



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: December 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:51 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck, Vice-Chair

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

Due to difficulty with the agenda link, the meeting started late. The Zoom link used was the correct link that was provided to the public and posted on the Agenda Center.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Cory, Environmental Specialist; Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to social distance in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the capacity of our meeting room is significantly limited.

Therefore, public access to the meeting is being provided via Zoom. Members of the public can participate by using the information at the bottom of agenda. Board of Health members are also present via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve agenda (MCU)

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Speck, Second by Paschen for Lee to serve as Vice-Chair. (MCU)

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck for Paschen to serve as Chair. (MCU)

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:



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Approval of Spending CARES Act Funding

Les White stated that the CARES Act Funding must be spent by December 31, 2020. White presented a summary of items suggested to spend funds on. White stated that additionally, \$11,000 could be put towards salaries and that PPE is very well stocked.

Steve Sullivan spoke about the cost for a mass mailing for the Story County Mask Campaign.

Tabatabai asked how many EpiPens would be purchased. White stated that EpiPens are expensive and three would be purchased. Paschen stated that anyone who has allergies would need an EpiPen available while receiving the COVID vaccination, but there is no indication of the vaccine causing reactions.

Heddens asked about the design cost. Sullivan stated that the design cost is roughly \$8,000 and discussed whether or not the same design could be used on a second mailing.

Paschen stated he would like to see a commitment to two mailings being done. Sullivan stated the mailing cost is based on owner occupied cost, not including Ames. Sullivan said a flyer would also be included in the Story County Sun that would cover some residents that are not covered by direct mail. Radio would be another option for advertising, with additional costs.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve the summary presented for spending the Iowa Cares funding, including staff salary, and if allowable a second mailing the cost being up to what is allowable.

MCU

COVID-19 Vaccination Priority Groups Update

White provided an update for the vaccination plan. Next week the Moderna vaccine will be allocated to places that do not have ultra-cold storage. Pfizer vaccine have been allocated to Mary Greeley, McFarland Clinic and ISU. Dosages were also held back for Story County EMS and for clinics that are not able to give vaccines. White stated that they are still waiting for authority on whether the extra dose of vaccine remaining in the vials can be used or not. White stated hiring is currently taking place for 6-8 temporary nurses to work at the vaccine clinics. RSVP is assisting with contacting dentists, chiropractors, and psychiatrists within the county to offer the vaccine as well.

Paschen asked when teachers would be able to be vaccinated. White stated it is possible they could be included in tier 1B. Heddens asked about long-term care facilities. White stated long-term care facilities have contracts with pharmacies, which will take care of vaccinations for all the workers and residents.

White stated that a lot of time has been spent on planning so that there is not any vaccine wasted.



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Paschen stated that once mass vaccinations are taking place that he would like White to contact the McFarland Pediatric Department for assistance. Paschen felt many of the nurses would be willing to help.

Guidance When Complaints Or Concerns Are Received About Events

Paschen provided background about a Farmers Market event that was held in Maxwell last weekend. The issue was the venue was changed to try to get around the gathering limit requirements contained in the State of Iowa Emergency Proclamation. Paschen felt that Matt Cory handled the concern appropriately by notifying the BOH and then letting the organizers of the event know the law.

Heddens stated the Sherriff's office was contacted and a deputy spoke to the event coordinators and reminded them about mask usage and the indoor capacity limits.

Cory's concern was that the deputy did not count the vendors as part of the occupant total that were inside the buildings and they should have been. There were 20 vendors in each building, plus the customers. Cory felt that guidance on how to handle future complaints that may be received by Environmental Health would be beneficial. Paschen stated that he would send an email offering further advice in the event of future complaints.

6. COMMENTS:

Staff: None
Board: None

ADJOURNMENT 8:00 p.m.

John Paschen, MD

Approval of Minutes

Chairman 2/16/21

Title and Date