

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA  
SNOHOMISH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

June 13, 1967

1:45 p.m.

Place: Snohomish Health District

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of May 9 and May 23, 1967
3. Appointment of Auditing Committee
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - A. Resolution - Investment of Funds
6. Reports
  - A. Health Officer
  - B. Community Health Administrator
  - C. Environmental Health
  - D. Nursing
  - E. Vital Statistics
  - F. Financial
7. Authorization of Accounts
8. Adjournment

Clifford Anderson, M.D., M.P.H.  
District Health Officer

## **Health District To Discuss Sewer Finances**

The Snohomish County Health District has invited several governmental representatives to discuss the county policy on sewer feasibility in undeveloped areas.

Asked to attend the regular 1:45 p.m. Tuesday meeting in the courthouse are members of the county planning department, county engineers department, FHA and the Alderwood Water District.

The FHA asks that either the health district or "another governing body" certify whether sewers are financially possible before loans are approved.

In a test case last month the Alderwood District gave their certification. The district hopes that other agencies will assume the certification responsibility, which the district contends is more concerned with finance than health.

# County Health District Shoulders Sewer Studies

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By JOYCE DeSOTO  
Staff Writer

The Snohomish Health District has had "economic feasibility" studies of sewers tossed back into their laps.

The health board has wanted other Snohomish County governmental agencies or sewer districts to discern whether sewers are financially within the grasp of the county's growing number of plat developers asking for FHA approval.

Economic studies haven't much to do with health, not even when sewers are involved, the health board asserted.

But Tuesday afternoon representatives of the FHA, called upon to agree with the health board's decision, said no.

"Letters from other agencies are not satisfactory at all," said Don Strong of the FHA.

He said federal law, mandated by the U.S. Congress in 1965, requires that certification of the feasibility or non-feasibility of sewer installation remain in the county's hands.

The Snohomish Health District, the FHA representative pointed out, is such a county agency. Its sanitation department already approves or disapproves installation of septic tanks.

"Congress gives you the right to stop developments with this," Strong advised the board.

That doesn't mean for a minute, Strong indicated, that the FHA hasn't made an investigation of the possibility of sewers first.

"It's just to have your concurrence with us and because that's

what the law demands," he continued.

In other words, the sanitation department might be aware of some sewer installation under way a fourth of a mile away to which a development might connect for a reasonable expenditure — and the FHA might not.

The board was silent. Earlier they had figured they could dump the paperwork involved in acting as a middle man between sewer districts and the FHA.

But faced with the legal block and the opinion of the FHA representatives, the board moved to rescind its previous resolution which handed the responsibility of economic feasibility studies to other agencies. However, action was delayed until July's meeting when a head count showed

the board one short of a quorum.

After the meeting, Leo Moser, head sanitarian for the health district, said he didn't believe his department would be snowed under by the weight of feasibility studies.

"We'll just check with the sewer districts to make the certifications," he said.

Other subdivisions generally pose no question because the developments are out in the middle of nowhere, where there won't be sewers for years.

As to the health district's long-range responsibility, a proposed all-county comprehensive study could bring relief.

County planning director Einar Syvertsen told the health board that his office is filling out forms right now to apply for federal funding for an all-county comprehensive study of sewers, water, storm drainage and curbing.

This plan would dovetail with the three other Puget Sound counties' plans, Syvertsen said.

If approved, federal funds would support two-thirds of the cost of the county study, local funds the other third.

The local share would amount to 16 cents per capita. As an example, Syvertsen explained, Monroe would pay about \$330 toward the study and city of Snohomish, \$746.

The study is necessary, he continued, because no federal monies will be given for any sewer developments in the county without a comprehensive plan first. The study would take about two years, Syvertsen said.

