



**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: May 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 p.m.

PLACE: Originating at Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck, Vice-Chair

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: (By Phone) Heather Bombei, Les White, Keith Morgan, Eugenia Hartsook, Jess Soderstrum, Wade Kahler, Michelle Gibson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call to listen to the meeting. Board of Health members are also present by conference call.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge to approve agenda

VOTE:

Ayes: Speck, Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Paschen

Nays: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve minutes

VOTE:

Ayes: Speck, Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Paschen

Nays: None



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4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to approve the consent agenda items consisting of:
Reopening Guidance For County Offices, COVID-19 Face Covering Policy, COVID-19 Daily Self-
Checklist, Updated Wellness Policy.**

VOTE:

Ayes: Speck, Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Paschen

Nays: None

5. PUBLIC FORUM

None

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

COVID-19 Update

Les White provided data and updated that the current number of COVID-19 positive cases in the county is at 79. Currently there are two hospitalized, and there has been one death. White stated that there has been one assisted living with some positive cases, but other than that, there are no areas that are considered hot spots in the county. White also briefly provided information on the following: positive case numbers for the counties bordering Story County, Testlowa, Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS), serology testing, and changes with contact tracing. Testing is still somewhat limited in Story County and individuals can use Testlowa with the closest location being in Des Moines.

Discussion took place on the following:

- COVID-19 related hospitalizations and how long hospitalization is typically needed.
- Nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- Contact tracing.
- The challenge healthcare providers have with obtaining N95 masks.
- ISU students coming back- creating a possible surge and plans being made for fall.
- Common symptoms in patients that have been hospitalized with COVID-19.
- N95 masks vs cloth masks vs surgical masks.

Guidance from Board of Health For Mitigating COVID-19 Risk When Story County Fair Opens

Paschen stated this item was brought to the attention of the board by Les White. Advice is being requested by the individuals in charge of the Story County Fair.

Jess Soderstrum, Story County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, stated that she is interested in information and input regarding how exhibits can be judged safely. She provided information about how the judging process takes place. Discussion took place about requiring personal protective equipment and who would provide masks and sanitizing stations. Paschen stated that it would be important for everyone



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to wear a mask because maintaining a 6' distance would not be easy, and that the more hand sanitizing stations the better so that people can clean hands often. Soderstrum provided documentation to be shared with the board containing information about the potential exhibit judging model limitations. The board will review and discuss in more detail at the June 2, 2020 meeting.


Board of Health Providing A Report to Board of Supervisors At Weekly Meetings

Heddens stated that she provides an update to the Board of Supervisors after Board of Health meetings. Discussion took place on the process and everyone was in agreement that Heddens would ask the Board of Supervisors if they would like a representative to call into the weekly meetings for Board of Health related updates.

7. COMMENTS

Paschen stated that he has purchased an acreage in Hamilton County, but his permanent home will still be in Ames.

8. ADJOURNMENT 7:08 p.m.


Approval of Minutes

CHAN 6/9/20
Title and Date