

Carbon County Board of Health

January 4, 2024
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
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Agenda

1. Roll Call & Approval of Minutes 10 min
2. New Business 5 min
 - a. Mail / Correspondence
3. Unfinished Business 5 min
4. Department Reports 40 min
 - a. Sheriff
 - b. Attorney
 - c. Sanitarian
 - d. Public Health
 - e. Disaster and Emergency Services
 - f. Mental Health

Carbon County Board of Health Meeting May 4, 2023

Present: Scott Miller, Scott Blain, Bill Bullock, Dick Nolan, Stacie Warehime, Becky Frank, Public Health Director Erin Cross, Public Health Officer Cyrina Allen, Sanitarian Director Barbara Krizek, Sanitarian Jesse Gutierrez, Justine Kougl, Shane Giovetti, Sabina Giovetti, Chris Giovetti, Ed Halland, Cynthia Marble, Ann Gullian, Pat Plowman, and Scott Kramer.

Special Board of Health meeting to consider a request for Carbon County Meats for a variance to the holding tank provisions of the Carbon County On-Site Wastewater Treatment Regulations.

12:00 Miller called the meeting to order and provided guidelines for the meeting. Krizek presented her overview of the variance request, a history of DEQ review on the property, and applicable rules and regulations. Krizek presented her recommendation of approval subject to the following conditions:

1. An invoice for the holding tanks shall be supplied to the Environmental Health Department so that design specifications and sizing can be verified.
2. The inlet pipe of the tank shall be exposed for inspection to verify that piping meets Schedule-40 per DEQ-4 4.1.1.7
3. High-liquid level alarms shall be installed by a Carbon County Licensed Installer in each tank per DEQ-4 8.1.5
4. Each tank must pass a watertight test per DEQ-4, 5.1.7.1 A.2 conducted by a licensed Septic Pumper and results furnished to the Environmental Health Department.
5. Annual watertight testing results be furnished to the Environmental Health Department by June 1 for the previous 12 months.
6. To determine whether previously installed tanks are of sufficient capacity for wastewater flow, Carbon County Meats shall supply Septic Pumper invoices for pumping frequency/volume to the Environmental Health Department quarterly on Jan 15, April 15, Aug 15, and Oct 15. The Board of Health may, at its discretion, require an increase in the holding capacity or adjust reporting frequency.
7. The Board of Health Variance Fee (\$250) must be paid. The \$150 Variance inspection fee shall be waived if the inspection for the Variance occurs concurrently with the drain field.
8. The Board of Health retains the option to rescind the Variance should the above conditions fail to be met.

Bullock moved to approve the variance request; Blain seconded; Bullock asked for clarification of the fee waiver (Krizek is recommending waiving \$150 fee). Nolan asked for clarification as to why the variance request needs to go before Board of Health (this is the process written into County regulations). Blain asked who would furnish records relative to pumping records outlined in number 6 of the

recommendation; Krizek noted pumper should be able to provide records. There was a discussion of tank capacity, the difference in what was engineered and Krizek's recommendation, and the volume of animals expected to be processed and the resulting effluent.

12:15 County Attorney Alex Nixon joined the meeting. Shane Giovetti presented a packet and provided an overview of the business development including discussions with other USDA-inspected facilities and engineers. Giovetti noted it is the standard operating process to put animal byproduct wastewater into holding tanks; others in the business do not alarm those tanks. Giovetti noted the planned 2,000 gal holding capacity is above and beyond most of the facilities they talked to. Noted history of USDA involvement presented specifications of tanks that meet DEQ regulations. Geovetti will use USDA Standard Operating Procedures to monitor tanks which require visual inspection of tanks before and after slaughter; Giovetti plans to pump tanks regularly, but does not believe 1x per week will be necessary. Blain asked about the ratio of blood/viscera to water; Giovetti noted the ratio is about 50/50, as they continually wet the byproducts in slaughter to keep from coagulating.