MINUTES  
SNOHOMISH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH  
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- Present Members, Mrs. Simpson, Messrs. Alexander, Fosse, Kraetz, McCollum, and Forsgren. Also, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Darrough, Dr. Millard, Mr. Moser, Mr. Mangum, Mrs. DeSoto, Mr. Senter, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Strong, Mr. McLiesh, Mr. Shiek, Mr. Rue, Mr. Roth, Mr. Syvertsen, Mr. McAnulty, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Supper.
- Minutes In the absence of Mr. Fowler, Mr. Alexander presided as Chairman. Moved by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Kraetz, and carried that the minutes of May 9 and May 23, 1967, as previously mailed to members, be approved.
- Auditing Committee Mr. Alexander appointed Mr. Fosse and Mr. Kraetz as the Auditing Committee at the July meeting. Mr. McCollum was appointed to sign vouchers with Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Alexander at the June meeting.
- Authorization for travel Moved by Mr. Fosse, seconded by Mr. Kraetz, and carried that Dr. Anderson be authorized to attend the annual meeting of the Western Branch of the American Public Health Association at Albuquerque, New Mexico next week at a total expense of not more than \$325.00. Dr. Anderson is on two committees of the association and is particularly interested in the sessions on comprehensive health planning.
- Investment of Funds Moved by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Kraetz, and carried that the attached resolution authorizing the County Treasurer to invest surplus funds for thirty days, be adopted. Mrs. Simpson reported that the State Auditor had advised that the Board of Health must authorize all investments by resolution and may not delegate its authority to a committee.
- Moved by Mr. Forsgren, seconded by Mr. McCollum, and carried that this question be investigated further.
- Authorization of Accounts Moved by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Fosse, and carried that accounts as presented for payment be approved as follows:
- Salaries - June 1967: \$22,963.00
- Maintenance and Operation - May, 1967: \$4,102.48
- Capital Outlay - May 1967: \$110.46

Committee Meetings Dr. Anderson requested that the Budget-Finance Committee meet with Administrative Staff of the Health District in July. Mrs. Simpson suggested that the Personnel Committee meet and make their recommendations to the Budget-Finance Committee. It was also suggested that Mr. McGuinness be contacted as he is on the Budget-Finance Committee and has not attended a recent meeting. Mr. Alexander had to leave and appointed Mr. Kraetz to conduct the meeting.

Family Planning Clinic Dr. Anderson reported that Mountlake Terrace is opening a Family Planning and Cancer Detection Clinic this evening. The Snohomish Health District has lent some equipment and given their approval.

FHA Certification Mr. Moser introduced representatives from the County Engineer's Office, the County Planning Department, the FHA, and the Alderwood Water District who were invited to this meeting to discuss the proper authority to certify the economic feasibility of establishing public or adequate community and/or sewage disposal facilities under a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965. The FHA stated that the proper certifying agency should be the Snohomish Health District. This differs from the Board of Health's conclusion during the meeting of May 23, 1967 that if a plat is in a sewer district, the sewer district would write the certifying letter, and if the plat is outside a sewer district the Snohomish County Commissioners would write such a letter. They prefer that the Health District write all the letters to the FHA as they consider the Health District the proper certifying authority. After discussion by representatives of all agencies and departments present, it was decided that the Health District will write the certifying letters to the FHA. However, if a plat is in a sewer district, the Health District will request a letter from the sewer district certifying to the feasibility or non-feasibility of the developer providing water or sewage facilities.

The resolution passed May 23 requesting the County Commissioners to write the certifying letters will need to be rescinded at the next meeting when a full quorum is present.

Reports Vital Statistics - For April, 1967, as appended.

Financial - Revenues deposited up to May 31, 1967: \$188,099.96

Total spent up to April 30, 1967: \$143,015.67

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

  
Chairman

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Snohomish District Board of Health hereby authorizes the Snohomish County Treasurer, in accordance with RCW 36.29.020, to re-invest on June 15, 1967, the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND and No/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) plus FIVE THOUSAND and No/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), making a total investment of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND and No/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), now deposited in the Snohomish Health District Pooling Fund, for a period of THIRTY (30) DAYS.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1967.

C. F. Alexander  
Vice-Chairman

Marion J. Simpson

James Callum

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Al H. Jase

Richard Forsgren

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ATTEST:

Clifford Anderson, M.D.  
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District Health Officer

Passed in Regular Session this  
13th day of June, 1967.