BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 27, 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 – not present
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present
John Tribble, MD, Physician Representative – present
Kirk Wille, Commissioner, Gem County – present

STAFF MEMBERS:
In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Harshman, Ben Shatto, Don Lee, Michele Hanrahan, Beth Kriete

Virtual: Colton Osborne

GUESTS: None

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
Vice Chairman Zach Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Chairman Aberasturi – not present; Dr. John Tribble – 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
Vice Chairman Zach Brooks 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 Wille seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment was provided in person or through the online submission mechanism.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES
No new employees were introduced.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the September 29, 2026 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the September 29, 2026 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Tribble seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

SEPTEMBER 2026 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Michele Hanrahan, SWDH Financial Officer, shared the September 2026 monthly expenditure and revenue report. Year-to-date revenues exceed year-to-date expenditures by $165,145. For the month of September, revenues exceed expenditures for $176,554. Revenues by programs have collected 35.97% of budgeted revenue which is about 11% more than our point in the fiscal year due to payments from last month for the opioid settlement and millennium fund annual allotment received in that month.

Expenditures reflect 25.46% of budget for expenditures – slightly above target for this point in the fiscal year. Michele also shared the committed and restricted funds and LGIP balances.

CONTRACT SERVICES AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

Don Lee shared new contract services or grant applications that are currently in process. Applications for Rural Health Transformation Grant funding were submitted and SWDH has received two grants. Two additional applications submitted to the Rural Health Transformation Grant were not selected including a request for infrastructure grant and a grant for substance use prevention funding through the clinics team.

EMERGING TOPICS: VECTOR SURVEILLANCE

Ben Shatto, Environmental and Community Health Services and Emergency Preparedness Division Administrator, shared information about the increased population of rats in the Treasure Valley, primarily Eagle and Boise. There are three main species of rats in the Treasure Valley, two are invasive and one is native. Most people are aware of the Norway rat which is about 7 – 9 inches long and significantly bigger than house mice. Roof rats have very long tails and like to be in soffits and attics. Pack rats have bushy tails and very large ears. Pack rats are considered a keystone species meaning other animals use their nests for protection or dens.

Ben explained that this increase in rat population is concerning due to the potential spread of disease, fire hazards due to wiring damage, and livestock loss and disease transmission. To address the concerns about increasing rat populations, Ada County Board of Commissioners hosted an informational meeting last month. Commissioners are hopeful for state or federal funding and Central District Health committed $250,000 to address the issue primarily in Ada County. Private industry representatives who attended the meeting indicated they have capacity to and want the chance to address issues.

Central District Health intends to promote educational resources to remediate the issues, implement a trial contraception remediation, partner with local high schools for owl boxes, use mapping/outreach tools, and pest control assistance support. Next steps for SWDH's response include social media campaign, education, surveillance, and response to questions from residents. Ben anticipates no extra cost to the district for this rat campaign.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AGREEMENT

Health district directors and Environmental Health division administrators are working with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on an agreement. In light of the nuisance issues in Canyon County, all groups are working to expedite completion of the agreement.

Commissioner Brooks asked about the ability to recover the costs for the nuisance and abatement work. Nikki explained that we do not currently have a mechanism to charge a fee and that this work is currently supported with county contributions which are essentially property tax dollars. Commissioner Brooks asked if code enforcement fees can be added to ensure the cost of the work to remedy these efforts is covered. Nikki and Ben will check with legal counsel to see if this would be applicable under the abatement code.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director approved agreements, contracts, and subgrants

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

Tort claim follow up

The tort claim related to the sub surface sewage disposal work was reviewed by SWDH staff and state risk management. Risk management notified the claimant that the claim has been denied following claim and documentation review.

Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) meeting overview

The IADBH meeting was held last Thursday, October 22. Commissioner Riebe, Commissioner Brooks, Commissioner Aberasturi, and Commissioner Purdy joined the meeting. The Association voted to support the resolution on kratom as well as Central District Health's resolution asking the legislature to provide exemptions for verifying lawful presence when customers come in for food or environmental health permits. Association members approved the budget for next year with no next steps identified.

2027 Board of Health workplan input

The 2027 Board of Health workplan development is underway. Nikki asked for input on special presentation requests to include in the workplan. Board members suggested including community paramedicine and behavioral health services overviews with a request to include children and youth mental health population trends in pharmaceutical use in treating children.

2027 Board of Health Meetings – day of the week

Nikki asked for board member input on the best day of the week for Board of Health meetings as some members have conflicts with Commissioner meetings and other commitments on Tuesdays. Thursday works best for most board members.

2026 Public Health Symposium - Following November Board of Health meeting

The Public Health Symposium will be held next month following an abbreviated Board of Health meeting on Thursday, November 19. Nikki will share information with Board members to use to invite legislators. She will include an image that can be texted with save the date information.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
No future agenda items were suggested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 74-206(b)
Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b), board members entered executive session at 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Riebe made a motion to go into executive session. Dr. Tribble seconded the motion. Roll call taken.

At 11:47 a.m. board members came out of executive session.

ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
No action was taken pursuant to the Executive Session.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:

Zach Brooks
Vice-Chairman

Date: November 19, 2026