



**Minutes of the Meeting of The Board of Health
Gilpin County, Colorado**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

A special meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, online via Zoom. Chair Berumen called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. In attendance were Susan Berumen, Chair, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Marie A. Mornis, County Manager Ray Rears, Public Health Director Alisa Witt, Public Health Medical Director, Mark Johnson MD, Natalie Marzac MD, CDPHE, and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Melanie Bleyler.

Discussion surrounded a Tularemia Advisory. Director Witt provided background that a dead beaver was discovered by resident who then sent samples out to be tested for cause of death. It was determined that the beaver had tularemia. This disease is endemic in Gilpin County among wildlife. Dr. Marzac discussed the public notification process and recommendations to keep pets and residents safe. The main idea is to keep away from deceased wildlife. Police tape has already been set up around the dead beaver along with public notice signs – which are sufficient to warn the public. The Board of County Commissioners along with Dr. Marzac provided guidance to Director Witt in crafting a press release to educate the public.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chair Berumen adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of June, 2024.

A signed and recorded copy of these minutes are available through the Clerk & Recorder's Office via Reception Number 176585.