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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

District 1 Board of Health

July 17, 2020 @ 3:00 PM

8500 N Atlas Road, Hayden, Idaho

ZOOM/ShoBen Room

Board Members Present: Commissioner Walk Kirby, Glen Bailey, Dr. Allen Banks, Jai Nelson, Dr. McLandress
Staff Present: Lora Whalen, Director; Don Duffy, PHS Division Administrator; Joe Righello, EHS Division Administrator; Mashelle Kenney, Human Resource Specialist; Christine Crummer, Finance Manager; Jill Ainsworth, Management Assistant; Katherine Hoyer, PIO; Jeff Lee, Epidemiologist
Guests: Ben Wolfinger, KCSO

1. Glen Bailey called the Board of Health meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.
2. Jeff Lee, Epidemiologist for Panhandle Health provided an information brief on the current status of COVID -19 in our community. He stated there has been exponential growth in the number of cases in June. Only one death since March has been directly attributed to COVID19. There have been 17 cases in long term care facilities There are 1051 positive virus cases. The hospital intensive care units are not currently at capacity; however, we will continue to see an increase in ICU COVID-19 related need. Kootenai County Sheriff Ben Wolfinger stated that if there was a mandate, the SO would not be able to enforce it from a law enforcement standpoint.
3. While there was no provision for public comments included in the agenda, a limited number of comments were expressed during the meeting, not supporting mandatory masking.

MOTION: Dr. McLandress moved to create an order mandating masks in Kootenai County, to include the appropriate masking exceptions and a requirement of social distancing. Motion died due to lack of a second.

4. The Board continued the discussion on masking. Board members present expressed their views on masking. Attorney for the Board of Health, Marc Lyons, stated any order should be before the entire Board.

MOTION: Jai Nelson moved to table any action on a mask mandate until the next Board of Health meeting on July 23, 2020, where a full Board is available. Seconded by Glen Bailey. In favor: Commissioner Walt Kirby, Dr. Allen Banks, Glen Bailey, Jai Nelson; Opposed: Dr. McLandress. Motion passed.

5. Glen Bailey adjourned the meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM .

Marlow Thompson 8/17/20
 Marlow Thompson, Chairman Date

Lora Whalen 8/17/20
 Lora Whalen, Director and Secretary to the Board Date

