

**Rio Grande County Board of Health**  
**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Rio Grande County: Suzanne Bothell  
Gene Glover

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 3:35 p.m.

*Approval of Agenda & Minutes*

Schroder moved/Bothell seconded to approve agenda. Motion carried. Motion carried.

*OWTS Public Hearing*

No public was present. Asplin/Schroder moved to open public hearing. Motion carried. Opened at 3:37. Discussion around fees. Board would like to discuss variance fees – cost and what that covers and if board can waive. Asplin/Schroder moved to approve updated On-Site Wastewater Regulations; Motion carried. Schroder/Asplin moved to closed 3:52. No public was present.

*Public comment*

There was no public comment.

*Election of Officers*

Asplin/Bothell moved to follow leads for BoCC. Motion carried. Gene will be chair, Suzanne will be vice-chair.

*Updates from Director*

Action Item Review

- EMILY will follow up on recommendations for BoH emergency response:
  - Agreement with Rio Grande Hospital for our Medical Officer, and a back-up medical officer
  - Developing a list of contacts (i.e. past public health staff) with the SLV Public Health Partnership or the SLV Healthcare Coalition for response support
  - Look into keeping cache at a pharmacy to allow for rotation of medication before expiration
  - Finalize cache with Dr. Helgeson
  - Look for someone to act as a back-up county-wide PIO, possibly the hospital PIO or other agencies that have a position in place already
  - Include the coroner on list for BoH meetings and minutes so he can be in the loop, especially around response
  - Incorporate BoH contact information into communication plans and occasional drills
- EMILY will schedule a regular time (maybe at June meetings) to get BoH approval on the department's emergency preparedness plans.
- EMILY continues to keep an eye out for funding sources to refer the Masonic Park to, especially programs that might be like insurance for replacement systems

- EMILY & RANDY will continue to write up more details of variance process and processes for moving quicker if there is a failed system
- EMILY will talk with regional epidemiologist about timeframe for a regional rabies MOU. This was signed by the BoH, but a regional MOU with all signatures on one document was requested.
- EMILY will update the website: information about rabies vaccination and quarantine procedures; high lead levels and treating for lead, medication disposal.
- EMILY will keep BoH updated on needle disposal, including finding spots for a disposal container.
- EMILY will look into offering lead testing for the public and promote this service
- EMILY will see if Rio Grande Hospital would be interested in appointing a representative to serve on our board.
- EMILY will continue to talk with RGH about aligning assessment processes

#### Other Updates

SLV AHEC has started a Harm Reduction Program, SHARRP, in Alamosa. The goal of this program is to expand it to other counties as well.

#### *Updates*

Del Norte – Still trying to get started on lift station, just haven't gotten into the ground yet. This starts the whole sewage project. Hospital has successfully connected new sewage to past systems.

Monte Vista –There is now a permanent medication drop box at the Monte Vista police department.

South Fork – We have a new member – Shanon Goldsberry.

County – Center is working on a Safe Routes to School project.

#### *Other business*

#### *Next Meeting*

Thursday, June 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the RGC BoCC room

Meeting was adjourned at 4:31. (Asplin/Schroeder moved)

Submitted by

Emily Brown, Secretary