCAD to reach the homebound to administer vaccines.
 - North Fork EMS payment for Covid testing site in the North Fork.
 - Annual workers comp was in January.
- January Income Statement looks very good.

Jo Rosenquist moved to approve the financials/Commissioner Koontz second/Unanimous. Finances approved.

Director's Report - Karen O'Brien:

- Annual meeting follow up
 - Delta County Attorney, John Baier, reviewed the Board of Health's current Bylaws for consistency with state statute and prepared a document for the Board of County Commissioners. Karen asked the Commissioners if

- Board of Health member Jo Rosenquist could have a copy and Chairman Suppes approved the request.
 - Karen said that the document was a very good recap of the history of how the board was formed and it provided a review of the state statute around appointments to county boards of health. The conclusion was SB 08-194 prohibits any governmental entity from constituting a majority of appointments to a county board of health. Several options were discussed.
 - Option 1: one of the commissioners would step down, and appoint another board member from the community to participate on the board.
 - Option 2: add 2 more community members for a total of 7 board members.
 - Chairman Suppes said that one of the commissioners would step down (to be decided) and the Board of County Commissioners will appoint a member, preferably someone with an environmental health background.
 - Karen asked if we would advertise and interview the candidates as we have in the past and Commissioner Suppes said they would appoint the member being consistent with how all other board positions are filled.
 - Commissioner Suppes said that Darnell would advertise the position.
 - There is nothing in state statute that specifies a timeframe to fill a vacancy. The “within 60 days” will be removed from the Bylaws (Article III, Section 4).
 - Change to Article III, Section 1: remove “be limited to” and add “consist of at least “
- The 2022 Board Positions and Membership roster was distributed.
- Karen submitted a resolution to approve the EH Fee Schedule: Commissioner Koontz moved to approve the fee schedule/Jo Rosenquist second/Unanimous.
- Karen continued with the department overview. We are seeing declines in COVID cases, hospitalizations and positivity in the County, State and Nation. Everything is trending in the right direction. The vaccination rate is inching up. The vaccine bus will be at Lions Pavilion and Walmart. The State is still helping but as of March CDPHE will start cutting back.
- Outreach to the Latinx population is going very well. Our partner, Tri-County Health Network, is providing translators at all the mobile clinics. Radio and print advertising seems to be helping to reach this community.
- EPR Coordinator, Amanda Horner, started with us on 1/26. She will be the lead for our regional EPR work.
- OWTS regulation meetings are proceeding very well. Greg is very organized and is reaching out to many engineers and installers. The timeline was discussed and so far we are right on target for an August 1 implementation date.

- Karen expressed concerns for the department to enforce Regulation 3.2.C, RV's/mobile homes used an occupied dwelling for up to 90 days. The department is unable to enforce this and it will continue to be a challenge. The department is asking to remove this from our regulations, it is not called out in the State's Regulation 43. Commissioner Suppes said we could look into a verification process for dumping into a system and will likely be a solution involving code compliance.

EH Directors Report - Greg Rajnowski

- Private Burials - Teri Stephenson
 - Teri presented several concerns involving private burials:
 - Resident(s) of Delta County without a death certificate.
 - Teri gave an example of a family of a hospice patient wanting a private burial. The family picked up the packet and submitted it but an affidavit was missing. The state contacted the client but nothing was in the state system for the death certificate. The resident contacted Delta's records office but there was no reception number. The timeframe for filing an affidavit is 30 days.
 - Buried but don't know where, no record or death certificate.
 - Affidavit- who can sign when the property owner is the deceased person?
 - Teri said there are at least two more burials that have no tracking.
 - The Coroner can designate who establishes the location.
 - Proposed ordinance changes will be brought to the Board of Health and then to the Board of County Commissioners.

With no other items, Commissioner Suppes adjourned the Board of Health meeting at **4:41** pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Greg Rajnowski and Karen O'Brien.