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Report to the Story County Board of Supervisors for May 12, 2020

The Environmental Health Department continues to work remotely. Because some of our routine work has been interrupted, such as pool inspections and most water testing, we are working on data management and back-burner projects. Below is a summary of our main programs:

Septics

- 26 applications, 20 permits issued to date for calendar year.
- 21 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 for calendar year
- Five pluggings for calendar year.

Tattoos

- All inspections have been completed.
- One new facility in Nevada to open after pandemic restrictions are lifted. 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. Most municipal outdoor pools open Memorial Day weekend; no news on when pools will open.

Complaints

- Seven complaints for the calendar year
- Mold, Nevada apartment.
- Air pollution from fire pit ashes, Fernald
- Excessive outdoor burning. Asthma concerns. Prairie Ridge SD area.
- Mold, Nevada apartment.
- Abandoned trailers and rubbish at the Home Acres Trailer Park in northeast Nevada. I did a windshield inspection and counted about eight abandoned trailers and did see lots

of rubbish. I forwarded the written complaint to Ricardo Martinez. He said that Nevada Public Safety Department normally takes care of these complaints. They will address the situation as best they giving the circumstances. I offered our department's assistance. As a reminder, the BOH service area includes incorporated areas.

- Rubbish accumulating. Rural property near Story City.
- Open discharge. Near Dartmoor Road.
- Excessive burning. Skycrest SD.

Trainings and Meetings

- Jaynes: CCMT meetings, WAWG meetings, IOWWA board meeting, Drug-use recognition training, COVID-19 webinars, HR training
- Bazylnski: COVID-19 webinars, HR training
- Jones: COVID-19 webinars, HR training
- Cory: COVID-19 webinars, ESRI videos,

Reviews with Planning & Development

- Izaak Walton League, Rasmusson, Johnson Hill, Anthony Acres, Dotson Farms, Forest Ridge, Fausch, Nevada WWTP, Ames Urban Fringe

Miscellany

- Country Living MHP trailer received junking certificate. All set for removal, maybe after pandemic.
- 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.
- Received Maxwell North CAFO application for master matrix review. Have not received notification from DNR that they have received a complete application yet, so the master matrix review group has not started working on this yet.

Submitted by Margaret C. Jaynes on May 7, 2020