

**Rio Grande County Board of Health**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Rio Grande County: Suzanne Bothell  
Gene Glover  
John Noffske  
Del Norte: Marty Asplin  
Monte Vista: Carol Schroeder  
South Fork:

Also present: Emily Brown (secretary)

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

*Approval of Agenda & Minutes*

Schroeder moved/Noffske seconded to approve agenda & minutes, with corrections. Motion carried.

*Public comment*

There was no public comment.

*Updates from Director*

A letter was presented from Sol Farms Mountain Farms that they plan to submit for a variance in time for the June meeting. EMILY will follow-up with Sol Mountain regarding the variance process. Ask to make sure to show science of health concerns. (If variance passes, we might look at restrictions.) Board wanted to make sure there was science to back up food use; COULD look at composting toilets. EMILY & RANDY will make sure to have clear understanding of where this is stated in code and that composting toilet is actually allowed. A question was raised about if the Board would we want/have a way to follow-up. EMILY will follow up with Chuck Cousino (CDPHE) about if there are any others and see if there is any knowledge about this process. SUZANNE will do some more research on health benefits.

EMILY & RANDY – work on making variance process easier.

Health Fairs – March 30, April 12, April 13 EMILY will send flyers

Noffske moved to have Bothell/Glover continue as chair/vice-chair. Asplin seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.

Board of Health Roles were reviewed. : Discussion around size board; review of board powers  
EMILY will talk Arlene about an MOU with Heidi and if Ely would be health officer

RGCPH staffing & space updates

EMILY – create a proposal for “future of public health”; and costs/space/funding; get numbers

*Updates from Municipalities, County*

Del Norte – town sewer project is moving along- had been waiting for lift station; 100% of city sewer system will either be replaced or repaired

Monte Vista – Monte Vista installed a water line to Proximity Malt; City of MV entered into an agreement with Proximity Malt for payment towards the project  
South Fork –  
County –

*Other business*

*Next Meeting*

Thursday, June 13th at 3:30 p.m. at the RGC BoCC room

Meeting was adjourned at 4:36.

Submitted by

Emily Brown, Secretary