

2:00 p.m. - Convened/Board of Health.

Present: Troy Henderson, Michael Baker, Jeff Wilmoth, Chris Skidmore, Chelsea Cannard, Patricia Black, Debbie Walker-Labine and Meghan Johns.

DIVISION UPDATES:

Health Officer:

D076654F 18. The Director said the Asian flu is present. He has spoken with Bob Reynolds about the how it might affect our Fair as there have been some fairs cancelled.

Environmental Health:

076555 19. The Environmental Health report for May was reviewed by staff.

D076555A 19A. Chelsea Cannard went over the 2015 data for the Food Protection Program and talked about the new School Gardens program. Ms. Cannard is working with the Community Action Center for the school grant received for this program as well as involving the US and State Departments of Agricultures.

D076555B 19B. Chris Skidmore talked about the Drinking Water program and 2015 sanitary surveys. He spoke of the Nationwide needs assessment being conducted whereby 55 water systems in Washington have been selected for the assessment. Mr. Skidmore also mentioned the status of the Ewan Water System and statewide drought declared by the Governor.

D076555C 19C. Jeff Wilmoth reported on on-site septic issues. The first meeting with the On-Site Sewage Advisory Committee was held last week. Other area touched on included GIS for onsite sewage systems, vector problems and pool inspections.

D076555D 19D. Michael Baker noted it has been nearly one year since the new Environmental Health staff began and he congratulated them for their accomplishments. He also introduced Meghan Johns, Pullman Environmental Health support staff.

076656 20. The Chairman recessed the regular Board of Health and convened the hearing for proposed revisions to Whitman County Code, Chapters 15.04-On-Site Sewage and 15.08-Septic Tank Cleaning.

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Michael Baker indicated the current version of the code is out of date and in many cases not compliant with current state codes. A summarized version of proposed changes was distributed by Mr. Baker. The changes were reviewed within the department and with key stakeholders.

The hearing was opened to public comment. There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting of the Board of Health reconvened.

D076656A 21. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Board of Health recommends approval of the code revisions to the County Commissioners. The commissioners will consider adoption of the revised code on June 1st at 10 a.m.

Personal Health:

D076656B 22. Troy Henderson commented that he spoke with Hank Hannigan, Whitman Hospital Administrator about working together to extend services in the future to possibly Garfield, Endicott and Lacrosse and Mr. Hannigan was very interested in trying to move forward with this idea.

Administrative:

D076656C 23. Troy Henderson gave a brief staffing report.

Next Meeting/Adjournment:

D076656D 24. The meeting was adjourned. Next Board of Health meeting is July 20th.