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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 March 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 Reiley Jones Travis Stucker	John Freeman Judy Fairchild Belle Abercrombie Wendy Harrah

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Suppes at **3:32 PM**.
 Action on the February 15th Minutes: Jo Rosenquist moved to approve/Commissioner Lane second/Unanimous. Minutes approved.

Financial Reporting - Karen O'Brien:

- Payment Approval Report - Karen explained several payments:
 - Employment Ads for the PH Nurse, and PH Educator position. Some of the media expenses are reimbursable by CDPHE.
 - Board of Health open position ads are covered by the BOCC..
 - Jo Rosenquist moved to approve the financials/Commissioner Lane second/Unanimous. Finances approved.
- Income statement includes COVID response grant funds. Karen explained the Grant Management Spreadsheet and pointed out there are ample waste tire funds. This has now been assigned to Amanda.
- Core immunization funding, including COVID vaccine, runs through June 30, 2022.

Director's Report - Karen O'Brien:

- **Annual Meeting follow-up:**
 - Resolution for EH Fees was included in the board packet.
 - Action to adopt Bylaws amendments:
 - Article 3 Section 1: remove the words "be limited to" and replace with "consist of at least".

- BoCC to appoint vacancy left by one of the three Commissioners serving on the Board of Health. This will now be in compliance with state statute 25-1-508(2)(b).
 - Article 3 Section 4: remove the words “within 60 days”.
- **Action:** Commissioner Lane will step down from the BOH to maintain a minority of governmental representatives on the BOH. The Chair and Vice Chair will be on the BOH and rotate annually.
- Motion by Jo Rosenquist to approve the changes to the Bylaws as noted to go into effect after this meeting; Lane Seconded, Unanimous.
 - Discussion regarding representation from each of the Districts. There was an initial discussion regarding looking for someone with an Environmental Health background.
- The amended Bylaws were included in the BOH Packet. Karen will email them separately to the BOH members.

Agency update - Karen O'Brien:

- COVID update: cases declining, 24 cases in the last 2 weeks (2/28-3/13), 0 hospitalizations in the last few days, 4 deaths in last 4 weeks (2/16-3/15), 3.33% positivity in Delta vs 3.54% in the State.
- Case based surveillance is changing to severity based with hospitalizations being the focus. Low/Med/High. Increases in hospitalizations will result in increases for the levels. Delta is low risk at this time according to these new CDC metrics.
- Public Health Order 20-38 amendment went into effect this morning. Masking requirements have been removed in Low; masking is necessary in medical settings in Med/High.
- Commissioner Lane asked about the identity of the dominant variant in China. Response: They are seeing an increase in the “DeltaCron” variant. CDPHE saw that Omicron passed through so quickly, it is estimated that people in the U.S. have a 90%+ immunity right now.
- Commissioner Koontz stated he was very concerned that the department’s press release went out announcing the suspension of the COVID dashboard prior to notifying the Commissioners. Karen apologized and said that the department will email the Board of Health prior to the media on future press releases.
- The department’s new employees are doing very well. A new nurse will start working tomorrow with our Maternal Child Health program, Child Fatality Prevention reviews and provide backup for immunizations and any surges in COVID cases.
- Immunization program working with the school district on Tdap clinics for 5th graders.
- Environmental Health will submit draft OWTS regulations to the board soon.
- Retail Food inspections are entering the “March Madness” phase where we are getting out on many priority inspections prior to spring. There is a new mobile unit checklist coming out to help those starting new units.
- Family Planning will have a required medical/clinic audit this spring.

EH Directors Report - Greg Rajnowski

- **PUBLIC HEARING** - March 15, 2022 at 4:00pm
 - Variance Hearing for: **24203 (formerly 1653) Valley View Circle, Cedaredge.**
 - Attendees: Commissioners Suppes, Koontz and Lane; Board of Health member, Jo Rosenquist; Delta County Health Department Staff: Greg Rajnowski, Karen O'Brien, Reiley Jones and Travis Stucker; Guests: John Freeman, Judy Fairchild, Belle Abercrombie and Wendy Harrah.
 - The Health Department received confirmation from all adjacent property owners prior to 3/15/22 and the variance conditions were met.
 - **Motion to approve the Variance for lot size for .4 acres at 24203 Valley View Circle, Cedaredge, by Commissioner Koontz, Second by Jo Rosenquist. Variance Approved by Unanimous vote. Chairman Suppes announced:** "The board finds that evidence presented by Art Etter, PE and the Department is sufficient to support that the proposed OTWS is conforming with the exception of the acreage requirement with no conditions".
 - The permit has been approved and progress will be assessed during the request for final inspection.
 - Entirety of the [recorded variance hearing](#) can be obtained from the BOH minutes folder for March 2022 along with the following documents that were presented at the hearing:
 - [OWTS BOH Public Hearing 1653 Valley View Circle Packet](#)
 - [Variance Approval Letter](#)
 - [Variance Hearing Sign-in Sheet](#)

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.