

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 2p.m.
Leelanau County Government Center
8527 E Government Center
Suttons Bay MI 49682**

Chairperson Gary Sauer called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Barbara Conley – Leelanau County Member at Large
Ty Wessell – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Art Jeannot – Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large

Members Excused: Gwenne Allgaier – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services
Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health
Dan Thorell – Health Officer
Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director

Staff Excused: Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the October 23, 2024 Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Motion By: Conley to approve the October 23, 2024 BOH meeting minutes.

Seconded By: Wessell

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Jeannot to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Conley

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Public Comment - None

Health Officer Update- Dan Thorell

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. Thorell officially starts Monday, November 25, 2024 as BLDHD's fulltime Health Officer. He discussed what he would like to focus on within the first 90 days of being in this position. He would like to attend the county commissioner meetings for both counties to introduce himself and give an overview of what the Health Department does. It was suggested that BOH members could send him ideas of possible community groups he could join to help him connect with the community. Thorell would like to split his time between the Leelanau and Benzie offices. He would like to be available to staff and have set office hours. The Statewide Sanitary Code has had two more drafts since the last meeting and the drafts are still being discussed.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Conley to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of \$137,599.27.

Seconded By: Jeannot

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Conley- yea, Jeannot – yea, Wessell – yea, Kuiper – yea
5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 0 absent Motion carried

September Financial Statements

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

Seconded By: Kuiper

Roll Call Vote: Conley- yea, Wessell- yea, Kuiper– yea, Jeannot – yea, Sauer – yea
5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 0 absent Motion carried

October Financial Statements

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

Seconded By: Wessell

Roll Call Vote: Conley- yea, Wessell- yea, Kuiper – yea, Jeannot – yea, Sauer – yea
5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. The pertussis outbreak was discussed. Ticks are still active with the warmer weather. Bovine TB in deer was discussed. There have not been any new positive TB tests in the local deer herd since the one positive test earlier in the year. Most of the cattle herds in the affected area have been tested for TB, and all have been negative.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. Jennifer Flohe-Payne, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, was awarded the “Peer of the Year” by the MDHHS WIC Division. Jamie Demerly, a BLDHD nurse, received her Level 3 Advanced Certification as a Breastfeeding Support Professional. BLDHD is partnering with MDHHS in the Take Control of Your Birth Control campaign. The campaign is to raise awareness of how to access reproductive health care.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Administrative – Dodie Putney

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. A meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20th with Kendra Thompson, the architect, contractors and subcontractors to discuss the administration/environmental health office remodel at the Benzie Resource Center. Sealed bids are due on Tuesday, December 4th. A special BOH meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. to select the winning bid.

Public Comment – None

Board Comments – The BOH thanked Dr. Conley for her service.

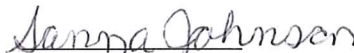
Adjourn

Motion By: Sauer to adjourn the BOH meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 0 absent **Motion carried**



Gary Sauer, Chair



Sanna Johnson, Recording Secretary