

**MINUTES OF SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

March 23, 2020  
Skamania County Courthouse  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Room 18  
Stevenson, WA

An Emergency Meeting of the Skamania County Board of Health was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on March 23, 2020 at the Skamania County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Board of Health Commissioners, Richard Mahar, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present. Commissioner Tom Lannen attended by telephone, as did Steven Krager, Deputy Health Officer. The Emergency Meeting was called to discuss crowds related to tourism in Skamania County over the weekend.

The Board discussed traffic restrictions, the lack of social distancing being adhered to, potential trail closures, increased burden on Sheriff's office due to rescues, and public safety. The impact on local businesses, the fear of COVID 19 spread, and the need to avoid civil unrest were discussed with the Sheriff's office. Dr. Krager reported on closures at the coast, including beach access and hotels and motels. Public outreach regarding closures, and communications with other counties, and federal and state officials was discussed, and the need to designate on public information officer.

The meeting recessed at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present. Commissioner Tom Lannen attended by telephone. The Board considered approval of an order issued by the Health Officer, Steven Krager, Closure of Recreational Hiking in Skamania County as of March 23, 2020. Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to sign the order with clarification to the last sentence in paragraph one.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.



Debbie Slaw  
Clerk of the Board of Health

**SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Richard Mahar  
Commissioner  
Tom Lannen  
Commissioner  
Robert Hamlin  
Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0