

**MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS**  
**May 26, 2015**

Attendance: Randy Neatherlin, County Commissioner; Tim Sheldon, County Commissioner; Terri Jeffreys, County Commissioner; Terry Megiveron, Hospital District #1; Peggy VanBuskirk, Hospital District #2; Frank Phillips, Fire Commissioner; Mike Olsen, City of Shelton Commissioner. Terry Megiveron was absent; Dr. Yu was absent.  
Guests: Eileen Branscome, Teri King, Debbie Riley, Allie Perline & Cindy Wade.

1. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. There will be “other business” presented by Allie Perline and Vicki Kirkpatrick will give the Health Officer Report.
2. **Jeffreys/VanBuskirk moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Correspondence – There was no correspondence.
4. **Jeffreys/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Water Quality Program: Debbie Riley

Debbie Riley passed out literature regarding: Shellfish Growing Areas and 5 sub-basin designations. She explained the shellfish protection districts. There are protection districts pending at McClain Cove and Pickering Passage and the great bend area of Hood Canal. She explained that she hopes the BOCC will pass this.

Cmmr. Jeffreys asked about funding mechanisms.

Debbie Riley spoke about the possibility of funding matches.

Cmmr. Neatherlin spoke about PIC programs.

Chair Olsen said without coming up with our own funding sources, it will be a struggle.

Debbie Riley explained that Ecology funds are used for pilot projects and the elected body needs to keep it running. It is intended for start up money.

Cmmr. Sheldon said there are so many entities involved so it makes it confusing. He confirmed that BOH can structure and adopt although they cannot implement it.

Debbie Riley said the BOH would recommend it to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Some counties charge a per parcel fee to implement their plan.

Cindy Wade said that some counties SWM (surface and storm water management) programs assess a fee to each developed property.

Peggy VanBuskirk asked about exemptions.

Chair Olsen said we are all in this together to save the quality of our water so he doesn't know why anyone would be exempt.

Cindy Wade said she believes in education and informing people. Services reminders are important and she doesn't feel O & M will send out reminders.

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Debbie Riley said people who take care of their systems do not hear from them. She also commented that if there is no sustainable source of funding they cannot maintain a trained work force in the event of emergency.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked about the people who would be asked to pay although they don't live on the waterfront or near a lake.

Debbie Riley said it's about a lot more than lakes. It's about protecting everyone from pollution and maintaining a healthy and safe water quality for everyone in the County.

Chair Olsen said it's pretty minimal to pay nineteen dollars a year to protect recreation and shellfish in Mason County.

Debbie Riley read sections of RCW 70.07 Public Health and Safety.

Cmmr. Sheldon reiterated the options.

Steve Bloomfield reminded the Board that the shellfish protection district can tax the districts per state law.

Teri King commented that there were a couple of times when the County was taxed as districts.

Debbie Riley will be available to answer questions although the BOCC will ultimately make the final decision.

6. Health Officer Report: Vicki Kirkpatrick gave the health officer report.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is still higher than expected. There were two cases reported in the past month in Mason County.

There are no reported cases of measles in Mason County. Vicki stated that there have been four vaccination clinics in Mason County and they will continue.

In the event of pandemic they may need to alter standards of care and use cooperative efforts to save lives.

They will do Tuberculosis (TB) screening and start a pilot program with TB testing with Washington State Department of Health. Targeted outreach group is the Guatemalan population.

7. Other Business: Allie Perline spoke about the Youth Leadership recognition plaque. The plaque will be presented to a group of CHOICE High School Students for their efforts in re-vamping the trail behind the library. This plaque will be presented on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 8:15 a.m. at Oakland Bay Jr. High School. Allie asked if the BOH Chair would make a recognition speech and asked the other members of Board of Health to attend to show support. She thinks having community leaders who advocate health would be great.

8. Vicki Kirkpatrick announced that Terry Megiveron, who is currently representing Hospital District #1, is leaving and will be replaced by Eileen Branscome. Vicki introduced Eileen Branscome.

9. Public Comment - Steve Bloomfield said that Seattle Shellfish is trying to establish boys and girls clubs in Mason County. He said they feel it's important for physical and mental health for children. They want to build on youth as hope for the future. He thinks businesses in the community can help to make this a success.

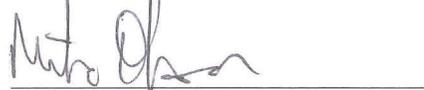
10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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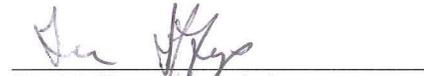
  
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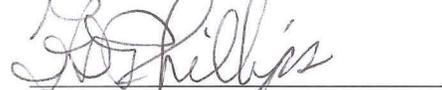
  
Mike Olsen, Chair

Absent  
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

  
Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner

  
Terri Jeffreys, Commissioner

  
Peggy Van Buskirk, Hospital District #2

  
Frank Phillips, Fire Commissioner

  
Vicki Kirkpatrick, Health Director

  
Eileen Branscome, Hospital District #1