The Tift County Board of Health met by conference call on Wednesday, June 2, 2020 at 1:45 p.m.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman |  | Adam Hathaway |
| Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Alice Archie, LPN |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Julie Smith, Secretary |  | Mecca Lewis |
| Alice Archie. LPN |  | Darrin Wilson |
| Tina Moody, RN |  | Dwain Butler |
| Melissa Hughes |  | Jill Reade |
|  |  | Maria Martinez |
|  |  | David Wilber |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Raymond Moreno called the meeting to order at 1:47 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of April 15, 2020 Minutes**

* Charlotte Bedell made a motion to approve the April 15, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Tina Moody. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Public Health Updates – Dwain Butler**

* Mr. Butler provided a COVID-19 update and announced there are specimen collection sites in all ten counties in the District. He also provided Tift County Health Department’s testing hours which are Monday-Wednesday (8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.), Thursday (8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.).
* As of the board meeting, 4,855 individuals were tested throughout the district – 792 of those were tested in Tift County as of June 1, 2020. There are currently 245 positive cases and 18 deaths reported in Tift County.
* Mr. Butler reminded the Board that testing is free, and the individual does not have to leave their vehicle to be tested. Anyone who would like to be tested may call the health department.
* Mr. Butler also reviewed staffing for COVID-19 as well as the preparations being taken to ensure employee and patient safety. The lobby at the health department remains closed at this time.

**Mr. Butler leaves at 1:58 p.m.**

**Financial Information - Teresa Giles**

* Ms. Giles presented the Tift County Health Department’s FY2021 Budget. She informed the Board that Tift’s fund balance is in great shape. An RN vacancy may be filled, and a truck will be purchased for environmental health. These decisions will be made based on funding for the remainder of the year.
* Ms. Giles noted the 14% reduction in GIA funding, which is included in the budget. The budget is based on projections submitted to the state office. More about these projections may not be known until the first of July.
* After a discussion, Ms. Bedell made a motion to approve the Tift County Health Department’s FY2021 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Smith. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Ms. Giles leaves at 2:04 p.m.**

**Nurse Manager – Mecca Lewis**

* Ms. Lewis provided a health department update regarding COVID-19. One mobile testing was conducted at Diversified Enterprises and went very well.
* Ms. Lewis responded to Board questions regarding referrals, testing and follow-up.

**Environmental/Public Health Updates – Jill Reade**

* Ms. Reade presented the Environmental Health update and announced that routine inspections have begun between operating SPOCs. Ms. Reade also responded to questions regarding social distancing violations in restaurants.

**Diversified Enterprises Update – David Wilber**

* Mr. Wilber announced that Diversified moved to shelter-in-place/teleworking status on March 13, 2020 prior to the governor’s orders. He noted that as of June 1, 2020, Diversified has no reported COVID-19 cases and outlined safety measures being taken to ensure employee and patient safety. Diversified’s offices will reopen June 1, 2020 by appointment only.
* Mr. Wilber thanked Ms. Lewis and her staff for providing COVID-19 testing at Diversified. Twenty-five were tested last Thursday.
* Mr. Wilber informed the Board that Diversified was also asked by the state to reduce the budget by 14%.
* Darrin Wilson presented Diversified Enterprises’ FY2021 budget and provided an outline of key points in the budget. After a brief review of the budget, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve Diversified Enterprises’ FY2021 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Moreno reminded the Board of the August 4, 2020 meeting.
* Mr. Hathaway announced graduation ceremonies will be held June 14, 2020 utilizing a shared plan with public health and law enforcement. The ceremony will also be available on YouTube.

**Adjournment**

* Dr. Moreno adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

Maria Martinez, Typist