

MINUTES OF SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 10, 2022

Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 p.m. on May 10, 2022, at the Skamania County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Board of Health Commissioner T.W. Lannen present, and Commissioner Richard Mahar, Chair attending via ZOOM. Commission

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes for meeting April 12, 2022
2. Ratify Contract Amendment #2 with Department of Health for 2022-2024 Consolidated Contract
3. Ratify Contract Amendment #3 with Department of Health for 2022-2024 Consolidated Contract
4. Contract Amendment #4 with Department of Health for 2022-2024 Consolidated Contract

Tamara Cissell, Community Health Director discussed the expanded Board of Health. The advertisement for three open positions on the Board will in the paper of record, Skamania County Pioneer on May 18th and 25th, 2022. An attachment A to Ordinance 2022-02 will be on the May 17th Board of County Commissioners agenda. The application window will close on June 7th at 1:00 p.m. and a workshop will be held the same day to discuss the applications received. On June 15, 2022, interviews with selected applicants will be held, with appointments on June 23, 2022. The Tribal Health Commission has been sent a letter asking for an appointment from them. The new Board of Health will be in place for the first meeting in July, which is scheduled for July 12th. She also discussed the latest COVID 19 case report, and availability of over-the-counter test kits.

Dr. Steven Krager, Deputy Health Officer reported on COVID 19 including the Omicron peak, vaccination and immunity, the rise in hospital rates, testing, self-tests, and age comparison for hospitalization. He also spoke about Avian Influenza. Philip Watness, Skamania County Pioneer how the Avian Influenza might affect the County Fair. If cases are known the birds should be left at home or separated. The doctor mentioned that Pacific and Spokane Counties have known cases of Avian Influenza at the time

Alan Peters, Environmental Health Director was not available for a report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Attest:

Debbie Slack

Clerk of the Board of Health – Debbie Slack

Richard Mahar

Chair – Richard Mahar

T.W. Lannen

Commissioner – T.W. Lannen

Robert Hamlin

Commissioner – Robert Hamlin

Aye	<u>3</u>
Nay	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>