



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: October 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 2:03 p.m.

PLACE: Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
Dr. Kristen Obbink, Vice-Chair
Dr. John Kluge
Martin Chitty
Mark Speck
*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Health Director; Cathy Bazylinski, Environmental Specialist; Matt Cory, Environmental Specialist; Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Stephen Humke, Brant and Annie Lemer, Heather Bombei, Ethan Anderson, Jerry Moore, Denise Denton, Erin Rewerts, Al Hermanson, Ardy Baldwin, Les White, Treasa Ferrari

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA (All items listed under the consent agenda were enacted by one motion. - **Moved by Obbink, Second Chitty MCU**

- I. **Agenda order changed to move YSS to the first item under additional items**
- II. **Approval of August 1, 2017 Minutes**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

YSS

Denise Denton gave an update and stated that they are busy with kindergarten through college-aged students doing prevention visits. The Health Promotion Club will be sending out a letter to every Board of Health and Board of Supervisors in the state asking them to move forward with county e-cigarette ordinances. The ordinances will be taken to the state with the goal of asking them to work together with the state Health Departments. Ms. Denton stated that the results from the Iowa Youth Survey for drug use continue to show 6th, 8th, and 11th grade use is continuing to trend downward. Ms. Denton stated that the Ames Opioid Task Force would like to invite a representative from the Board of Health to attend their monthly meetings. Grant money will be received from the state and there is consideration being given to purchase Narcan for County first responders. Chitty asked for clarification about Fentanyl. Ms. Denton stated that Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, which suppresses pain and coughing, and that there are different forms that have different toxicity levels. Paschen asked about a Board of Health member attending the Ames Task Force Meetings. Chitty suggested that an invite be sent to the board members.



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Crestview Mobile Home Park

Erin Rewerts from Story County Community Services stated there are two residents remaining in the mobile home park and they have received eviction notices with the hearing set for tomorrow. The trailers of the two residents remaining have been approved to be moved from the park if they chose to do so. Ms. Rewerts summarized what the funding has been used for and that to date the total utilized was \$5,566.00, with a limit of \$3,000.00 per resident.

Margaret Jaynes stated that she met with asbestos inspectors and there was only 1 trailer out of 10 that needed to be encapsulated. There are 11 outstanding NOV's, of which 9 were for critter harborage, which will stay in place until those trailers have been moved. The solid waste NOV will stay in place until the accumulated non-trailer debris has been removed. The Treasurer has requested that we make sure squatters are not allowed to move back in. Paschen asked how many trailers still need to be moved out. Ms. Jaynes stated that she would ask Mr. Lemer to answer that question, but she thought it was around 40; and, that the DNR does not want to see trailers moved from space to space but rather a section at a time.

Paschen asked if there is a schedule for properly removing the remaining trailers. Stephen Humke was present on behalf of William Talbot who is representing Brant Lemer. Mr. Humke stated that there is not a schedule, but they are working with the DNR on a process to receive clearance for moving and demolishing trailers. Paschen asked when a plan for removal could reasonably be expected and Mr. Humke stated he could not answer that question. Ethan Anderson stated that Bill Talbot had stated a general schedule with the items being prioritized as people, trailers, solid waste, lagoon, well, and selling the property at auction. Mr. Anderson stated that he believes that there may be some miscommunication between the DNR, Story County, and Talbot and Humke's offices. Mr. Anderson stated that since the last meeting, the DNR issued an administrative order against Crestview on August 7, 2017, so that the board needs to recognize that a major milestone was met with getting the residents out. Chitty asked for clarification that there would be no remaining residents after the hearing set for tomorrow. Mr. Humke stated that as soon as the sheriff comes out, there would be no other tenants remaining once the sheriff puts the locks on the trailers in the next day or so. Chitty asked if the Environmental Health Department is to be observing the process. Dr. Paschen stated yes, and to continue doing what we are doing to observe the process. Ms. Jaynes asked if deadlines should be set for a certain number of trailers to be removed by the next meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that it is reasonable that some trailers be removed and that it would be hard to set a number. Mr. Humke stated that until there is a clear direction from the DNR about which trailers can be moved that he does not feel it is realistic to set a number to be removed by a certain date. Discussion took place about the process to come up with a reasonable number of trailers moved. Paschen asked if it is possible to expect that a schedule be sent within two weeks for information purposes, so that at the next meeting, it will be easier to judge the progress that has been made.

