



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: August 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 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, Matt Cory; Environmental Specialist, Stephanie Jones; Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Treasa Ferrari, Patsy Beese, Laura Beel, Jerry Moore, Bill Talbot, Brant Lemer, Ethan Anderson, Deb Schildroth, Karla Webb, Ken Kling, Roberta Kling, Ardy Baldwin, Rhonda Sykes, Renee Twedt, Daniel Haug

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

- I. **Approval of June 7, 2017 Minutes**
- II. **Approval of Employee Handbook**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Crestview Mobile Home Park

Margaret Jaynes gave an overview about the park since the last meeting. Ms. Jaynes stated that she feels the focus should be on removing the remainder of the residents and then cleaning up the park. Ms. Jaynes stated there has been 12 applications for assistance and the deadline for residents to be out of the park is September 15, 2017. The current dangers in the park include asbestos, fires, construction equipment and debris going in and out. Discussion took place about how many trailers have been removed. Mr. Chitty stated that there has been some removed, but the exact amount removed is not known. Ms. Jaynes stated that it is difficult to confirm the number that have been removed. Ms. Jaynes showed a picture of a burn pile that had fresh dirt placed over the top, which creates suspicions that debris may have been burned. Dr. Paschen asked how many frames are around and Ms. Jaynes stated 7-10. Kelley Fire Chief, Kenny Kling, stated that two weeks ago there were three trailers that burned in the park. Two firefighters were injured. Mr. Kling feels that this was not a controlled burn. Dr. Paschen asked if the trailers were close together and Mr. Kling reported that they were not close together.



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Mr. Kling stated that the trailers and surrounding area were on fire when the fire department arrived and it is nearly impossible to determine where the fire started. Ms. Jaynes stated that she spoke to the sheriff's office and it was determined that there was no arson evidence, so there would be no further investigation at this time. Dr. Paschen stated that the board would need to decide if Mr. Lemer is progressing with the conditions of the board. Dr. Paschen asked if all trailers appeared to be burning at same rate and Mr. Kling reported that when the fire department arrived the trailers were engulfed in flames, it took approximately 15 minutes for the department to arrive at the scene, mutual aid was requested for support from additional departments, and they were not finished until nearly 4:00 a.m. Mr. Speck asked if the three trailers burned were part of the 15 to be removed. Ms. Jaynes reported that two of the trailers were part of the 15 to be removed. Dr. Paschen asked Ms. Jaynes her opinion of getting the remaining residents out of the park. Ms. Jaynes stated we should go door to door to find out how many residents are still there. Karla Webb spoke and gave an update about applications for assistance. Ms. Webb stated that her department reaches out to the residents every 2 weeks. Ms. Webb stated that she feels the residents are trying to get out, but that the process takes time. Ms. Webb stated that there are 13 individuals living in the mobile home park and 12 have received applications for assistance.

Dr. Paschen asked Bill Talbot how many of the abandoned trailers have been removed. Mr. Talbot stated that there have been 15 trailers taken by the contractor, but that not all of the debris from the trailers has been removed. Mr. Talbot did not feel that 15 trailers being removed had been agreed upon. Discussion took place that a motion was made during the last meeting to remove 15 trailers. Mr. Talbot stated that Mr. Lemer is making a good faith effort. Mr. Talbot stated that everyone has now been served and must be out by September 15. Mr. Talbot stated that 15 units have been turned over to the contractor to be demolished. The homes are gone, but there is still debris left from the trailers to be removed. Dr. Paschen stated that the board would need to decide if this effort meets the condition set by the board. Discussion took place about the condition being met. Paschen asked about the time line for park closure. Mr. Talbot stated 1 year, with 10 months remaining and if not out of park by September 15, the tenants would be forcefully removed. Dr. Paschen asked how many people are currently living in the park. Mr. Talbot stated that there are nine people living in the park and no children. Dr. Paschen asked how many trailers are remaining. Mr. Talbot stated there are approximately 47 trailers remaining and the goal is to have everything removed in 10 months so that there can be an auction at that time. Dr. Paschen asked Ethan Anderson for his opinion about the motion being met. Mr. Anderson stated that there has been substantial compliance. There is debris, but he would urge the BOH to think about the big picture and getting the residents out of the park would be an incredible achievement. Mr. Anderson stated that with Mr. Talbot's involvement there has been action taken compared to what Mr. Lemer was able to do the last two years. Dr. Paschen asked if the people could be out any quicker. Mr. Anderson stated that the BOH has the authority to get the residents out within a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Anderson stated that if the residents are not voluntarily leaving the park by September 15, that the board could require notices to be served on September 16. Mr. Speck asked Mr. Talbot if there is any idea about how the fires started. Mr. Talbot reported that Mr. Lemer did have a brush fire a couple of days ago, but they do not know how the fires started that involved the fire department. Ms. Jaynes stated that in light of the recent fires she thinks it is dangerous to allow any fires in the trailer park. Ms. Jaynes stated that she saw non-brush debris being burned which is dangerous while residents are there because of potential asbestos exposure. Ms. Jaynes also recommended ceasing all demolition until the residents have moved out. Dr. Paschen asked if there is a proper way to remove the trailers without putting residents at risk. Mr. Talbot stated that there has only been two trailers demolished on site because there was question about whether or not it would be safe to haul to Boone County for demolition. Mr. Talbot stated that the DNR is now making requirements that have never been enforced in Story County. Discussion took place about whether or not the motion by the board has been met. The board agreed that there is substantial progress being made. Discussion took place about the next step for eviction notices if not everyone is out by September 15. Rhonda Sykes from SC Treasurers office spoke and stated that there were originally 61 trailers in the park. Ms.



