CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Judy Turner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Matthew Ung to approve the agenda, seconded by Rod Earleywine. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2020 REGULAR MEETING – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN MEETING MINUTES
Matthew Ung moved to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the March 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Adam Lloyd. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
The Payable Register for Siouxland District Health (SDH) was emailed to Board of Health (BOH) members on March 31, 2020. Department bills were reviewed and approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT
Tyler Brock, Deputy Director & Director of Laboratory Services, provided an update to the BOH. Most activities during the month have been COVID-19 related. Eastern Iowa positive cases have been increasing – started in Johnson County (Iowa City) and now Polk (Des Moines) and Linn (Cedar Rapids) Counties. There are only four cases in Woodbury. Monona County has five cases, Sioux County four, and a scattering in neighboring Counties. As SDH staff are waiting for the wave to come across the state, preparation is underway. Two teams of four staff are ready to do case investigations. Staff are contacting long-term care facilities to establish communication regarding their preparation for COVID-19 cases and guidelines for visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff.

The Director of Health and Deputy Director are participating in daily Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings. EOC leadership is managing the personal protective equipment (PPE) resource distribution which has been helpful to SDH. Hospitals have been busy and are preparing for COVID-19 patients.

Directors are working with businesses and recommending that businesses take precautions and stay open as long as they comply with the Governor’s proclamations. Based on government indicators and guidelines, stay at home orders are not currently necessary. The enforcement of compliance does not fall on SDH rather local law enforcement.

Access to SDH has continued to focus on providing COVID-19 related information to the public and local businesses through press conferences, social media, and contact investigations. Staff follow up on public calls to address individuals’ concerns. Although SDH is in a tri-state regional area, staff can only respond about Woodbury County residents/data. SDH provides daily updates on testing results and progress of positive cases.
The timing of reporting final test results varies by lab, but all labs report positive results first then follow up with negatives. So far, 97% of tests done in Woodbury County have been negative. Nationwide the negative percentage rate is in the mid-80s. The Director has been actively involved in facilitating the development of a community based testing site.

SDH services are being modified to ensure continuity of operation and to protect the safety of staff. For example, screening and limiting visitors inside the door and only providing immunizations to selected age groups stay on their immunization timeline. There does not need to be an outbreak of measles or other preventable disease. To minimize exposure to staff, patients are asked to bypass the waiting room and directed to an exam room. An exception to on-site visits has been granted for WIC clients. Staff can conduct interviews telephonically and clients do not need to physically come to SDH to be eligible for benefits. Water testing continues to be a priority.

Chair Turner commended staff for the good work as adjustments are made in response to this new environment.

6. PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY
   Nothing to report.

7. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS
   - Contract #5880BT497 Amendment #1 – Emergency Response Multi-Year Program
     An open contract for emergency funds, SDH received notification of amendment for $37,651
   - Contract #28E-2020-PTT-97 Amendment #1 – 28E Pools & Tattoo
     Change original reference of Siouxland District Board of Health to Woodbury County dba Siouxland District Board of Health

Motion by Rod Earleywine authorizing Board Chair to sign contract amendments, second by Adam Lloyd.
Motion carried.

8. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES
   Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Granger and family on the birth of a baby boy.
   The Board of Health Chair and Board of Supervisors Chair will be receiving an official announcement that SDH is now accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). An acknowledgement will take place at the May Board of Health meeting and internally next week (4/6 – 4/10) during public health week.

9. OTHER
   No other business.

10. NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING DATE
    The next Board of Health meeting will be May 6, 2020 at 12 noon in the Siouxland District Health Department board room.

11. ADJOURNMENT
    Motion to adjourn meeting by George Boykin, seconded by Rod Earleywine to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
    Chair Turner adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Deb Lemmon, Board Secretary

Judy Turner, Chair

Date Approved 5/11/20