

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
JULY 15, 2008**

I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 P.M. by Michael Chapman, Chair.

Present: Michael C. Chapman, Chair
Stephen P. Tharinger
Howard "Michael" V. Doherty, Jr.
John Beitzel
Jeanette Stehr-Green, MD

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Dr. Tom Locke requested to add a report on rabid bats to the agenda as Item 3, under Section VIII.

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the agenda as amended. John Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2008 MEETING

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 Board of Health meeting. John Bietzel seconded and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. July Region 2 Newsletter

Dr. Locke reviewed the Newsletter.

B. Shellfish Safety and Hot Weather

Dr. Locke reported the Washington State Department of Health has issued a reminder, in the form a News Release, that the warm weather imposes an increased risk of a natural marine organism causing vibriosis.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) REPORT

There was no official PHAC meeting in July. The Committee offered an "orientation" for interested members and guests to learn about the responsibilities and activities of the Health and Human Services Department.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Revisions to Clallam County Code 41.20: On-site Sewage Systems Possible Adoption of Code Revisions

Andy Brastad and the Board discussed the Code. The Board suggested minor clarification revisions be made.

Chair, Mike Chapman, opened the meeting to the public for comments regarding the Code.

- Ron Browning urged the BOH to include the Tribes as participants in the implementation of the Code.

After public comment, Andy recommended the Board approve the Code with the specified revisions as previously discussed.

Steve Tharinger moved to adopt the On-site Sewage System Code Chapter 41.20 as discussed today. Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green seconded.

After further discussion, noting the State Department of Health is in the process of reviewing the Code to ensure compliance with their mandates, Steve Tharinger amended his motion to add:

...contingent on the State Department of Health's approval.

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green amended her second and the motion carried.

B. Homeowner On-site Sewage Inspection Training Project Update

Andy reported six classes held in the Port Angeles, Sequim and Forks areas have been completed. The classes, taught by the Washington On-site Sewage System Association (WOSSA), were attended by a total of 114 people. The Department has been awarded a grant for another pilot project to train homeowners, over the next 18 – 24 months, to inspect ALL kinds of septic systems; staff would then perform quality assurance checks on the homeowners' inspection process.

C. Environmental Health Division Staffing Changes

Andy reported:

- Robin Munroe resigned; her replacement may be in place by early August;
- Jen Garcelon will be on FMLA for another five weeks.

VIII. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in Clallam County

Dr. Locke announced the MRC recruitment in Clallam County has been officially launched; 17 volunteers have been signed up, primarily doctors and nurses. The MRC volunteers will be utilized later this year at the earthquake drill to be held October 1, and the mass vaccination training on October 18.

B. *Salmonella* Saintpaul Foodborne Outbreak Continues

Dr. Locke reviewed the information in CDC's publication regarding the "Investigation of Outbreak of Infections Caused by *Salmonella* Saintpaul."

C. Rabid Bats

Dr. Locke announced a rabid bat was identified in the Lake Ozette area last week. He distributed and reviewed a Fact Sheet, regarding rabies, from the Washington State Department of Health, dated July 2007.

He emphasized three main messages for the public as relates to rabies and its prevention:

- vaccinate pets, especially cats
- leave sick bats, or bats behaving abnormally, alone
- if people are exposed, including inapparent exposure, trap the bats for testing

IX. HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Report

X. PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

July HHS Newsletter – No Report

XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE

XII. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Locke will contact Camille Scott to determine a time, possibly August, for the BOH meeting in Forks.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dr. Pete Schader questioned the BOH regarding the purpose of septic systems in the marine recovery area and the requirements for the repair of failing systems.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS _____
DAY OF _____ 2008.

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Michael C. Chapman, Chair

Camille Scott, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Patricia Richards, Clerk of the Board

Howard V. Doherty, Jr.

Stephen P. Tharinger

John E. Beitzel

Jeanette K. Stehr-Green, MD

Betsy Wharton