

## **TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**September 18, 2024**

Present: Gary Dale, Sam Carlson, Ken Bassmann, Randy Morris, Elaine Sedlack, Austin Moyer and Carmen Staigmiller (via remote).

Absent: Barb Shaffer and Melissa Moyer.

Guests: Marcia Quillan (TCHD) and Melody Martinson (Choteau Acantha).

The meeting was called to order by Austin Moyer at 8:01 am in the Teton County Courthouse Annex Conference Room. The meeting was recorded as per a new legislative rule which took effect July 1, 2024, requiring all local government meetings be recorded and posted in a public location within 24 hours.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Sam moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Gary and approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Health Department Updates:

Influenza and COVID Vaccine Clinics: Marcia reported the flu and COVID vaccine drive through clinics will be held October 8, 2024, in Choteau by the pavilion and October 9, 2024, in Fairfield. Dutton and Power clinics will be held the following week. The influenza vaccine is a trivalent vaccine this year and the COVID vaccine has been updated to address the newer circulating virus strain. Thanks to the new electronic immunization record system, people will be able to sign up electronically before the clinics which should enable them to move through the line faster. In response to a question, Marcia said there has been an uptick in COVID cases recently with 7 cases reported to TCHD. She said the updated recommendations are that after a person has been symptom free for 24 hours, they can resume their normal activities.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Marcia said community meetings to determine the focus for the next 3 years will be held in November.

Chem Pack Plan: The plan was sent to board of health members to review. Marcia said there were no changes to the plan this year, so it does not need to be signed. There were no comments.

Truck Wreck Protocol: The plan was sent to board of health members to review. There were no changes to the plan this year, so it does not need to be signed. There were no comments.

## Sanitarian Updates:

Zucati Holding Tank Variance: Austin has been in contact with the Zucati family who want to establish a butcher shop near Greenfield School. The wastewater from such a facility would be a problem. Austin has talked to a similar facility in Flathead County which has worked to reduce the amount of their wastewater and will share that information with Zucati. Austin believes a traditional drain field would not be in the best interests of the community. He believes a holding tank would be a better option but under existing rules holding tanks are only allowed for seasonal use, so a variance is required. He suggests they use the largest holding tank they can get which is probably in the 1,500 to 2,000 gallon range and should be pumped monthly. Ken made a motion to approve the holding tank variance. The motion was seconded by Randy and passed unanimously.

South Bench Estates Subdivision: Austin reports the problems with the wells in this subdivision continue after someone complained about a new well being drilled for domestic use. Wells in this subdivision are only approved for livestock use but are being used for domestic use. He is waiting for action by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), but their subdivision review section is very far behind. He is also waiting for them to approve a change in the water lines in the MountainView Campground in Choteau and a trailer park in Dutton.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am by Austin. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 11, 2024, in the Teton County Courthouse Annex Conference Room at 8:00 am and via ZOOM.

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Ken Bassmann, Chairman

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Elaine Sedlack, Secretary