

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTE SUMMARY**

March 09, 2016

3:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Burrows  
Michael Turner  
Roger De Haan  
Dr. Wayne Chilcote  
Katherine Scholl

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Carol Calderwood, MD, HO  
John Palacio, RCEH  
LuAnn Burgmuller, PHN  
Kathleen Schraeder, PHN  
Chris Taggart, minutes

**Guests Present:**

Daniel Wise  
Joyce Burt  
Fred Soloman  
Carol Soloman  
Suzanne Winegart  
Ron Van Goeye  
Jenni from RCEH

I. February 10, 2016 draft minutes:

Roger stated 3 corrections, John stated 1 correction and Mick stated 1 correction.

**Roger made a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mick.** Discussion: none. Public Comment: none. **All voted “aye”. (5-0)**

II. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chris handed out corrected RCEH letter on Long Avenue.

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Health Officer: Carol Calderwood MD,

There has been a moderate amount of strep along with secondary infections. State wide: mumps in Gallatin County; Internationally Zika is still being followed.

Public Health Nurse: LuAnn Burgmuller

LuAnn introduced Kathleen Schraeder, new PHN employee, started February 26. February was a training month for the office. They did have 14 cases of flu 1 with one hospitalization in Missoula. There have been 4 cases of mumps in Gallatin County at the middle school level and

is increasing in college populations. She reminded the BOH of the April 7 meeting with DPHES. She will send out RSVP.

RCEH: John Palacio

John handed out February stats. Total septic permits need to be amended to 31. The office has been busier with on-site visits due to weather. Complaints on junk vehicles is up. Jenny is completing food inspections. The food establishment's class is getting great response with many people signing up. The classes are held the second Tuesday of each month.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Federal EPA Letter DRAFT – Roger: continued from 01-13-16 BOH meeting

Katie said the article which Judy was getting published has gone out and is being published now. Once it is published, Judy will get Katie a copy and once BOH has her information, BOH would put packet together and then draft a letter to EPA CDC. BOH will just be forwarding information onto EPA CDC for her. Consensus: remove topic from BOH agenda. Katie will let Chris know when to add back on.

2. Long Avenue DRAFT Compliance Order – finalized edited version from Dec. 2015 – John

John said the Burt's do have a new attorney who has requested all information. The copy of compliance order, which does include all the occurrences over the last year, will be sent to start with. If the attorney has questions, they can call RCEH. The attorney also requested postponing the discussion to next BOH meeting for the attorney to get caught up. The Burt's have been complying with verbal agreed upon items set by the BOH. John said the trailer still needs to be moved and the alteration hook up for the shop/apartment to the drain field. The Studio apartment is not occupied and a family of adults are living in the house. Dan Browder is working on draft covenants. TABLE TO APRIL

3. Alpenglow Update – John

John said the letter was sent with the Findings of Facts. Rod has verified on site if there is any water or if a new site evaluation needs to be done. RCEH is going with the site evaluation from 2007 and it is under review and in the process. Things seem to be right on schedule. John did receive a call from owner to clarify deadline of 2 years which John informed them that the system needs to be installed within two year deadline.

4. Continued Appeal of RCEG decision to DENY continued use of RV's as residences at 293 Luby Lane - John

No correspondence of a plan has been received to date. Dan Wise stated that he has not written it up yet due to busy schedule. Dan said all tenants are out except his step daughter is in one camper and that he did draw up a plan to add onto the trailer. He handed plan to John. John explained that RCEH needs a schedule on people who live there and when each of them is leaving. Roger asked if site visit has been done. John said no not since the last visit. Dan Wise stated that their plan is to connect two single wide trailers together to create a double wide. Katie asked by what date will this double wide be completed. Dan said before August. Katie asked how many people are currently living in the single wide. Dan said yes. Jeff said the septic is approved for a 3 bedroom. Dan said the plan is to have everyone live in the double wide. Jeff clearly stated what needs to be in the plan and the submittal to RCEH. Roger said plan needs to include some sort of method to avoid "creeping" back into this situation. John said deadlines have definitions to refer to. August would be past that deadline of June 01, 2016. Mick said this was supposed to be done by February 29, 2016. Mick asked how we expect them to do what they said they would and still have not completed things. Mrs. Burt said they concentrated on getting people out. John

wants the property owner to put some thought into deadlines to include within the plan. Last deadlines were not met, so BOH is following procedures. John strongly suggested that once the complaint issues are completed, BOH should send a letter of closure and that if a new complaint is received after, the original deadline are not applicable and the new complaint will go straight to court.

Public comment:

Fred Soloman said he can see this property from his house. The Burt's have many trailers on property and they are all being lived in, as he can see smoke from the tops of them in the mornings. People are always coming and going. Travel trailers come and go. This is not right. Two years ago this was a vacant lot. There are all the trailers and approximately 10 junk vehicles. The Burt's will not follow rules. Fred asked if he see people living there, can he contact BOH. Jeff said contact John in RCEH. Fred thanked the BOH.

John did say complaints on junk vehicle were made to state but complaint has been closed. If there still is a concern, the state does visit Ravalli County often.

Public comment closed 3:53

Roger volunteered to work with John in RCEH to work with Dan Wise to formulate a draft plan. Dan Wise needs three day's notice for work in order to schedule a meeting and/or a site visit.

Consensus of the BOH: draft of plan to be emailed out to BOH and if BOH is fine, BOH will make decision at April meeting. TABLE TO APRIL.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

John gave heads up that the RCEH has seen an increase on fines for construction of homes without a permit. John explained that so far the placement of houses being constructed without permits are not being placed where a septic should go. John forewarned the BOH that when RCEH assesses the fines, people who receive a fine notice will try and come before the BOH to receive fine relief. Septic permit needs to be in hand before the foundation is poured.

John then gave a heads up on composting toilets. Roger said as long as a system is self-contained, they are allowed. And if they are not replacing an approved drain field, they are allowed. County is seeing more creative issues on this. Jeff said these have to be reviewed on a case by case basis. John said there are MDEQ rules on systems which are and are not acceptable. John said this is a lifestyle.

VI. Public comment

Mrs. Burt asked if any permits are required to dig on property. John said permit required if working on septic system.

VII. Next Meeting: April 13, 2016 at 3:00 PM

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

**Mick moved to adjourn at 4:15 PM. Seconded by Wayne. All voted "aye" (5-0).**