Giovetti reviewed the recommended conditions and discussed his ability to comply with the recommendation, the reasonableness of the recommendation, and his frustration that he was not provided a copy of the regulations earlier in this process. Regarding the conditions: No. 1 Giovetti has invoices; No. 2 the inlet pipe meets schedule 40, Krizek would like to make a visual inspection to verify; No. 3 the alarm is installed on the overflow tank; No. 4 Giovetti read specifications of tanks from invoice; Krizek asked if the installer would certify water tightness of installation, Commissioners discussed waiving the regular water tightness verification and if the installer could provide certification of water tightness; No. 5 Giovetti noted the pumper can inspect tanks, but does not believe annual water tightness testing is necessary and is concerned that the process would be cost prohibitive for his operation, Krizek noted concerns about possible vehicle traffic over tanks, Giovetti noted the tanks are under animal pens not the driveway. Nolan asked about manufacturer recommendations, discussion of costs associated with water tightness testing, Bullock recommended amending the motion to 10 year evaluation of water tightness, Giovetti noted the USDA will be inspecting operations daily which will include holding tanks. Giovetti's noted strict USDA regulations that would monitor and keep the capacity at the forefront of operations, Miller believes No. 6 is met (Blain and Nolan concur); No. 7 discussion of waiving variance and inspection fee (recommended by Nolan) discussion of inspection fees noting already paying for septic inspection; Bullock noted the significant need for these facilities regionally

Blain moved to amend the motion to strike condition No. 4, alter No. 5 to a 10-year test, and to strike No. 6 and No. 7; Bullock seconded; Miller opened the motion to amend to public comment. Chris Giovetti noted his support for the business and the family's interest in keeping the facility well-run. Cynthia Marble noted the new business

is a great opportunity for County for producers and consumers, Pat Plowman echoes comments. Ann Gullian with Alpaca Ranch noted a USDA facility will allow them to process their product locally, Scott Kramer noted benefits to the county. Ed Halland noted economic benefits to town/County, concerned that goalposts for some of the requirements have moved as the business has developed and that this will impact the development of more businesses. Amendment motion carried. \

Conditions of the original motion to approve were amended to:

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3. High-liquid level alarms shall be installed by a Carbon County Licensed Installer in each tank per DEQ-4 8.1.5
4. In 10 years watertight testing results be furnished to the Environmental Health Department by June 1, 2033.
5. The Board of retains the option to rescind the Variance should the above conditions fail to be met.

Krizek noted she would be able to inspect the facility first thing Friday (tomorrow morning) at 0800. Blain commented and thanked Krizek and Gutierrez for their diligence in adhering to rules and regulations, noting that neither of them were responsible for those rules.

Motion carried.

1:30 meetin adjourned.

Carbon County Board of Health Meeting August 17, 2023

Present: Scott Miller, Scott Blain, Dick Nolan, Stacie Warehime, Health Officer Cyrina Allen, Public Health Director Erin Cross, Medical Director Cindy Swan, Sanitarian Director Barbara Krizek, Sanitarian Jesse Gutierrez, Katie Day, Mary Cameron, Steve Stapp, Jason Mahoney, Denise Rivette, and Eric Stahal

11:30 Meeting called to order.

Warehime moved to approve minutes from April 7, 2023; Nolan seconded; motion carried.

No mail / Correspondence

New Business

Variance Holding Tank. Stapp presented the project, minimum 2,000 gal holding tank for animal butchering facility at 56 Promise Ln, maximum 6 cows a day. Conditional Use permit through planning. Effluent will include animal blood, but will try to minimize other by-products. Nolan asked about 40 gal per day, would need to be pumped 2-3 times per month. Discussion of monitoring for pumping, Krizek noted requiring a seamless tank and design has met other design criteria. Blain moved to approve; Nolan seconded; motion carried.

Discussion of notice and how members of the public would find out about meeting and projects. Nolan would like to see better notice in the future.

Variance Joliet water/sewer connection. Stahl reviewed the Administrative Rules which require a connection to a sewer within 200' unless it is not readily available or economically feasible. Stahl discussed the complication of having to drill under US Hwy 212 to connect into the system at an approximate cost of \$35K and the homeowner would be responsible for maintenance. To connect to sewer the landowner would still need approval from the Town of Joliet and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT); MDT is not excited about providing the permit to an individual landowner for the connection. Septic would be \$8-9K for a 3-bedroom residence. The standard for economic hardship is 3 times the cost of an alternative. Blain moved to approve; Nolan seconded; Miller and Blain agreed does not make sense to bore under the highway; motion carried.

