



**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 22, 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: Ethan Anderson, Geoff Abelson, Heather Bombei, Les White, Erin Baldwin, Randy Anderson, Herman Quirnbach

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. Paschen gave a statement about COVID being a serious matter and reminded that the BOH makes recommendations. Dr. Paschen also gave a statement about his role on the Board of Health and that it is not affiliated with McFarland Clinic.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve agenda.

VOTE:

Ayes: Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Speck, Paschen

Nays: None

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Recommendations To Mitigate Further COVID-19 Spread in Story County

Dr. Paschen read the proposed document one paragraph at a time and asked that discussion



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

take place throughout the document for edits. Much discussion took place on suggested changes including:

- Removal of N-95 and using cloth masks or masks/face shields.
- Use of face coverings instead of masks and still using N-95/surgical quality masks as appropriate use by medical workers.
- Enforcement possibilities. Recommendations only, with no enforcement possible.
- Screening in schools and daycares.
- Room size capacity for events/gatherings
- Prepackaged foods.
- Mitigation procedures to continue after event while people are congregating.
- Face coverings should be considered for students, as well as handwashing, temperature screenings.
- Add officials for sporting events for the face covering recommendation.
- ISU has recently provided recommendations. Tabatabai will forward to the BOH.
- Encourage group living to continue following published CDC guidelines.
- Face coverings in businesses.
- Self-isolation vs. social isolation vs social distancing definitions.

Public Comments

- :
- Senator Herman Quirnbach offered several comments. Does not feel that the county is doing well overall due to the recently increased number of positive COVID cases. No email address on website to contact the Board of Health. How to get the word out to the community with the final draft of document. The Board of Health does have legal authority to enforce reasonable rules and recommendations in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors if the Governor does not renew the health emergency proclamation, and even if the proclamation is extended.
 - Ethan Anderson stated that there is contact information listed on the Story County Boards and Commissions web page to contact the Board of Health. Anderson disagrees with the legal analysis regarding the Board of Health having the authority as outlined by Senator Quirnbach. Paschen asked if the Board of Health would have authority if the proclamation were lifted. Anderson stated that he is currently researching and will have additional information if the proclamation is lifted.
 - Randy Anderson stated that he is an ISU fan and does not feel future events should be cancelled using current knowledge about the virus and suggested that the financial aspects of the economy of Story County should be considered with cancelling event recommendations.



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Lee made changes to the draft document and will prepare the final draft. Discussion took place about scheduling another meeting to approve a final document and asking the Board of Supervisors to then approve, as well as, how to get the word out to the community. Heddens stated that at several times throughout the meeting there was someone calling to be sure there was availability to call in for the meeting, and was able to get through without difficulty. Discussion took place about using the 100-call phone line at future meetings.

5. COMMENTS

Kluge asked if contact should be made with ISU for input before the final draft is approved. Paschen stated that it sounds like the university is working on their own policies and they are aware of the special board meeting. Tabatabai stated it is important to remain in contact with ISU and for Ames City Council to be involved. Paschen stated it is important if they want to be involved, but the Board of Health needs to get the information out to the public stating what they believe is important. Speck asked about the age group that the increase in cases has been in. Les White stated the increase has been in the 19-25 age group. Paschen thanked the Board for their input, time and expertise.

ADJOURNMENT 8:32 p.m.

John J. Paschen
Approval of Minutes

MD 8/14/2020

Title and Date