



**STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**  
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV)**

**DATE:** June 2, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Originating at Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; Present by phone: Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Health Director; Cathy Bazylnski, Environmental Specialist; Matt Cory Environmental Specialist

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 Kluge, Second by Speck to approve agenda**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes: Tabatabai, Kluge, Lee, Speck, Paschen**

**Nays: None**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 18, 2020

**Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve minutes**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes: Tabatabai, Kluge, Lee, Speck, Paschen**

**Nays: None**

### 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA



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**Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge to approve the consent agenda items consisting of:  
Personnel actions for adjustments and/or step increases plus longevity for Environmental  
Health Staff.**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes: Tabatabai, Kluge, Lee, Speck, Paschen**

**Nays: None**

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Lauris Olson stated that she has an item to be heard at a future Board of Health meeting, which is for the Board to consider giving an opinion about whether requiring individuals to wear face coverings while in County buildings can be done in preparation of opening the public buildings. This item will be discussed at a Special Board of Health Meeting June 8, 2020.

**6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

**Mental Health First Aid Presentation**

Todd Anderson, Community & Family Resources stated that before COVID-19 there were plans for a face to face mental health first aid training and that it will still be available eventually, but for now the training will be done virtually. Anderson provided information on training and registration.

**Guidance For Mitigating COVID-19 Risk During Story County Fair**

Michelle Gibson, Fair Operations Manager, provided tentative information being planned for the Story County Fair. Gibson stated that the fair will not be open to the public and the recommendation will be made that everyone wear a mask and that hand sanitation stations be placed throughout the grounds. There has also been one extra day added to stretch out timing between livestock shows. Discussion took place about health screenings for exhibitors and judges. Paschen stated that health screenings, wearing masks, social distancing, and very good hand washing would really limit risk. Kluge asked what they would do if the Iowa State Fair is cancelled. Gibson stated that if everyone is comfortable with measures put in place that there would still be an attempt to hold the county fair if possible, unless there is increased cases or hot spots within the county. Heddens asked if the ISU Extension plans have had any changes since the last meeting. Gibson stated that the County Fair Board has not yet met with the ISU Extension, but that plans are to meet and combine plans soon.

**Iowa Trail Run Series 5K Race At McFarland Park**

Pasha Korsakov gave an overview of the 5K race plans. Paschen asked if there are plans to take racer's temperatures. Korsakov stated that he has not been able to purchase thermometers and he feels that if people do not feel well they will not come. Reminders will be sent to participants stating that if they do not feel well or have been in contact with anyone testing positive for COVID-19 that they should not come to the race. Paschen stated that it is difficult to take temperatures, but he would encourage that temperatures



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are taken because of the people that are not showing symptoms. Dr. Paschen stated that there might be staff from McFarland Clinic willing to volunteer to help with temperature taking. Tabatabai asked for clarification of the statement that there would not be more than 50 people present at the same time. Korsakov stated that about 230 people were present at past races, but that was for a 5K and 10K race being held at the same time. Speck asked if the volunteers would be masked. Korsakov stated that all volunteers would wear masks while interacting with participants. Les White stated that Public Health has thermometers available that can be borrowed.

### **Suggestions For Story County Schools To Prevent COVID-19 Infection When School Returns In Fall**

Molly Lee stated that she was contacted by the Gilbert School District about the BOH providing information for schools to help with return to school guidance. Paschen stated that there is a lot of information available on this topic and the data is beginning to show that the risk of children passing on to other children is low. Paschen stated that masks, temperature screenings, and spacing lunch times would all be helpful. Paschen stated that without specific questions it is difficult to provide guidance. Lee stated that the school district wanted to give the BOH an opportunity to be involved. Paschen asked Lee to contact the school and ask them to be more specific about the kind of input they are requesting. Discussion took place about issues that could be created with giving advice and it was suggested that Ethan Anderson could be present at the next meeting when this topic can be discussed further.

### **Septic Tank Manufacturers Being Required To Cure Tanks For A Given Amount Of Time And Adding A Coating Or Requirement Of Plastic Tanks**

Mark Speck stated that a septic tank had failed due to an issue with the dividing wall. Speck feels that there are issues with manufacturers not applying tar to the walls. Margaret Jaynes stated this would require an amendment to the code to require septic tank coating and that this would be difficult because if a tank is delivered without a coating, it would create a hardship to return. Jaynes states that she thinks this issue is best addressed statewide and suggested that contractors could request a coating be added or not purchase tanks from companies if tanks have been noted to be faulty. Speck feels that tanks are being rushed through the curing process. Discussion took place about not recommending plastic tanks because they do not hold their shape, especially while being pumped. Jaynes stated that she could ask IOWWA to do a study or offer an opinion. Tabatabai asked if there are standard recommendations for tanks. Speck stated tanks are not inspected or monitored. Jaynes stated that regulations would need to come from the state and not individual counties. Paschen asked that Jaynes look for additional information to see if other counties are having issues and bring back information to a future meeting to offer guidance to the BOH on how to move forward with this issue.

### **AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### **a. Story County Public Health**

Les White and Treasa Ferrari provided an update about COVID-19. White stated that as of today there are 112 positive cases in Story County. Paschen asked about contact tracing, specifically if anyone that has been around a positive person within the last 48 hours and less



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than 6 feet away for 15 minutes or greater, would be tested. White stated those individuals are encouraged to be tested. Ferrari stated that if people were tested, they would still need to self-isolate for 14 days even if the test is negative. White stated they are waiting for guidance from IDPH about testing in long-term care facilities. There is now a facility with three positive cases, which is considered an outbreak. White stated that there is a projection that there will be a vaccine available in October. Kluge asked if anyone is staying in touch with the homes for handicapped. White stated that they have reached out to Mosaic and other homes. Public Health has provided PPE and information for keeping the virus contained.

Ferrari stated that most of her time is spent on COVID-19 doing contact tracing. There have been many calls on businesses opening and people asking questions about best practices. There have recently been three active TB cases. Discussion took place about ISU students returning and that ISU is willing to work with public health doing contact tracing. Tabatabai asked if it is possible to use GPS tracing. White stated that is not being done, and it has only briefly been discussed at this time.

**b. Story County Environmental Health**

Margaret Jaynes provided a report for the Environmental Health Department that staff would be returning to the office full time on June 3, 2020. Extra precautions will be taken to prevent virus transmission. Jaynes report provided an update on septic, wells, tattoo facilities, swimming pools, CAFO's, complaints received, meetings, conceptual reviews, and miscellaneous items. The well testing has not yet resumed due to safety issues with sending staff into homes at this time during COVID-19. Jaynes provided a DNR report and stated she is concerned about the amount of septage. She will continue to gather information and report again at a future meeting.

**c. YSS**

Denise Denton stated that on line classes have concluded. There have been a few extra opportunities for teaching students because of COVID-19 than she would have had previously because of some schools requiring on line learning. Denton provided information about the complications associated with isolation and addiction or mental health issues. Denton provided information about child abuse potentially not being reported while schools are closed.

**7. COMMENTS**

Paschen proposed a special meeting be held June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

**8. ADJOURNMENT 3:32 p.m.**

*John J. Paschen*  
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**Approval of Minutes**  
  
Chairman, 8/14/2020  
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**Title and Date**