

GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Garfield County Public Health District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in person and via call in go to meeting. Present via call in go to meeting and in person were James Nelson, Larry Ledgerwood, Patty Blachly, Martha Lanman, Justin Dixon, Vonni Mulrony, Patti Weaver, Dr. Guffey, and Laura Dixon. No public comment. The January 21st minutes were presented for approval, along with the vouchers, February payroll and January financial report. Larry Ledgerwood moved, Patty Blachly seconded, and it was passed to approve the minutes, vouchers (116850 to 116869 in the amount of \$19,649.49), February 10th payroll in the amount of \$32,575.95 and January 2025 financial report were passed to approve.

MONTHLY			
	Century LinkLD	4221 Telephone	
116850	Century Link Basic	4221 Telephone	82.63
116851	Kelley Create	3163 Printed Material	68.97
116852	Garfield Co Public Works	4863 Equipment Maint	2,972.83
116853	Inland Cellular	4221 Telephone	40.70
116854	US Postal Service	4222 Postage	2.07
116855	Quadient Leasing USA Inc	4222 Postage	10.32
February Invoices			
116856	Jackie Tetrick	4300 Travel	121.80
116857	Jessica Nelson	4300 Travel	232.18
116858	Bank of Eastern Oregon-CE	4978 Sub/4979 Registrations/4221 Telephone/3125 Prog supp	2,053.93
116859	Bank of Eastern Oregon-LD	3110 Office Supplies/3121 Printed Material/3125 Program Supp	537.64
116860	Bank of Eastern Oregon-ML	4978 Subscriptions	243.99
116861	Quill	3110 Office Supplies	181.00
116862	Lamar	4400 Advertising	570.00
116863	Ednetics	4221 Telephone	1,103.95
116864	East Washingtonian	4400 Advertising	144.00
116865	QBH	4199 Professional Services	1,060.60
116866	Heidi Berthoud Consulting	4199 Professional Services	8,345.00
116867	Sarah Steele	3125 Program Supplies	330.00
116868	Printcraft	3121 Printed Material	1,317.58
116869	Chelsey Eaton	4300 Travel	230.30
		TOTAL	19,649.49

Old Business: FPHS update: We are monitoring what the budget shortfall will be for the coming year. SEWAAH update: Martha handed out a flyer laying out how the SEWAAH funding was spent in the past year, many good things were accomplished in Garfield County. She also gave some history on the Intia funding for the board members. Childcare update: Pomeroy Community Connection is an official nonprofit. The next step will be to get the building officially

donated to the new nonprofit and then moving forward with finding grants for the development of the building. The first meeting with the grant writer went well and there are lots of options available.

New Business: Health officer update: Dr. Guffey gave us a very informative presentation. She showed us a slide that outlined her objectives to review mostly regional info, some State info, and then a little of what’s happening nationally. She reported that regionally we are seeing a lot of Influenza A/B and it is affecting hospital capacities. There are multiple measles exposures that are being monitored. There is possible Rabies contamination via organ donor tissue. We are monitoring infections caught from animals ie H5N1, tularemia, and brucellosis and we are still seeing some TB in Washington state. She reported that some new research shows an increasing rate of cancer in women and younger populations(u50). Around the state Dr. Guffey reported that they Governor is looking for a new Secretary of Health for Washington, there are many budget cuts planned and that is affecting staffing across the state. They are talking about reinstating a State Health officer, along with a Secretary of Health. She also updated us on some prevalent public health concerns across the nation and globally. Dr. Guffey and Martha will be working on getting a rural doctor’s meeting going in our area to see how we can best support our rural medical professionals. She also attended our wellness committee meeting at the school and helped update those policies and we will bring the summary of the changes to the next meeting. We then discussed the vaping sensors at the high school and Jim gave us an overview of how they have been working. We will be helping the school purchase 4 more for the other bathrooms at the high school. Martha reported that February is heart and dental health month, and our senior center presentation will revolve around heart health and Jackie will be doing extra dental awareness. Our phones are not installed yet but hopefully it will be soon. We have decided to move the SAIL class to the Pomeroy Church of the Nazarene and will be offering it weekly. We added the church to the insurance policy as an additional insured and are looking forward to offering this course to more individuals with the increased space. Patti Weaver asked if we knew if they had an AED at the church, we will be looking into that and if not see if we can get them one. Martha reported that the employee reviews are finished and went well. Patti Weaver asked for clarification on what qualified as deliverables in our grants and Laura gave an example. We discussed the March meeting date, Laura asked to move the meeting to March 24th ,the 4th Monday of the month due to vacation. It was approved to move the meeting, and Laura will advertise it accordingly.

The next meeting will be Monday March 24th at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dixon
Assistant Administrative Secretary

Board Member

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