



Chelan-Douglas Health District

200 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Regular Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023

Board Members Present (quorum):

Marc Straub, Chair (4)

Jerrilea Crawford, Vice Chair (5)

Shon Smith (2)

Dan Sutton (3)

Sharon Waters (6)

Marissa Smith (7)

Bindu Nayak (8)

Alma Chacon (9)

Bill Sullivan (10)

Maria Hansen – Alternate (11)

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Hunter (11)

Alternate Board Members Present:

Carin Smith (9)

Staff Present:

Luke Davies, Administrator

Dr. James Wallace, Interim Health Officer

Cari Hammond, Personal Health Director

Veronica Farias, Communications & Outreach Director

Rob Eastman, Environmental Health Director

Diane Forhan, Operations Director

Erin McCool, CDHD Attorney

Chuck Zimmerman, CDHD Attorney

Public Present –

Meeting was held in person and via zoom and phone conferencing with members of the public attending and listening to the meeting.

Meeting –

Chair Marc Straub called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and requested the Administrator to take roll to document Board member attendance.

Approval of Agenda –

Chair Marc Straub explained this as a new agenda item. Following a brief discussion, Dan Sutton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kevin Overbay seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marc Straub provided opening remarks and welcomed new Board member, Chelan County Commissioner Shon Smith to the Board.

Public Comment – (8:00)

Chair Marc Straub explained that 20 minutes has been set aside for public comment and asked for those present in person and via Zoom who wanted to speak during public comment to identify themselves. Once Chair Straub identified the number of members of the public that wanted to speak, he allotted three minutes to each presenter.

- Laurie Buhler of Douglas County made a presentation and expressed her concern with harm caused by COVID vaccines.

- Chris Carlson of Chelan County spoke concerning the District audio only recording which he found difficult to easily locate. He suggested that the District preserve an audio and video recording like Link Transit.
- Carin Smith of Chelan County shared her observations and concerns about significant recent Board meeting time being devoted to minority position views on a single issue.

Consent Agenda – (16:40)

- Approval of the December 19, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the December Payroll in the amount of \$272,543.14
- Approval of the December Benefits in the amount of \$90,691.55
- Approval of Payment of 2022 Vouchers No. 20221013 – 20221048
in the amount of \$25,847.19 and 2023 Vouchers No. 20230001 – 20230047
in the amount of \$102,456.18
- Approval of the Contact Matrix

Vice Chair Jerrilea Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items a-e identified above. Alma Chacon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business – (20:57)

Vice Chair Jerrilea Crawford moved to declare the list of items in the Board packet as surplus and to authorize the Administrator to dispose of the items in the manner he deems most economically beneficial to the District. Dan Sutton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Rivera of Wenatchee CAFE and Savannah D-Evelyn of the University of Washington shared a presentation titled “Clean Air, I Care” which focused on exposure to fire smoke and solutions impacting farmworkers and their families as set forth in the slides provided in the Board packet.

Reports (57:10)

Interim Health Officer, Dr. James Wallace:

Dr. Wallace shared a PowerPoint with the Board and public. A copy of the PowerPoint is on file with the District. Dr. Wallace explained there is low activity in the pacific northwest on the COVID-19 Omicron Variant XBB1.5 as compared to the activity in the northeast United States. Even so, there were more COVID-19 cases reported last week than the prior week and hospitalizations are up. Dr. Wallace explained that respiratory illnesses are mostly on the decline in the State of Washington now. Dr. Wallace also addressed smoke preparedness health issues as part of his report.

Fiscal Report --

Diane Forhan, Operations Director

Diane Forhan presented an overview of her fiscal and operations report provided in the Board packet.

Personal Health Report --

Carl Hammond, Personal Health Director

Cari Hammond presented an overview of her report provided in the Board packet.

Health Communications Report --

Veronica Farias, Communications & Outreach Director

Veronica Farias presented an overview of her report provided in the Board packet.

Environmental Health Report --

Rob Eastman, Environmental Health Director

Rob Eastman presented an overview of his report provided in the Board packet.

Administrator Report --

Luke Davies, Administrator

Luke Davies gave the Board an update on contracts and renewals and staff openings and reported that he looks forward to the newly hired human resources director joining the District.

Old Business – (1:54:00)

The Board went into a closed session, exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act under RCW 42.30.140(b) to discuss collective bargaining for a period of 20 minutes at 4:55 PM. The closed session was extended for an additional 5 minutes.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:20 PM.

Vice Chair Jerrilea Crawford moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as set forth in the Board packet with wage provisions effective retroactive to January 1, 2023. Kevin Overbay seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marc Straub declared the meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.



Marc Straub, Board Chair



Hollie Casey, Clerk of the Board