The special meeting was called to order at 2:11 PM by Chairman Jeff Burrows

II. **Review with Possible license validation: Solid Waste Management License for DBLE T Properties, LC (182 Bell Xing West, Victor) – John P**

RECH John Palacio gave history on waste water regulations throughout Ravalli County.

Mick moved to recommend approval for the Health Officer, Carol Calderwood, sign the solid waste management license for DBLE T Properties, LLC., as presented. Seconded by Wayne. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. **All voted “aye” (4-0).**

I. **Ravalli County Subsurface Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Regulations**

Dan Browder spoke about formatting changes, article by article, making it more functionally logical, overall main design of new regulations. John then explained that he and Roger also made changes to sections to clean up definitions and merging.

Roger requested that a Table of Contents be included with the new version.
John continued speaking about minor changes, delegation authority and rewording.

Jeff asking about redundancy and if it is needed. It is required by law per Dan.

John and Mick spoke about specifics with regard to variances VS appeals. Dan stated the BOH should rely on department heads for decision. John stated that the past minutes, with regard to fines, the fines were not appealed up until the past couple years. John continued to explain that if there is a fine assessment meeting, it will be determined if a fine is applicable or can it be dropped/waived. Dan stated changing rules on appeals, for instance, that there is no little in-betweens, only a specific item to be appealable. Specifically denial or granting of a permit.

Discussion continued with changes and definitions on regulation document and discussion on taking out definitions or referring to ARM.

Jeff discussed different definitions on an alteration permit. Specifically, ownership changes and actual hook up changes. Mick stated that it should be recommended but not required. Roger again said defining an alteration permit and stating why it is needed, would help more to catch the non-conforming persons that will add on rooms and houses without permits. John stated no other counties abide by this change of ownership permit. Lewis and Clark County requires maintenance updates.

Wayne asked if types of soils are unique to Ravalli or are other counties similar. Roger explained that most counties are similar to Ravalli and that each area has their own unique characteristics. Nitrates within the Bitterroot River are increasing and he is not sure if it is because of livestock or more systems being installed in the valley. Jeff questioned an old septic, example old cess pool, when ownership changes do we go inspect or leave alone. Roger replied yes, we inspect to assess the situation and to inform the owners what is best and gradually bring them up to current regulations.

John stated that Ravalli County does not require water testing per house sale. Jeff agreed with a policy to require water testing for future contamination studies in Ravalli County.

Mick and Kelly both stated that a requirement at point of house sale should be septic pumping for sanitary reasons and functionality testing.

Defining temporarily on portable toilets. Mick suggesting portable toilets used during construction with an approved permit. John and Roger to work on definition.

III: PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

I. NEXT MEETING:

March 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM
V. ADJOURNMENT:

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM. Seconded by Wayne. All voted “aye” (4-0).