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Sykes stated that six of the trailers should have been removed two years ago because they had already been removed from the tax roll. Ms. Sykes stated that once a junking certificate has been issued, they are to be removed within 30 days, but some of the trailers have remained for up to 10 years. There are currently 47 trailers to be removed. Mr. Chitty asked for Mr. Anderson's opinion about moving to close the park. Mr. Anderson stated that would be a redundancy. The concern was brought up about Mr. Lemer bringing in new renters. Mr. Talbot stated that would be a breach of the contract between him and Mr. Lemer. Mr. Talbot stated that the goal is to have no residents in the park by October 1.

Motion: By October 3, 2017, no residents remaining at Crestview. By October 3, 2017, a schedule shall be presented on proper removal of all trailers. Mr. Lemer is to have no intentional fires set by himself or any of his agents at the Park. Moved by Paschen, Second by Speck MCU

Additional discussion took place about the remaining trailers junking certificates between the board and Rhonda Sykes. Mr. Talbot had concerns about current rent not being paid, and asked about receiving the tenants' forwarding addresses from the county. Mr. Chitty asked if we have any obligation to disclose the addresses and Mr. Anderson stated the he would look into this further and report at the next meeting.

Ms. Jaynes stated that she would like the county to look into regulations for new mobile home parks and closures of mobile home parks.

Squaw Valley South Wastewater Treatment Facility

Margaret Jaynes stated that the south side of the Squaw Valley South Subdivision all drains to their own privately owned treatment plant. They need to have a permit to discharge into an unnamed creek, which is not far from the Squaw Creek. Ms. Jaynes stated that she feels it is a good idea to request a public hearing because the proposed permit allows 5 years to replace the system. Ms. Jaynes spoke to the DNR representative and indicated that it will take approximately 1 year for construction and 4 years for permitting. Ms. Jaynes feels 5 years is too long. Dan Haug, Prairie Rivers of Iowa stated that bacteria levels have been above standard for the past year. Mr. Haug stated that there is concern about wastewater being permitted to discharge into Squaw Creek. Speck asked if a grab sample could be taken closer to where the discharge is taking place. **Motion: Allow a request for a public hearing to address concerns regarding the issuance of the permit for Squaw Valley. Moved by Obbink, Second by Chitty MCU**

Patsy Beese stated that each year there is a request for a performance measure which is intended to be a story about an event that involves the Board of Health, committee partners and what doing to improve a health situation within the county. Ms. Beese stated that this year she is requesting that the Crestview Mobile Home Park closure and relocation of residents would be a community public health issue. **Motion: Crestview Mobile Home Park closure and relocation of residents would be a community public health issue for a performance measure. Moved by Paschen, Second by Chitty MCU**

New County Regulations Addressing New Mobile Home Parks

Margaret Jaynes stated that she would like guidance on whether or not Story County should go forward with adopting regulations for mobile home parks. Ms. Jaynes stated that regulations would be for such things as lot size, removal of vacant trailers, upkeep of the grounds, proper removal of trailers, proper park closure, tornado shelters, tie downs, etc. Mr. Chitty asked if any other counties have regulations. Ms. Jaynes stated that she has



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found other areas have some regulations in place and would use their regulations as a guide. Ms. Jaynes said that she would like to make it a joint project with Planning & Development to get regulations in place that would support both department's enforcement efforts. **Motion: Margaret Jaynes is instructed to look into the development of regulations for new mobile home parks and closure of mobile home parks. Motion by Obbink, Second by Chitty MCU**

AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

YSS - Laura Beel gave an update and stated that the usage of E cigarette is going down nationally. Ms. Bell stated that Boone County is looking into an ordinance to ban e cigarette use in public areas and are mirroring the Story County ban.

Story County Public Health – Patsy Beese introduced Les White who has been appointed as Director of Public Health, and Treasa Ferrari who is a new Public Health Nurse. Ms. Beese gave an update about the public health contract and stated that funds are being combined into essential public health services, which will make budgeting easier, and allow for more flexible spending. Theresa Ferrari stated that the meningococcal vaccine is now required for seventh graders and gave a brief summary about current disease surveillance.


Story County Environmental Health – Margaret Jaynes stated that there is nothing new to add this month. Dr. Obbink asked for an update on the Ames Golf and Country Club. Ms. Jaynes stated that the system is up and running. The houses on the north side are beginning to be put in and the AdvanTex units will be discharged to laterals. Ms. Jaynes also stated there had been a complaint this month about dead animals on 100th street near the Story/Hardin County line. Mr. Chitty asked about the DNR's role with Crestview. Ms. Jaynes stated that Tom Weer had met with Mr. Lemer to discuss the asbestos requirements and about becoming an asbestos inspector.

5. COMMENTS

Staff: None

Board: Chitty updated about the BOH and Emergency Management meeting to write up an emergency response plan. Discussion took place about the concept of the plan and why the board would write the plan instead of Emergency Management. Dr. Paschen stated that himself and Dr. Obbink would meet with Keith Morgan to discuss further.

ADJOURNMENT at 4:09 p.m.


Approval of Minutes


Title and Date

10/19/17