Waiver for Property Owner Installing Own Septic System and not having a CIOWTS Certified Installer:

Al Hermanson spoke and stated that his septic system is failing. He recently had his tank pumped and found that the laterals are not working properly. Mr. Hermanson stated that he has previous experience with septic installations and he would like to have permission to install the system himself, even though he is not a certified installer. Speck stated that he would like to refrain from the conversation due to himself being a certified installer. Paschen stated that he would like Speck's input on the matter. Ms. Jaynes stated that the requirement of installers being CIOWTS certified went into effect in 2015; and, that she is undecided on what the decision should



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be made on this because if the Board allows an exemption and sets a precedent, another property owner in the future might request the same exemption. Paschen asked if it is possible to have an inspector present to make sure that the system is being installed properly. Ms. Jaynes stated that yes, it could be done that way, but counties that allow this will charge a higher permit fee than Story County does at present. Paschen stated that the main concern is about a precedent being set. Ms. Jaynes stated that the homeowner could work with a certified installer and still do most of the work, with a certified installer overseeing the project. Mr. Hermanson stated that his bid was \$25,000 from a certified inspector for the project. Chitty asked what it would cost to do the work himself. Mr. Hermanson stated that he could do the project for less than \$10,000. Speck also had concerns about a precedent being set. Obbink stated that anyone in the future wanting to do their own work would have to come before the board to receive a variance. Paschen asked if it would be possible to do this and require inspections by the County. Speck stated that he thought it would be better to have a certified installer do the inspections.

**Motion: Allow installation of the septic system as long as it is inspected by a CIOWTS certified installer, and that the property owner is doing the work on his own property.
-Moved by Paschen, Second Obbink**

The motion was amended.

**Motion: Allow installation of the septic system as long as it is inspected by a CIOWTS certified installer, and that the property owner is doing the work on his own property. It is preferred that a private CIOWTS certified installer do the inspections. If the homeowner cannot find a certified installer willing to do the inspections then the homeowner shall work with the county for inspections.
- Moved by Paschen, Second Obbink MCU**

Additional discussion occurred about who should do the inspections. Paschen stated that if he is not able to hire a CIOWTS certified installer then he could have Environmental Health do the inspections. Chitty requested the property owner to continue to stay in touch with Environmental Health about the project.

AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Story County Environmental Health

Margaret Jaynes presented her staff report. Ms. Jaynes gave an update on well permits, pluggings, rehabs, water, and tot inspections. Ms. Jaynes stated that the department has agreed to participate in a new well study with the state hygienic lab. The study is to determine if pesticides are being picked up in well water, which could be contributing to the cause of bee colony deaths. Ms. Jaynes updated the number of septic inspections, repair permits and TOT inspections performed. Ms. Jaynes stated that pool-tattoo-tanning annual report has been submitted and reported that the Madison pool is still having major issues with their pool that was put in without a permit. Ms. Jaynes stated there was one potential crypto case in Ames that involved an employee possibly being exposed, so the City of Ames took precautions. Ms. Jaynes stated that there had been one tanning test administered and that IDPH sent out notification that the state tanning program involvement is minimal, at present, due to budget cuts. Ms. Jaynes shared that Environmental Health reviews all zoning applications, plat of surveys, subdivisions, and conditional use permits that come through Planning and Development in order to make sure property owners are not building on top of septic systems or encroaching on wells. She shared a recent problem area that was found during the review process. Ms. Jaynes summarized special projects



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relating to mound troubleshooting, inquiries for burning or burying buildings on site, COOP/COG updates, application submitted to IDPH for 6 Lucas CPR units, and to an investigation on reported illnesses in Gilbert. Also noted was that Thomason's restaurant in Zearing has closed, there was a computer upgrade for the data management program, and a sample could not be obtained from South Squaw Valley.

Ms. Jaynes stated that there are two seats on the board that will expire at the end of the year. If current members were interested in staying on the board, they would need to reapply. Chitty stated that he would like for Paschen and Kluge to continue to serve. He also stated that the Board of Supervisors are currently in the process of trying to revamp the application process and would be addressing this issue in November. Paschen stated that he is happy to continue, but if he is elected to congress, that he would have to step away at that time. Kluge stated that he is willing to stay on the board.

Speck asked about the time line for replacing the Squaw Valley system. Ms. Jaynes stated that it is to be replaced within 5 years and that she plans to go to the DNR public hearing on this item.

Story County Public Health

Les White stated that she is the new director of Mary Greely Home Health, Hospice, and Story County Public Health. Treasa Ferrari replaced Terri Olinger. Ms. White stated that both of them are learning and excited to work with the Board of Health. Treasa Ferrari stated that they have been busy with school audits, that there were 4 cases of latent/active TB, and that a hepatitis B case was reported yesterday. Paschen asked about the new immunization requirement for 7th grade students. Ms. Ferrari stated that most people have been on board with getting the immunization, but that a few home schooled children have not received it.

5. COMMENTS

Staff: None

Board: Chitty stated that he is pleased that the Crestview item is receding quickly. Kluge asked if there is a deadline to have the property sold by. Paschen stated that the plan was originally to have it sold within a year. Chitty stated that the Board of Health will move to an observer status and this facility will be the domain of the DNR.

ADJOURNMENT 3:25 p.m.


Approval of Minutes

 11/5/17
Title and Date