



PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

1478 E Hwy 162 Montezuma Creek, Utah 84534 (North Conference Room)

April 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER - 12:15 pm

1. **ROLE CALL**

Board Chair Ron Skinner, Board Vice-Chair Sylvia Zhonnie, Board Member Suzette Morris, Board Member Steve Hiatt, Board Member Lois Young, Board Member Revina Talker, County Commission Representative Jamie Harvey, Public Health Director Mike Moulton, Business Manager Tyler Ketron

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA

2. **Approve Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2025**

Motion: Suzette Morris

Second: Sylvia Zhonnie

Vote: Unanimous

3. **Approve Today's Agenda**

Motion: Steve Hiatt

Second: Suzette Morris

Vote: Yes - Sylvia Zhonnie, Suzette Morris, Steve Hiatt

Abstained - Ron Skinner, Jamie Harvey

PUBLIC COMMENT

BUDGET UPDATE

4. Expenditure Summary - Tyler Ketron (Business Manager)

Tyler Ketron presented and explained the spreadsheet that is used internally at the Health Department to track contract balances. The board requested that he email a copy of the spreadsheet to them to review.

5. COVID-19 Funding Cuts - Tyler Ketron

Tyler Ketron discussed the COVID-19 contracts that were terminated early and the financial impact associated with the cuts.

Mike Moulton explained to the board how the funding cuts have a direct impact on the funding source for any local epidemiology-related work. He is currently looking at alternative duties for the local epi to perform for the time being.

INFORMATIONAL / RECOGNITION ITEMS

6. DRAFT Survey to gather community input and improve outreach strategies related to the White Mesa Mill

Adam Wingate from the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control discussed the survey that was created by himself and Alejandra Toscano to gather community input. They are working towards implementing the survey. The goal is to find what the community concerns are and how to effectively communicate.

There was a discussion about what would happen if there were an emergency involving the transportation of ore. Adam provided an example of one of the mill's emergency response plans and explained that the mill has plans in place for any type of emergency.

The survey includes any concerns that the citizens have regarding the mill. It is one step towards effective communication between all parties involved. The goal is to provide education and communication to the community.

Commissioner Harvey explained that a lot of citizens of the Navajo Nation communities are upset that they didn't have any say in the Navajo Nation's decision to accept the agreement for transportation of uranium. They also expressed that they need funding and resources to set up emergency response coordination in each chapter. The board agreed that more communities should be included in the survey.

7. Hiring Needs - Mike Moulton (Interim Director)

Mike Moulton discussed the department's open positions and the difficulty in filling those positions. There is concern that the department is not offering enough compensation for the Nursing Director position. Open positions include Health Officer, Nursing Director, Public Health Nurse, and a part-time front desk person.

8. Administrative Communications and updating of the current contact information for board members - Ron Skinner (Chairman)

Ron Skinner discussed the process of hiring a Health Officer and the difficulties associated with that. Ron and Commissioner Harvey talked about their meeting with leadership from the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services regarding the hiring of a Health Officer. Members of the board requested that they receive more communication regarding future meetings that the Health Board Chair and Interim Health Officer attend.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

CONFIRM FUTURE MEETING TIME & LOCATION

It was decided that the next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Suzette Morris - 2:22 pm

Second: Sylvia Zhonnie

Vote: Unanimous

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