Minutes
Board of Health Special Meeting
Chelan-Douglas Health District
May 26, 2020

Jill Thompson, Mayor, Town of Waterville and Board of Health Chair, called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video-conferencing and by phone. Participants could attend using either platform, with login information posted on the opening page of the CDHD web site.

Board Members Present:

Jill Thompson, Mayor, Town of Waterville
Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner
Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner
Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner
Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council
Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, Alternate for Ruth Esparza
Sharon Waters, Leavenworth City Council

Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator
Dr. Malcolm Butler, Health Officer
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator
Hilary Knelleken, Associate Administrator, Environmental Health

Board Discussion

Jill Thompson, Mayor, Board Chair, indicated that the first item on the agenda was "Discussion and possible action requesting the Governor to permit additional businesses to open" and opened the floor for discussion

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that that when they scheduled this meeting it was not clear whether a second proposal was going to be submitted to the Governor, but since then they have decided not to.

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, stated that at this point they are not prepared to move forward with a second variance proposal.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, asked if it was true that we had more cases last week then the week before.

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that was correct and that we actually had a record number of cases than any other previous week and it was after a 23% decline in testing.

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, stated that he had heard that Confluence Health had tested a large number of patients and was curious about the positive test results.

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that he was not sure about the number of tests Confluence did, but he would find out from our Epidemiologist, who compiles those numbers and get back to him.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, asked if Confluence Health is able to process tests in their own lab.

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that they are not able to perform their own testing yet. Barry reported that when tests are done the labs report it to the State and that is how we receive the data.

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, stated that he had also heard about Confluence Health had done a large number of tests and that the numbers did not match up.

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that he would try to resolve that issue.

Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, asked if we were collecting hospitalizations separately from positive testing when collecting data.

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that we are collecting hospitalizations separately. We are also trying to collect the total number of tests, but it is sometimes a challenge.

Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to move into executive session to discuss potential litigation for 30 minutes. Sharon Waters, Leavenworth Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

New Business

Barry Kling, Administrator, presented Resolution 2020-003 Chelan-Douglas Health District Board Regarding Safe Reopening During COVID-19 Pandemic for Board approval.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2020-003 Chelan-Douglas Health District Board Regarding Safe Reopening During COVID-19 Pandemic. Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-003, waiving the second reading should it be unanimous. Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, seconded the motion.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, stated that with the second reading being waived, she wanted to take roll of attendees to assure a unanimous vote. She opened the floor for discussion prior to doing so.

Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, stated that all concerns of the Board were addressed.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, took roll and all members voted unanimously to pass the resolution. Both Jill and Commissioner Overbay wanted to thank Barry and all of the staff at CDHD for their hard work and dedication during this difficult time.

Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion.

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, opposed the adjournment of the meeting in order to discuss scheduling the next meeting and the items of the agenda. He requested a meeting be schedule for next Monday, June 1 to discuss the 1.5 variance proposal.

Jill Thompson, Mayor, Board Chair, set another Special Meeting for Monday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. to review the CDC's activities list and discuss the 1.5 variance proposal.

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that there was an error on the Resolution and that it should actually be Resolution 2020-004 not 2020-003.

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-004 Chelan-Douglas Health District Board

Regarding Safe Reopening During COVID-19 Pandemic, waiving the second reading. Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, took roll once more and all Board members voted unanimously.

Jill Thompson, Board Chair, adjourned the special meeting at 5:12p.m.

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