Becky Frank joined the meeting.

Variance request from Floodplain setback at 2 Shamrock Ln for septic drain field. Krizek noted the current floodplain map based on topography; using more current base flood data there should be a 5ft separation; Nolan moved to approve the variance; Frank seconded; motion carried.

Blain departed.

Krizek notified the Board of approval a holding tank for their Fires Service cabin. Terrain would not allow for septic. Forest Service has approved, and Krizek is waiting on more information for the engineer.

Compliance Issues. Cross noted in the last two years has had continual issues with Beartooth Billings Clinic (BBC) reporting communicable diseases to Public Health as required by law. Has had several meetings with BBC and the State and may need assistance from the Board to try and get this on track.

12:11 Commissioner Bill Bullock joined the meeting.

The findings of the Health Needs Assessment were presented. Prevalent issues were around Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the correlation between the two.

Department Reports

Sanitarian – Bridger derailment is still being monitored by DEQ.

E Rosebud lot of damage from the flood and will need a lot of work to get into sanitary compliance.

Public Health – West Nile 3 human cases in MT, 2 horses.

Mental Health Center – Ostermiller noted the mental health statistics are pretty similar to what they have found in other states. Need someone to connect people to care.

1:36 Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer

**Carbon County Board of Health
October 5, 2023**

Present: Scott Miller, Scott Blain, Bill Bullock and Dr. William Oley. Sanitarian Barbara Krizek, County Attorney Alex Nixon, Denise Rivette, JP Goan, Jeff and Brenda Dunham, Luke Osborn

No Minutes

No Mail

East Rosebud Cabins - Discussion about a path forward on how to remediate flood damage in conjunction with sanitation concerns. East Rosebud is a unique situation where the Association owns the land and cabin owners own their structures on the land. Armstrong Creek has damaged or made 16 homes inaccessible. Discussion about holding tanks being used in a short-term manner until the whole situation can be fixed, but this could take years. Nixon suggested that the Homeowners Association is ultimately responsible to make sure that sanitation systems are functioning. The Association is looking for confirmation that the County will not be issuing 80 variances and handling each cabin owner separately but rather that the Association needs to handle the situation as a whole.

All other reports were printed and distributed.



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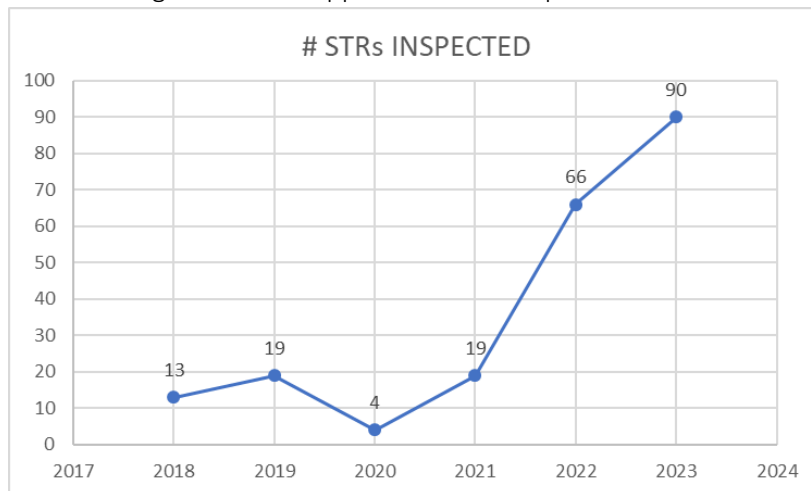
MONTHLY RE-CAP DECEMBER 13, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL/ON-SITE WASTEWATER

- Construction Authorization backlog mostly eliminated; posting 30-day turnaround for new applications. 2022 applications = 137; 2023 YTD = 96 (70% of 2022)
- Winter Projects: **Carbon County Wastewater Regs review (current edition = 2019)**; Ground Water Monitoring geographical/historical GIS layer of inventory over time; Site Evaluator qualifying criteria/test; follow-up on Compliance issues; cross-train Gutierrez for Engineering reviews for over 20-acre parcels.
- Septic Installer Training Feb 7 (Feb 13 Weather)

LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS (DPHHS)

- Keep eye out for new Task Order granting (DocuSign) system.
- “90% Threshold” met for all categories except Wholesale Foods (challenge of operator availability)
- Plan to cross-train Krizek late Winter for full Departmental functioning/back-up (vs. specialization)
- Continued high volume of applications and inspections for Short-Term Rentals



COMPLAINTS:

- OLD: DEQ Violation Letter sent to Joseph and Mandy Kleinhans at 12 Riada Dr (STR/COSA) and owners are working to comply per DEQ; Castaway (Planning); Vargas (Septic); Lonesome Spur Dude Ranch new wedding venue (Group-2/Septic) issued letter 6/15 and have taken steps toward compliance; Mountain View Trailer Court – Joliet (Septic) site visit and steps towards ameliorating; Boyd RV sites (“subdivision”)
- NEW: Sheriff McQuillan compliance procedures; 12 Palisades Path reported by Contractor

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE

- June 2022 Flood: No news since BOH meeting
- Bridger Train De-Railment: Clean-up and well monitoring in progress until remediated.

MISC:

- Leave: Barbara Dec 18-26; Jesse Dec 22-Jan 2; Lori possibly Jan 2-4.

Carbon County Public Health Commissioner Update

December 14th 2023



Important Updates:

SERVICES/PROGRAMS

❖ CRISIS COALITION

- Coalition growing – subcommittees starting to meet. Projects being done

❖ SCHOOL HEALTH

- Educational opportunities being offered to all schools
- Dedicated M-F on call phone for schools to call a nurse – underutilized but growing
- Crisis Coalition and PH utilizing Piedmont as a project management to help get mental health services to the valley side of Carbon for community members and the school – Funding approval for Crisis Diversion Grant funding for project.
- Immunization Clinics offered to all schools – most completed
- PH RN assisting schools with special needs youth medications/504's/IEP's, slowly gaining speed

❖ IMMUNIZATION

- In house vaccinations by appointment and walk in M-Th
- Upcoming Mobile vaccine clinics
 - RL Senior Center Monday 18th
 - Roberts School Tuesday 19th
 - Heartland Wednesday 20th
 - Working on a second round through senior centers
- Completed Mobile vaccine clinics (COVID, Influenza,)
 - Bridger Senior Center with LIFTT, and Care Van
 - Red Lodge Fire Rescue Nov. 30
- PIO assisting in advertising in getting service.

❖ COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MONITORING

- Ongoing - Actively monitoring KSP's and building relationships
- Influenza cases are sporadic – activity increasing quickly
- YTD Disease Report
 - COVID (232) (1)
 - Campylobacteriosis (5)
 - Chlamydia (14)
 - Elevated led (2)
 - Gonorrhea (1)
 - Hep C Acute (2)
 - Hep C Chronic (6)
 - Influenza death/hospitalizations
 - Latent TB (1)
 - Lead (2)
 - Legionellosis (1)
 - Lyme Disease (2)
 - Rabies PEP (1)
 - Salmonellosis (2)
 - West Nile Non-neuroinvasive (1)

❖ MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

- Car Seats (RLFR)
- Promise 686 Program (winter clothing drive to disperse to schools)
- WIC – RN joining to offer car seats, vaccines, resources and education

