The Tift County Board of Health met by conference call on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:45pm.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman | Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman | William R. Grow, MD, FAcP |
| Melissa Hughes |  | Dwain Butler |
| Mayor Julie Smith |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Tina Moody, RN |  | Teresa Giles |
| Adam Hathaway |  | Allie Pridgon |
| Alice Archie, LPN |  | Mecca Lewis |
|  |  | April Robinson |
|  |  | David Wilber |
|  |  | Jill Reade |
|  |  | Maria Martinez |
|  |  | Danny Hoover |
|  |  | Kristy Dominy |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Raymond Moreno called the meeting to order at 1:48 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of February 1, 2022 Minutes (Attached)**

* Ms. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Smith. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

* Ms. Giles presented the Revenue and Expense Summary through March 31, 2022.
* The budget was revised to reflect funds transferred from the COVID-19 budget as well as changes in interest earnings.

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

* Dr. Grow provided the most current COVID-19 update along with the number of cases in Tift County. He indicated the number of cases has dropped dramatically. Tift County has 11,466 reported to date, with 43% of the population fully vaccinated.
* Board members were invited to attend the Georgia Public Health Association’s 92nd Annual Meeting and Conference held May 4-6, 2022 on Jekyll Island. Those who would like to go should contact Patrina Bowles.

**Tift County Health Department Updates – Mecca Lewis (Attached)**

* Ms. Lewis indicated a decrease in the demand for both COVID testing and vaccinations. Testing continues to be offered Monday mornings.
* Calls for COVID boosters have also decreased.

**Environmental Update – Jill Reade (Attached)**

* Ms. Reade provided the most current inspection and food score report since the last meeting.
* Mosquito trapping has resumed. Traps have been set at Northside Elementary and Tift County High School. Two environmentalists are being trained to identify different types of mosquitoes.

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

* Mr. Wilber began by noting the continued staffing challenges at Diversified.
* The direct staff COVID vaccination rate is just below 70%.
* Diversified is doing well financially and awaits the five percent salary increase. An additional two percent was also approved by legislators, which should begin in the next fiscal year.
* The search committee met with two internal candidates for the director’s position, which will become available in 2023.
* Diversified is currently at 94% occupancy. One resident will be leaving soon, which will decrease that rate to 89%.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Moreno reminded everyone of the June 7, 2022 budget meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**Adjournment**

* With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist