

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

Present: Troy Henderson, Michael Baker, Jeff Wilmoth, Chris Skidmore, Candice Beathard, Mike Berney, Josh Babcock and Evan Ellis.

DIVISION UPDATES:

Health Officer:

D077001A 16. On behalf of Dr. Bowman, Mr. Henderson said there have been 6 cases of Influenza A & B. Outside sources indicate flu shot clinics will be held in November.

D077001B 16A. Mr. Henderson talked about the peanut manufacturer who knowingly shipped peanuts testing positive for Salmonella.

Environmental Health:

077002 17. Michael Baker said there has been some shifting of responsibilities upon the resignation of Ms. Cannard. The remaining staff is sharing the duties Ms. Cannard was previously responsible for.

D077002A 17A. To date there has been 174 food inspections; since July 5 new food establishments have opened; extremely busy with temporary events; working on FDA food program standardization. WSU is also being trained in the standardization inspection process. The focus is more of a risk-based inspection. The state will be on-site within the next year for standardization of the full inspection process at WSU food establishments.

D077002B 17B. The revised fee schedule took effect January 1st and Mr. Baker will be performing a comparison to ensure that the fees are covering costs and if not, they may have to revise the fees again.

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D077002C 17C. Food violations have been consistent this year with the improper holding of cold foods. Next week is the Food Advisory Committee meeting and they will be talking about how to better address this problem.

D077002D 17D. Jeff Wilmoth pointed out that the number of on-site sewage picked dramatically; the biggest increase has been the pumper reports and that information will be used to create a data base for on-site systems.

D077002E 17E. This week has been proclaimed by the Governor as "Septic Smart Week".

D077002F 17F. Regional fires in Washington and Idaho blanketed Whitman County for several days causing the Health Officer to issue a Public Health Advisory due to poor air quality. Surprisingly, Mr. Baker said the number of respiratory cases seen at the hospitals did not increase. The Department worked with WSU, Schweitzer Engineering and Pullman Transit on air quality issues and delivered masks to Pullman Transit employees.

D077002G 17G. Mr. Baker explained how Environmental Health is working to be more efficient with what they have.

D077002H 17H. Chris Skidmore said he has been working with the Landfill since the CPG dollars were cut this year impacting Solid Waste more than Environmental Health. By partnering with the Landfill and the Clearwater Environmental Institute, Environmental Health's CPG dollars is being used for educational outreach as part of the grant requirements.

D077002I 17I. The Northwest Stewardship Council spoke at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting about adopting the Paint Product Stewardship program. This approach shifts the financial and physical responsibility for end-of-life management of consumer products from local government to those who benefit economically from the sale of the products to those who use the products.

D077002J 17J. All of the seasonally permitted water recreation facilities have received a full inspection at least once during 2015. In October, Mr. Skidmore will be sending letters to owners of outlying community pools in order to provide resources and information about applying for grant money to make improvements to their facilities.

Personal Health:

D077002K 18. No report.

Administrative:

D077002L 19. Troy Henderson gave a brief staffing update.

077003 20. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Chairman signed the Professional Services contract with Candice Beathard as presented.

D077003A 21. Planned Parenthood approached Mr. Henderson and requested he ask the Board to consider temporarily leasing them office space at the Pullman Public Health office on Thursdays/Fridays until their offices are rebuilt. This is something the County Commissioners would have to act on and is just informational for the Board of Health. Evan Ellis asked if or when this item will be before the Board of County Commissioners. However, as of this time no request has been submitted to the County Commissioners. Commissioner Kinzer indicated the county needs to tread carefully because the county does not want to compete with the private sector in leasing out available space. Planned Parenthood needs to exhaust other entities and directions. Upon inquiry, Commissioner Kinzer said in his opinion, they are done with this issue unless they find out that there is absolutely no other Pullman office space available.

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Next Meeting/Adjournment:

D077003B 22. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adjourn the Board of Health. The next Board of Health meeting is November 16th.