

STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

March 19, 2015

A teleconference meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Gordon Myerchin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in AV Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

Members present:

Gordon Myerchin, Grand Forks, Chairman
Mike Jones, Bismarck, Secretary
Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck
Jerry Jurena, Bismarck
Leona Koch, Raleigh
Duane Pool, Bismarck
Jennifer Schaeffer, Medora
Dennis Wolf, MD, Dickinson

Members absent:

Wade Peterson, Mandan, Vice Chairman
Greg Allen, Jamestown
Howard Anderson, Turtle Lake

Others present:

Fran Bosch, Williston Vector Control District #1
Carol Greve, Williston Vector Control District #1
Londa Rodahl, Recording Secretary

Williston Vector Control District #1

The Council questioned Mr. Bosch regarding the written comment received from Blaine Jorgenson and Mr. Bosch's response to that comment. Mr. Bosch stated he knew Mr. Jorgenson was in favor of the boundary expansion. He noted that Mr. Jorgenson allows the District to conduct field trials of new products on his property. A couple years ago Montana State University sent a couple graduate students who were doing research and he provided them with an area to do that also.

Mr. Bosch stated that Mr. Jorgenson is satisfied with what the District has done in Williston but rightfully concerned about what happens to the people living in rural areas. Unfortunately, with the money provided, countywide aerial spraying couldn't be done unless there was a public health emergency, which would mean large cases of West Nile Virus. If the boundaries were expanded and that situation occurred, they'd be able to respond much quicker if they didn't have to contact the various communities and get landowner permission and congested air space waivers to do an emergency spray. If there was reduced funding for the District, they'd have to do what benefits the most people with the funds available.

DENNIS WOLF MOVED THE HEALTH COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE BOUNDARY EXPANSION OF WILLISTON VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT #1. SECOND BY GENNY DIENSTMANN.

The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Dienstmann, Jones, Jurena, Koch, Myerchin, Pool, Schaeffer, and Wolf voted 'aye'. Pool abstained. There were no 'nay' votes. Allen, Anderson and Peterson—absent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted,

Mike Jones, Secretary