



Story County Board of Health

MINUTES

DATE: July 27, 2010	Jane Halliburton, Chair	2010
	John Kluge	2011
CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.	*John Paschen, V. Chair	2011
	Mark Speck	2012
LOCATION: Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	Dorathy Twedt	2012
ADJOURNMENT: 5:10 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Health Director; Cathy Bazylinski, Environmental Specialist II; Matt Cory, Environmental Specialist, Pam Oliver, Office Asst.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA as revised Speck/Twedt(MCU)

1. Approval of Agenda as amended to remove minutes and move consent agenda item #3 to Additional Items.
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PUBLIC FORUM: Opened: 4:31 p.m. – Closed: 4:31 p.m.
None.

QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:
None.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Introduction of new Environmental Health Department staff

Ms. Margaret Jaynes introduced Matt Cory as the new Environmental Specialist and Pam Oliver as the new office assistant.

2. Discussion and action for the purchase and installation of office furniture from Story Kenworthy in the amount of \$932.95

Ms. Jaynes put in a request for an unbudgeted office furniture purchase for the incomplete desk set-up for the office assistant's office. This purchase should not require a budget amendment, assuming we can use the extra money budgeted for car repair emergencies. Price quotes were requested from Story Kenworthy and Saxton. Ms Jaynes

had two estimates at \$935 and \$2,375. She showed before and after pictures of the proposed furniture purchase. Ms. Jaynes also checked with Facilities Mgmt.

MOTION: Move to approve office furniture purchase from Story Kenworthy as presented.
Kluge/Twedt(MCU)

3. Discussion and action on the health and safety status of the Crestview Mobile Home Park

Ms. Jaynes reported that Crestview MHP has come under scrutiny with the recent storm and power outages in the Ames vicinity. Story County requested Red Cross's assistance for food and shelter. Red Cross expressed concerns over the potential health hazards in the trailer park. Ms. Jaynes reported that IDPH and the Environmental Health Department have received many complaints in the past regarding sewage, drinking water and public health nuisances. Ms. Jaynes showed maps of area located at 5615 W. Lincoln Way on the west side of Ames owned by Brant Lemer. The park is outside Ames city limits and approximately 500-600 ft. from a municipal sewer line. The city has not expressed interest in providing service to the park. IDNR has jurisdiction over the wastewater treatment system and the public well. Ms. Jaynes reported that the pump and dbox are flooded and not working properly, and the lagoon is not sufficiently aerated, causing odors.

Photos taken on 7/22/2010 by Mr. Cory were shown to the Board.

Approximately 50 trailers are occupied. The photos showed evidence of abandoned trailers and/or trailers in disrepair.

Ms. Jaynes indicated that the health department is still in the assessment stage, a core requirement of the IDPH.

Ms. Jaynes displayed Board of Health Ordinance 110 and points out the park possibly being in violation of nuisance regulations #'s 9,10, and 11.

A DNR grant 'Keep Iowa Beautiful' for \$5-\$15,000 with a deadline of 8/20/10 was mentioned by Ms. Jaynes as a possibility of aid and Ms. Halliburton discussed the use of community block grant funds.

Ms. Halliburton thinks it would be difficult to tie this situation to recent storms and would therefore not qualify for disaster relief-type funding. Ms. Halliburton suggested that perhaps this case should be referred to Steve Owen in the County Attorney's office for advice on enforcement. Mr. Owen has previously raised concerns with enforcement because DNR has jurisdiction over the lagoon.

Mr. Speck thinks the County Attorney should require the owner to take action and require the owners of the trailers to address the nuisances, and remove the abandoned trailers. Mr. Speck posed the question about title ownership. He also mentioned the owner could be asked to join the city of Ames. Ms. Halliburton stated that the Board of Health can ask for assistance from other county departments to research ownership of the trailers. Dr. Kluge suggested that we inspect the park, and post 'uninhabitable' on the doors of the trailers with health hazards.

MOTION: Move to request advice from County Attorney regarding enforcement of nuisance ordinance and seeking funding options for improving the living conditions at the park and request other county departments to research individual trailer ownership. Kluge/Speck (MCU)

MOTION: Moved to request the Environmental Health Department to officially pursue rural development funding and pursue the "Keep Iowa Beautiful" grant if the project qualifies. Kluge/Speck (MCU)

Ms. Halliburton and Ms. Jaynes agreed to work together on the request.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Jaynes mentioned a staph infection complaint in Story City, IA, a public pool, and that the Iowa Department of Public Health was contacted. No reason found to close down.

Ms. Cathy Bazylinski asked about follow-up on infection with county nurse.

BOARD COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:10 p.m. Kluge/Speck (MCU)

Approval of minutes

Title and date