



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Riebe, Commissioner, Payette County – present
Jim Harberd, Commissioner, Washington County – present
Zach Brooks, Commissioner, Canyon County – present
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County – present
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present
John Tribble, MD, Physician Representative – not present
Kirk Wille, Commissioner, Gem County – present

STAFF MEMBERS:

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Harshman, Beth Kriete, Ben Shatto, Michele Hanrahan

Virtual: Colton Osborne

GUESTS: Mike Kane

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. John Tribble – not present; Commissioner Purdy – present;
Commissioner Harberd – present; Vice Chairman Brooks – present; Commissioner Riebe –present;
Commissioner Wille – present

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi asked for additional agenda items. Board members had no additional agenda items or changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Harberd seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided in person, and no public comments were submitted through the online submission mechanism.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

New employees were introduced.

APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2026 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the May 19, 2026 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the May 19, 2026 minutes as presented. Commissioner Wille seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

MAY 2026 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Michele Hanrahan shared the May 2026 monthly expenditure and revenue report. As of the end of May, SWDH is 91.7% of the way through the fiscal year. The finance team is working to prepare for fiscal year end.

CONTRACT SERVICES AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

Michele reported that no new contract services or grant applications are currently in process.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONFIRMATION OF TERM RENEWALS

Commissioner Purdy's term renewal confirmation ballots have been distributed to the Boards of County Commissioners across our district. The Washington County ballot is pending receipt.

SEPTEMBER 2026 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING DATE REVISION

The September Board of Health meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026 conflicts with the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Annual Meeting scheduled for September 21 – 23, 2026. Board members discussed rescheduling the Board of Health meeting to either September 15 or September 29.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to revise the annual meeting calendar to reschedule the September Board of Health meeting from September 22, 2026 to September 29, 2026. Commissioner Wille seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) HIGH UTILIZERS IN DISTRICT 3

Jathan Nalls, Branch Chief, Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and Bozena Morawski, Epidemiologist, Idaho Hospital Association, presented data on non-emergency high utilizers (calling 911 3 or more time in 3 months or 6 or more time in 6 months) of EMS within the region Southwest District Health (SWDH) serves. The primary drivers for the non-emergency high utilizers of EMS include pain, weakness, administrative/non-clinical (primary lift assist), respiratory issues, injury and trauma, and behavioral or psychiatric needs.

Jathan explained that the typical Community Health Emergency Medical Services (CHEMS) model that has been in place for the last 20+ years is not financially sustainable to go to its peak due to the impact on revenue when 911 caller volume decreases. When EMS responds and assists the caller without transporting, no revenue is generated. Incorporating physician-backed mobile health may be beneficial since it is a source of revenue when tied directly to CHEMS.

Dispatchers trained as emergency medical dispatchers (EMDs) must be managed by a physician but are trained to triage calls better and identify when EMS services are required.

The health district may have an option to contact the high utilizers regarding care coordinating but due to HIPAA requirements may need consent first.

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

Mike Kane, SWDH Legal Counsel, shared information on abatement of nuisance statutes and options available to SWDH. He explained that when defining nuisances, statutes are vague with generalities and recommended that SWDH seek injunctive relief from the courts to address nuisances including improper septic systems. An injunction is simply a way to go to a court and ask the court to tell people to stop doing something.

Mike suggested county prosecutors and law enforcement can be good allies with getting compliance when they are willing to assist and encouraged the health district to work with those agencies.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS OF HEALTH (IABDBH) RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS STATEMENTS INPUT

Nikki shared topics that are under consideration for resolutions or position statements for the upcoming legislative session.

Topics include:

- Food Fees
- Kratom
- Abatement of rodents
- 988 mobile crisis reimbursement
- Cell phone ban in schools
- Septic material dump locations

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director approved agreements, contracts, and subgrants

Summary pages for grants, contracts, agreements, and subgrants are included in the meeting packet.

Rural Health Transformation Grant Update

Southwest District Health staff have been reviewing opportunities available through the Rural Health Transformation Grant and are available to be a resource. Diane Demaris, SWDH grant writer, will be writing grants on behalf of SWDH.

Nikki anticipates that jail or EMS staff may want to apply and she can send links to BoH members when grant funding opportunities go live.

Infectious disease threats and surveillance activities

Nikki provided an update on infectious diseases being monitored and said that the Ebola outbreak is continuing to grow with cases now occurring in Uganda that are all connected to people exposed in Democratic Congo. Nikki also provided brief updates on the reemergence of New World Screwworm in the U.S. as well as the H1N1 influenza outbreak in Idaho dairies across the district and state, and SWDH's role in preventing and monitoring transmission to humans.

Legal counsel update

Mike Kane, SWDH legal counsel, will retire in October. Districts 3 and 4 have interviewed candidates for legal representation and will make a selection soon.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as written:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Kelly Aberasturi
Chairman

Date: July 28, 2026