

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:00 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson Gary Sauer called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Rhonda Nye – Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large
William Bunek – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Patricia Soutas-Little – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Barbara Conley – Leelanau County Member at Large

Members Absent: None

Members Excused: None

Staff Present:

Lisa Peacock – Health Officer
Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director
Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services
Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health
Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance: It was agreed to dispense with the pledge of alliance today due to the meeting being held via video conference.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion By: Conley to approve the Regular Board of Health Meeting of November 18, 2020.

Seconded By: Sauer

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Bunek to approve agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Soutas-Little

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

Election of Officer for Board of Health Chairperson

Motion By: Soutas-Little to nominate Conley for Board of Health Chairperson.

Seconded By: Bunek

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

Conley took over the meeting as the new Board of Health Chairperson.

Election of Officer for Board of Health Vice-Chairperson

Motion By: Bunek to nominate Sauer for Board of Health Vice-Chairperson.

Seconded By: Soutas-Little

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

Public Comment – None

Health Officer Update – Lisa Peacock

Written Public Health Statement was distributed for review prior to the meeting. Current COVID update given, with details on pandemic risk indicators and information regarding vaccinations for the community.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Sauer to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of \$330,151.52.

Seconded By: Bunek

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

December 2020 Financial Statements

Motion By: Sauer to accept the financial statements as presented.

Seconded By: Bunek

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

2021 Board of Health Meeting Dates

Motion By: Bunek to approve amended dates as presented for future Board of Health meetings.

Seconded By: Soutas-Little

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

Personnel and Finance Committee Appointment

Motion By: Bunek to nominate Sauer and Soutas-Little for Personnel and Finance Committee.

Seconded By: Conley

Roll Call Vote: Sauer-Yea, Kuiper-Yea, Nye-Yea, Conley-Yea, Bunek- Yea, Soutas-Little- Yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

Dr. Meyerson briefly educated on COVID and the mutation of the virus. Mutation produces new variants, that are more transmissible than previous variants. As more strains are identified, over time you will get a virus that becomes less susceptible to respond to the vaccine.

Meyerson suggests that with the new strain being more transmissible to others, that we must be even better about practicing social distancing, wearing masks, keeping social gatherings small and staying home when sick.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

Klein shared information on personal health programs and services that are offered too our

community through BLDHD. Copies were distributed prior to the meeting with programs and descriptions of offered services, as well as the Community Collaboration for 2021. Klein gave a brief update on the Leelanau Early Childhood Program, and goals for 2021.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

Johnson announced that the Sanitarian position has been filled. Zach accepted the position and is working out of the Benzie office. Other topics of discussion included the Leelanau Mapping Project, COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic assistance from the Environmental Health division and an update on the Environmental Health program efficiency efforts.

Administrative – Dodie Putney

Written report distributed prior to meeting for review. Putney’s report briefed on administrative divisions currently in focus, such as finances, human resources, technology, building management, purchasing, and billing.

Public Comment – None

Board Comments – None

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Dr. Barbara Conley, Chair

Renee Youker, Recording Secretary

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