



**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: June 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 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: Lauris Olson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Speck, Second by Kluge to approve agenda

VOTE:

Ayes: Speck, Lee, Kluge, Paschen

Nays: None

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to approve the consent agenda items consisting of: Personnel actions for adjustments and/or step increases plus longevity for Catherine Bazylnski.

VOTE:

Ayes: Kluge, Lee, Speck, Paschen

Nays: None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:



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Whether the Story County Board of Health Shall Provide An Opinion On Requiring Face Coverings To Be Worn In Common Use Areas Of All Story County Owned Buildings Is A Reasonable Public Health Measure During The COVID-19 Pandemic.

Lauris Olson gave a summary of why this item is being brought to the Board of Health for advice. Lisa Heddens stated that she contacted ISAC and it is possible for counties to require masks as long as it is tied to public health. Olson clarified this would not be a policy, only a recommendation. Paschen stated that from a medical standpoint a mask should be required in common areas along with social distancing. Paschen referenced the recommendations in place from CDC that recommend that anyone should wear a mask if social distancing is not possible. Paschen also stated that it would be important to provide masks for public use as well. Olson stated that Facilities Management has already purchased disposable masks to provide to the public in the event that they do not have a face covering of their own. Paschen also stated that there would need to be accommodations for those that are not able to wear a mask due to breathing issues, as well as, for children under the age of two. Discussion took place on pediatric sized disposable masks. Speck stated that hand sanitizer should also be made available. Olson stated that additional dispensers have been acquired and there will be one placed at the front entrance with signs directing customers to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. Paschen stated that additional cleaning to wipe the dispensers and surfaces such as counters would be needed.

Paschen asked each board member if there is anything to add. Lee stated that requiring face coverings is a reasonable public health measure and suggested that no touch waste receptacles should be available. Kluge stated that it would require a lot of masks and discussion took place that disposable masks would be for the public use. Speck stated all the comments and recommendations are good. Heddens stated this conversation was a good affirmation for the use of masks. Olson stated that she has not heard back from the County Attorney's Office yet as to whether this would require an ordinance or a motion by the BOS. Paschen asked if any of the board members have any objections to the requirement of face coverings. There were no objections for a recommendation to require face coverings.

6. COMMENTS

Paschen asked Lee if the schools have gotten back to her about the type of guidance information they are looking for. Lee stated she has not heard back yet. Olson stated that at last week's jurisdictional meeting almost all school districts in the county have been having discussions with Emergency Management about reopening. Kluge asked if anyone has heard about the Iowa State Fair. Lee stated she has not heard, but she believes the fair is on a similar time frame as the Story County Fair is with planning and notifying the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT 6:35 p.m.

John J. Paschen

Approval of Minutes

Chairman, 8/14/2020

Title and Date