- Project Linus
- Hygiene classes at the library, condoms/hygiene cabinet in bathroom
- ❖ **SENIOR SERVICES**
 - Schedule for Senior services developed. Working with RLFR, Extension office, and LIFTT
 - LIFTT Assist with services for Veterans
- ❖ **CLINICAL SERVICES**
 - Vaccinations
 - Simple measurements BG/BP/Foot Checks protocols in process
 - Education
 - Hygiene supplies
- ❖ **PREVENTION SERVICES**
 - **Tobacco prevention**
 - Quit Kits provided to schools
 - Promoting and providing prevention and cessation information and resources
 - **STD/HIV Prevention**
 - Funding has been revoked – utilizing funding not yet used for condoms.
 - Increasing STD awareness via several routes
 - Reaching out to higher risk populations
 - Planning a health fair day on each side of the county, wellness screenings and STD screenings (ON HOLD)
 - **Mental Health and Suicide prevention**
 - Work stations set up for onboarding positions.
 - AmeriCorps/PH/MHC/Coalition/Piedmont working on best practices for implementing mental health services in Bridger School and Communities
 - **PHEP**
 - Foodborne Illness Outbreak kits – one at sheriffs dept. on vaccine fridge, one in sanitarians office
 - Foodborne Illness table top exercise last week went well
 - CBAT (Chemical/Biological Agent Transport) Kit inventoried – will be housed at sheriffs Dept on vaccine fridge.
 - DWES (Drinking Water Emergency Sampling) Kit inventoried – will be housed at Sheriffs Dept on vaccine fridge
 - Continuing AFN (access and functional needs) inclusion project – will be a long-term project.
 - Mahoney is assisting with PHEP as it relates to Senior planning, Schools planning and immunizations planning.
 - PHEP plans review and staff training – On going

STAFFING

- 2 other RN positions posted
- 1 Crisis Coalition Coordinator possibly will be reposted

PROJECTS

- Focusing work and projects around Commissioner requests and state requirements
 - Seniors, Schools, mental health, and immunizations.
- Staff Onboarding
- CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) planning to begin soon. – Piedmont Research assisting with project management
- Crisis Diversion / PH & MH integration project with the Crisis Coalition and MHC

- Case Management Services preparation for Seniors, and vulnerable populations
- Reviewing current vaccine/medication standing orders/policies and procedures in progress

NEXT QUARTER'S GOALS

- Focusing on requested focus areas from commissioners
- Continued department stability
- Working with local entities on increasing STD testing – waiting for state to approve use of funding to get set up for testing. Policies and protocols will need to be in place
- Onboarding Crisis Coalition Coordinator and Care Coordinator
- Hiring 2 RN's
- Correcting past Billing errors and getting the system set up correctly

LONG TERM GOALS

- Working with MHC and AmeriCorps member for stronger interagency collaboration
- Preventative community education planning
- Continue to improve communications and collaborations with local clinics and hospitals

REQUESTS

- Space in Bridger/Valley area for public health expansion to promote/provide PH and MH services.
- Secondary 4-wheel drive vehicle – is there one available or should it be added to next FY's budget? PH's is frequently being requested by maintenance and PIO's.

Report to Carbon County Board of Health (BOH)
Mental Health Center (MHC) Carbon Stillwater Substance Use Prevention Program
October - December 2023

Funding

Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY24) Prevention Block Grant (BG)

Community Based Process (CBP) -

- Member of Carbon County Behavioral Health and Crisis Coalition (CCCC);
- Collaborated with Carbon County Public Health on presenting Information about the Carbon County Behavioral Health and Crisis Coalition at the Red Lodge Senior Center vaccination clinic
- Attended Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) Advocate Training;
- Collaborated with DSVS and CCCC to distribute Holding on to Life workbooks to Carbon County Schools.

Evidence Based Prevention Education (EB/PE) –

- No EB/PE courses scheduled this quarter.
- Rebekkah Easter earned certification as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

Distribution of Information (DOI) -

- ParentingMontana.org (PM) information was posted on social media and in public spaces.
- Distributed Information regarding suicide prevention, over consumption and illegal alcohol sales to minors to Carbon County alcohol outlets, and public spaces. Posters and coasters purchased with FFY23 BG Regional Funds

Environmental Strategies (ES) -

- Delivered Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service certificates and required signage to the J-Bar In Joliet prior to their meeting with DOR representative regarding the new liquor license Issued to the establishment.

Alternative Activities (AA) -

- Maintained Inventory of equipment and supplies necessary to conduct family friendly activities not compatible with alcohol and drug use.

Problem Identification and Referral (PIR) -

- Maintained certification required to conduct evidence-based alcohol and drug education as required.

I am leaving the Substance Use Prevention Specialist position as In December, I accepted a position with Carbon County Public Health as the Carbon County Crisis Care Coordinator. I will do what I can to facilitate a smooth transition when the MHC hires a Substance Use Prevention Specialist for Carbon County.

Respectfully Submitted,

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