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Report to the Story County Board of Health for April 7, 2020

Thank you to the BOH members for holding a special meeting on March 30, 2020 to approve the Environmental Health Department's COOP/COG plan during the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone in the department is teleworking and conducting limited field work. For field work, we ask the property owner to not meet us onsite (social distance if they feel they need to explain something). No staff goes inside a building.

Septics

- 21 applications, 9 permits issued to date for calendar year.
- 16 TOT inspections/binding agreements.
- Site reviews are still being conducted, without applicant or installer present.
- Final inspections of new installations still being conducted, requesting photos before system is covered.
- Not a lot of systems going in yet; installers focus on drainage tiling in the spring before the crops are planted.
- Due to the pandemic, the public hearings for the proposed septic ordinance have been put on hold.

Wells

- Two water wells permitted, 12 samples
- Three pluggings for calendar year.

Tattoos

- All inspections have been completed.
- One new facility in Nevada to open after pandemic. Bazylinski will conduct opening-inspection at that time.

Tanning

- Due to pandemic, the public hearings for the proposed tanning ordinance have been put on hold.

Pools

- Cory inspected approximately half of the indoor pools before IDPH shut the pools down for COVID-19.
- Ames Fitness had been allowing swimmers under age 18 to use the facility pool. There are no lifeguards on duty, and this is specifically not allowed according to the IDPH permit and existing variance. IDPH's legal council will decide if a new variance can be granted allowing swimmers under age 18 to swim with adult supervision (no lifeguards).

Complaints

- Mold, Nevada apartment.
- Air pollution from fire pit ashes, Fernald

Training

- Jaynes: mandatory drug-use recognition training, COVID-19 webinars, HR training - Success Strategies for Time of Change (Brenda Clark Hamilton-Fresh Coffee)
- Bazylnski: COVID-19 webinars, HR training - Success Strategies for Time of Change (Brenda Clark Hamilton-Fresh Coffee)
- Jones: COVID-19 webinars, HR training - Success Strategies for Time of Change (Brenda Clark Hamilton-Fresh Coffee)
- Cory: COVID-19 webinars

Meetings

- Auditor's Township Officials meeting. Jaynes presented a short overview of the proposed septic ordinance.
- Jaynes attended Watershed Assessment Working Group. Set up training for all county staff interested in spotting manure management practices impacting water quality. Training was cancelled due to COVID-19 (Iowa DNR working from home, limited travel).
- Jaynes attended county COOP/COG meetings in response to COVID-19. Virtual meetings are held every Wednesday or more if needed until the pandemic is over. EH gave all of the N95 masks we had in storage to EMS (small stack).
- Jaynes attended IOWWA board meeting.

Conceptual Reviews

- Izsak Walton League, Rasmusson, Johnson Hill, Anthony Acres

Miscellany

- Country Living MHP trailer received junking certificate. All set for removal, maybe after pandemic.
- Jaynes met with Fox Engineering and county folks to discuss wastewater plan for Dotson Farm SD.
- Jones posted for groundwater awareness week.
- Jaynes inspected Crestview lagoon status.
- Cory & Jaynes conducted two coco filter troubleshooting inspections with EcoFlo rep.
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has opened, but has not requested help from EH. Most of EOC work is for finding child care for emergency/health care workers and small business assistance.

Submitted by Margaret C. Jaynes on April 3, 2020