BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 2:00 p.m.

Leelanau County Government Center

8527 E. Government Center

Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Chairperson Gwenne Allgaier called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Dr. David Quimby – Leelanau County Member at Large

Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large

Gwenne Allgaier – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Members Excused:

Mark Walter – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Members Unexcused:

Len Mathieu – Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Staff Present:

Dan Thorell – Health Officer

Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director

Shelley Jablon – Director of Administrative Services

Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health

Bobbi Scott- Public Health Supervisor

Staff Excused:

Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health

Guest Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the August 26, 2026, Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the August 26, 2026, BOH meeting minutes.

Seconded By: Quimby

Voice Vote: 4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1 absent Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Quimby

Voice Vote: 4 **yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1 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.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Sauer to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of $150,784.19.

Seconded By: Kuiper

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Quimby- yea, Allgaier – yea, Kuiper – yea

4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1 absent Motion carried

August Financial Statements

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

Seconded By: Quimby

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea

4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1 absent Motion carried

FY 2026 Amended Budget

Motion By: Sauer to accept the FY 2026 Amended Budget as presented.

Seconded By: Quimby

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea

4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1absent Motion carried

FY 2027 Budget

Motion By: Sauer to accept the FY 2027 Budget as presented

Seconded By: Quimby

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea

4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1absent Motion carried

Office Closure of December 4, 2026 All Staff Meeting

Motion By: Sauer moved to approve the closure of the BLDHD offices on Friday, December 4, 2026, for the annual staff meeting.

Seconded By: Kuiper

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea

4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1absent Motion carried

Proposed Public Office Closure During Christmas/New Year Holiday

Motion By: Sauer moved to approve the closure of BLDHD offices to the public on December 28, 29, and 30, 2026, to allow staff the option of using paid time off to support important time with family.

Seconded By: Kuiper

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea

4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1absent Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Personal Health – Bobbi Scott

WIC food brochures were handed out to the BOH members and Scott gave a brief presentation on the program and its guidelines.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Administrative – Shelley Jablon

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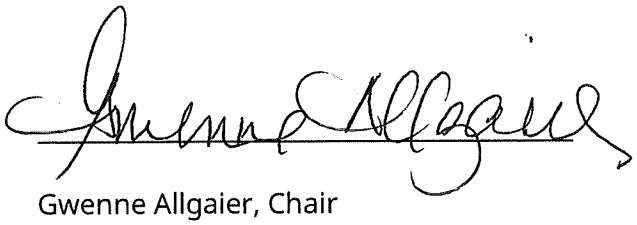
Public Comment – None

Board Comments – None

Adjourn

Motion By: Allgaier to adjourn the BOH meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Voice Vote: 4 yeas 0 nay 1 excused 1 absent Motion carried



Gwenne Allgaier, Chair



Sanna Johnson, Recording Secretary