The Tift County Board of Health met by conference call on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 1:45 p.m.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman | Alice Archie, LPN | William R. Grow, MD, FACP |
| Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman |  | David Wilber |
| Adam Hathaway |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Melissa Hughes |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Julie Smith, Secretary |  | Tamika Pridgon |
| Tina Moody, RN |  | Mecca Lewis |
|  |  | April Robinson |
|  |  | Maria Rodriguez |
|  |  | Ken Lowery |
|  |  | Dwain Butler |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Moreno called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of August 3, 2020 Minutes (Attached)**

* Mr. Hathaway made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bedell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Information - Teresa Giles (Attached)**

* Ms. Giles reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary, noting the budget was revised in September due to a change in the Grant-in-Aid allotment. Tift did not receive any cuts to this allotment.
* The health department’s revenue and fund balance are both in good shape.
* All funds have been received from the county. COVID funding will assist with some of the loss in fees, which are down due to the reduction in services offered.

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

* Dr. grow updated the Board on COVID-related statistics in Tift County. There are currently1,824 confirmed cases and 57 deaths in Tift County. A total of 3,600 specimens were collected.
* The 2021 County Board of Health Schedule was provided.
* Ken Lowery, the District’s epidemiologist, informed the board about a partnership with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have formed to create a better guidance on how to work with the schools regarding team sports and COVID cases. There is currently no specific information on how to manage a team when there are positive cases. Mr. Lowery noted that DPH uses case investigation and contact tracing to manage cases.

**County Nurse Manager’s Update – Mecca Lewis (Attached)**

* Ms. Lewis provided a health department update, informing the Board about ongoing COVID testing. Agency nurses and EMTs are assisting.
* Flu season has begun, and vaccinations are being provided at schools and off-site agencies.

**Environmental/Public Health Updates – Jill Reade (by Tamika Pridgon)**

* Ms. Pridgon reviewed environmental health activities for Tift County. Staff have worked 1,811 hours in COVID response.
* Citations have been issued to Quality Inn due to non-compliance with their swimming pool. Since their October 1, 2020 court appearance, this matter has been improved.

**Diversified Enterprises Update – David Wilber (Attachments)**

* Mr. Wilber provided Diversified Enterprises status which is still to shelter-in-place/telework as much as possible. Essential travel is conducted only for those supported.
* As of October 1, 2020, Diversified had six direct COVID cases.
* Mr. Wilber announced the receipt of $86,000 in HHS (Provider Relief) funding. These funds are used to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and to assist with COVID-related expenses. To date, $65,000 of that funding has been used.
* Diversified is not registered as a DPH Point of Dispensing (POD).

**Announcements**

* Dr. Moreno reminded the Board of the December 1, 2020 meeting by conference call.

**Adjournment**

* Dr. Moreno adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist