The Irwin County Board of Health met Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. by conference call.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Joey Whitley, Chairman | Mavis Miller, Secretary | Dr. William R. Grow |
| Mayor Matt Seale, Vice-Chairman | Albert Williams | Dwain Butler |
| Dr. Casey Conner |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Kerry Billingsley |  | Teresa Giles |
| Paige Wynn |  | Michelle Stone |
|  |  | Alex Collins |
|  |  | Jean Moore |
|  |  | Kenneth Lowery |

**Call to Order**

* Joey Whitley called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

* Dr. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Billingsley. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business**

**Financial Information** – **Teresa Giles (See Attachments)**

* Ms. Giles presented the Revenue and Expense Summary. The health department is through the 75% of the fiscal year with 65.10% of the budget spent.
* Ms. Giles was asked about Irwin’s revenue as it relates to COVID-19. She indicated revenue would be down, but the state is looking into ways to assist with finances in the future. Ms. Giles will submit a monthly loss of revenue summary due to COVID-19 to Patrina to send out to the Board.
* Mayor Seale made a motion to approve the Revenue and Expense Summary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Conner. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Public Health Updates** – **William R. Grow, MD, FACP**

* Dr. Grow provided an update on COVID-19 activities in the District after the governor issued a shelter-in-place order on March 15, 2020.
* All health departments and programs are only providing essential services. Limited services are being provided by Women’s Health, WIC, and Environmental Health. Limited STD services are also offered.
* The State has requested at least one Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) site be opened in each District. Currently, there are two locations serving the ten counties – one in Lowndes and one in Tift.
* A hotline has also been established to allow providers to call and submit their patient’s information. They will receive a Personal Unique Identification (PUI) number which will allow the patient to schedule an appointment to be tested.
* Dr. Grow noted that a lot of planning and organization went into opening the SPOCs. Staff were trained and fitted with N95 masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE).
* Dr. Grow also added that health departments in the district were not being shut down.
* Mr. Billingsley asked about food deliveries and discussed the precautions taken when making home deliveries to Turner County students. Mr. Lowery included that the deliveries could continue as long as employees were wearing protective equipment and maintaining a safe distance from students.
* Dr. Grow advised staying as far away from others as possible to protect yourself and to prevent the spread of the virus.

**Nurse Manager’s Report- Michelle Stone, RN (Attachment)**

* Ms. Stone reiterated that Irwin is offering only essential services at this time. This includes birth control refills and problematic STDs.
* Staff are assisting with the SPOCs in Tifton.
* Patients are being screened before they can enter the health department. The community is also encouraged to stay at home if possible.

**Environmental Updates – Alex Collins (Attachment)**

* Mr. Collins reviewed the inspection report since the January meeting.
* There has been an increase in inspections since the last meeting.
* Mayor Seale asked if there have been complaints about restaurants not complying with state regulations during the pandemic. Mr. Collins indicated he has not received any.

**Announcements**

* Ms. Bowles reminded the Board that all district offices and health departments would be closed April 10, 2020 for the holiday, but the SPOCs will be open, and the district will have limited staff in the office.

**Adjournment**

* Mr. Whitley adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mavis Miller, Secretary

Patrina Bowles, Typist