

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES  
1930 9<sup>th</sup> AVE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601  
In-Person/Zoom Meeting, 1:00 p.m.  
June 27, 2024**

Members Present

Brie MacLaurin, chair  
Dr. Mikael Bedell, vice chair  
Commissioner Candace Payne  
Mayor Kelly Harris  
Katherine Weber  
Lisa Kaufman  
Rex Weltz  
Justin Murgel

Members Absent

Mayor Wilmot Collins

Staff Present

Drenda Niemann  
Jolene Helgersen  
Laurel Riek  
Nina Heinzinger  
Julie Bir  
Carin McClain  
Meliss Baker

Guests Present

Deputy County Attorney Nicho Hash  
City of Helena Commissioner Andy Shirtliff

Dr. Mikael Bedell, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes were made. No public comment was given.

**MINUTES**

Dr. Bedell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 23, 2024, minutes. There being no changes, the Board approved the minutes as written. No public comment was given.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board said farewell to Board member Justin Murgel as he completed the final board meeting of his two terms. The Board also said farewell to Public Health employee Jolene Helgersen who is leaving her employment with Public Health after 15 years of service.

Member of the public, City of Helena Commissioner Andy Shirtliff thanked Mr. Murgel for his time on the Board of Health.

**ACTION**

Appointment for Board of Health Executive Positions: Mr. Bedell enumerated the board positions that needed to be filled for FY2025. The Board made the following appointments:

- Brie McLaurin, chair
- Dr. Mikael Bedell, vice-chair
- Lisa Kaufman, hearing officer
- Brie McLaurin, Water Quality Protection District Board of Health Representative

Justin Murgel made a motion to approve Board of Health appointments for FY25. Commissioner Candace Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0. No public comment was given.

Soil Displacement Regulation Revision: Laurel Riek, Division Administrator, presented the Soil Displacement Regulation (see Attachment “A”) in which she highlighted the proposed changes to the regulation and the locations the draft regulations were posted for public comment. Ms. Riek also noted that no public comment was received during the 30-day public comment period. In answer to a question from Mr. Murgel, Ms. Riek said that any recent updates from the Environmental Protection Agency involving the soil levels will require an amendment to the regulations. There being no further board member discussion, Commissioner Candace Payne made a motion to recommend approval of the Soil Displacement Regulations to the Joint Governing Body. Mayor Kelly Harris seconded the motion. No public comment was given. The motion carried 8-0.

#### **BOARD MEMBER DISUCSSION**

Chronic Disease Prevention Program Update: Julie Bir, Chronic Disease Prevention Supervisor, Melissa Baker, with the Cancer Screening and Prevention program, and Carin McLain, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation program provided a program update (see Attachment “B”) in which they highlighted work that is being accomplished in their programs along with future program goals.

Licensed Establishment Fee Increase Update: Ms. Riek presented an update on the Licensed Establishment Fee increase proposal (on pages 22-23 of the board packet) in which she highlighted the need for the fee increase, the benefit of an increase, and the next steps. Commissioner Payne commented on the benefits of the fee increase that will ensure the safety of licensed establishments in Lewis and Clark County and the State of Montana.

Communicable Disease Response Plan: Nina Heinzinger, Licensed Establishment Supervisor, presented the Communicable Disease Response and Pandemic Flu Plan (on pages 25-26 of the board packet) along with a presentation (see Attachment “C”) in which she highlighted the Board of Health’s role during a communicable disease response and procedures outlined in the plan during a communicable disease outbreak. Ms. Niemann announced that the Board of Health can make emergency regulations immediately, and the Joint Governing Body has the ability to then review, change, repeal, or approve the regulations within a certain time period after the Board of Health’s action.

July Board of Health Meeting: Ms. Niemann announced that there will be no July Board of Health meeting. The next meeting will be on August 22, 2024.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Mikael Bedell, Vice Chair

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Drenda Niemann, Secretary

Closed Session: *The Board met in a closed session to discuss the Health Officer Annual Appraisal.*