

**Rio Grande County Board of Health  
Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Rio Grande County: Karla Shriver (president)  
Pam Bricker (vice-president)  
Doug Davie  
Emily Brown (secretary)  
Del Norte: Marty Asplin  
Monte Vista: Carol Schroeder  
South Fork:  
Also present: Roni Wisdom  
Randy Kern

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

*Approval of Minutes*

There were no additions to the agenda, just a request to change the itemized list of the agenda to discuss OWTS first. (Bricker/Schroeder/carried)

The minutes from the September 8, 2016 Board of Health meeting were approved with corrections (Bricker/Schroeder/carried).

*Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

*Updates from Director*

*OWTS discussions:*

Schlabra vault approval: They don't intent to drill a well (this would be another reason we wouldn't allow a vault; in this case they would have to put water back in the ground). Would like to look into options for linking it to deed. Would need to follow all other vault requirements.

- Options: 1) No approval  
2) Request more information on section D.4. - Why can the lot not accommodate an OWTS with soil treatment?  
3) No; need to request a variance for approval

**RANDY – Will contact Schlabas and as for more justification**

**EMILY – will send an email to check with Bill Dunn about linking these types of decisions to deeds.**

Airport vault approval: possibly upcoming request by new tracks to put vault in hanger; property won't accommodate a OWTS & will be limited use; as long as hangers are placed the same way they have been, are not bigger – this would accommodate a vault. It would be up to owner where they would be bringing water in; placement would have to be very specific (down

to the foot). Board discussed creating a blanket approval for all similar hangers. Water will have to be brought in and can't be used from property hydrants. In the future it would be ideal to construct a pilots' lounge.

*POLICY: "Motion to create guidelines for allowing vaults at hangers at Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport, if lot will accommodate." - Asplin/Doug/carried*

**RANDY – have more discussion to talk placement and helping to educate pilots on their responsibilities**

**RONI – will relay decision to those with airport lots**

State OWTS is readopting regulations. We would like a voice in the stakeholder process, especially if we can request more local control for sections like D.4. **EMILY & RANDY – look at option for providing feedback.**

Some additional discussion included questions about how the Division of Water Resources handles community well water, if the community understands how greywater options can reduce water going into a system, and requesting that those on less than ½ an acre of land need to go through the variance process.

*Vital Records update:* 2015: 71 birth certificates, 625 death certificates, \$6,750 collected; Currently MOU with Clerks to do this function is going smoothly.

*Environmental Health updates:* quarterly vs. monthly updates are preferred by Board since this is how we meet; these can be attached to agenda electronically.

Alamosa still has tire shredder. The Rio Grande dump doesn't get enough tires at the dump to need to shred regularly; only every couple years. **EMILY—Connect Carol w/ Lynnea to discuss location collecting fee for tires but not disposing of them.**

*Leads & Hemoglobin tests*

Public Health has been partnering with the Monte Vista and Del Norte Head Starts to make sure all their kids get tested. We utilize MVHS's testing machine and are able to bill Medicaid for some of these procedures. **EMILY: add information about high lead levels and treating for lead to our website; look into offering testing for the public and promote this service**

*Travel clinic*

Data was presented on travel clinic numbers and services provided. Our travel clinic continues to stay busy. We keep looking at different ways to best serve the public (i.e. keeping more travel vaccines on hand) as well as developing clear policies and procedures for clinic work.

*Action Item Review*

- EMILY provided information to Rich Silkey/Mountain Engineering on how the SLV Water Conservancy District is funded for a presentation to SLV Public Health Partnership.
- **RANDY and EMILY will continue to work on a variance application and some details for this process.**
- EMILY will work with Ginger to get this SLV Rabies MOU with all signatures on one page.
  - **EMILY will bring Rabies MOU to Karla to resign.**

- **EMILY will get information on the website about rabies vaccination and quarantine procedures.**
- EMILY connected Marty with Environmental Health for tire clean up opportunities.
- EMILY asked regional EPR/ Linda Smith to do some more EPR classes, especially for public officials such as new commissioners, administrators, etc.
- **EMILY will keep BoH updated on needle disposal, including finding spots for a disposal container.**

*Updates from Municipalities & County*

Del Norte: sewer project is on hold for the winter; close to signing grant/loan documents for hospital expansion, with the goal of finishing by the end of 2018

South Fork:

Monte Vista: Proximately Malt is coming to workshop next week with Town Council to talk about wastewater needs; New Steakhouse is open!

County: Thank you to Pam & Doug for their time on the Board;

*Other Business*

*Next Meetings*

March 9, 2017

June 8, 2017

September 14, 2017

December 14, 2017

EMILY—Email these dates; include times; consider time change—3:30 for public access due to building locking

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted by  
Emily Brown, Secretary