The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **April 30, 2020** was called to order by Mayor Ben Wick, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

## **PRESENT**

Councilmember Ben Wick, Chair
Commissioner Mary Kuney, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Councilmember Breean Beggs
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson
Councilmember Linda Thompson
Mayor Kevin Freeman
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Chuck Hafner
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Al French

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consists of items considered routine, which are approved as a group. Any member of the Board may request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2020 2020 Vouchers paid: February 1-29, 2020

Voucher Numbers: Payroll Warrants: SRHD:	#253005 - #253271 #1073839- #1073849 #2894		\$ 1,442,122.97
Advice Numbers:	#DD55638 - #DD55892		\$949,803.02
Payroll Warrants:	#1075635		
Advice Numbers:	#DD55893 - #DD56147		\$868,370.66
		TOTAL	\$3,260,296.65
2020 Vouchers paid:	March 1-31, 2020		
Voucher Numbers:	#253272 - #253523 EFT B&O Excise Tax		\$ 1,395,626.62
Payroll Warrants:	#1076093- #1076652		. , ,
	#1076652- #1076652		
	#1077003- #1077007		
Advice Numbers:	#DD556148 - #DD56402		\$904,601.00
Payroll Warrants:	#1078326 - 1078337		
Advice Numbers:	#DD56403 - #DD56655		\$864,842.78

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Stratton/Freeman

**Approved:** Unanimously

#### **CHAIR REPORT** – Councilmember Ben Wick

• There was no report.

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The Board received an update on the Health District's response to the COVID-19 emergency. SRHD has spent \$910,000 on the response to date. There is \$1.15 million allocated to the agency from the Washington State Department of Health (WADOH). The Administrative Officer is meeting with Spokane County Commissioners regarding allocation of the CARES Act dollars.
- SRHD has received a letter from the Washington Hospitality Association requesting waiver of the business fees for restaurants due to the COVID-19 shutdown. This would be a cost of \$1,172,380 to the Food Safety program, which collects fees only for cost of the program. The agency will continue to look at ways to assist local restaurants having hardships.

# HEALTH OFFICER REPORT - Robert Lutz, MD, MPH, Health Officer

- There have been an additional five cases of Hepatitis A in Spokane County for a total of 91 cases.
- The Board received an update on COVID-19 in Spokane County.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

• With the resignation of the comptroller, the Administrative Officer is seeking a consulting firm to review processes and assure correct staffing models in the Finance program.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution #20-03 (1) Adoption of the Health Officer's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, (2) Suspension of Procurement Policies Related to COVID-19 Expenditures and (3) Authorizing the Use of the Emergency General Fund Reserves for COVID-19 Related Expenditures

Motion: To approve Resolution #20-03 as presented.

Motion/Second: Kuney/Wilkerson

**Approved:** Unanimously

Resolution #20-04 (1) Approving the Termination of Temporary Assignments of Ray Byrne as Interim Administrator and Ann Pitsnogle as Designated Staff and (2) Approving the Termination of Corresponding Temporary Supplemental Pay

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #20-04 as presented.

Motion/Second: Thompson/Kerns

**Approved:** Unanimously

# **NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on May 28, 2020.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

APPROVED: Bate: 6/9/20

Mayor Ben Wick, Board Chair

Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Searetary