

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes
Thursday, November 4, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

Board heard comments regarding proposed amendments to the rules and regulations of OWTS Regulation 43.

2 proposed changes:

1. A licensed professional engineer or “Competent Technician” may submit soil evaluations
2. All OWTS plans must be stamped by a licensed professional engineer

Comments:

- Concern about cost to buyers
- Clarification of costs

Public Hearing closed 9:15am

REGULAR MEETING

Attendees:

Lyn Lampert
Jody Stroh
Scott Lamb
Greg Levine
Jerry Gray
Tara Hardy

Meeting called to order by Lyn Lampert at 9:20am

Approval of minutes from 8/9/21

Lamb makes motion to approve minutes

Levine makes second motion

Motion carries unanimously

Community Communications: none

OWTS Vote

Levine makes motion to approve proposed amendments to OWTS Regulation 43

Lamb makes second motion

Motion carries unanimously

Presentation by Lilian Coll – SLV Regional Epidemiologist
[COVID-19 Overview 2020-2021 Epi Update](#)

COVID Update

- State update
 - Hospitals full
 - Colorado is 5th in country with most COVID cases
 - State is projecting to have the highest number of cases this year as it did last year

- State has requested assistance from Federal government with healthcare staffing
- Local Update
 - Counties maintaining steady numbers
 - No current hospitalizations (Hospitalizations defined as admitted and spent the night)
 - It is the new norm to have cases
 - Both offices working hard to vaccinate as quickly as possible, and still doing 1st and 2nd doses
 - Lake City vaccine clinics on Wednesdays and some boosters other days
 - Creede vaccine clinics Wednesday for COVID; Tuesday/Thursday for flu
 - 5-11 year old vaccines to start next week
 - Constant testing in both offices
- Starting to think about and look at how to build an infrastructure for handling COVID. How to give other entities tools to help Public Health with COVID related tasks, i.e. testing, contact tracing. Where can we start shifting tasks from Public Health? Working with schools and medical care organizations to explore options.
- Finding that using real-time statistics, which are much more realistic and telling of the current COVID situation, is much more valuable in determining how to mitigate at any given time.
- Tara is considering using a Public Health Advisory to communicate to the community
- The current protocol regarding notifying businesses if an employee tests positive for COVID – Public Health will notify the business, but the business will make any decisions of how or if to notify the public. Finding that most business are making their own statement of notification.
- Conversation among Public Health is starting to focus on the definition of ‘getting back to normal and what that will look like’. No clear answer at this time.
- Tara is working to get COVID funding to schools so they can set up their own infrastructure for handling COVID. Maybe hiring an individual to focus on COVID tasks like testing and contact tracing.
- Tara starting to work with Wolf Creek on COVID protocols.
- Tara will put together an advisory. Advisory will come from BOH.

Board Member Terms

- Scott started 1/1/2017 and will be rotating out for 2022. Ramona will serve beginning 1/1/22.
- Jesse started 1/12/21 and will continue to serve on the board
- Greg started 1/12/21 and will continue to serve on the board
- Robert started 1/12/21 and is unknown if he will continue to serve or rotate out for 2022
- Jerry started 1/28/20 and term expires 1/1/23
- Jody started 4/24/18 and term expires 1/1/23
- Jim started 1/1/17 and term expires on 1/1/22. He would like to serve another term and will need to be reappointed.
- Lyn started 5/20/17 and term expires on 1/1/22. Lyn will not be renewing at the end of the term – 12/31/21
- Tara will put out notice in Hinsdale for Member at Large.

Director Report

- Changes to operating costs in budget, but will not affect county contributions.
 - 2 funding sources added to budget and Tara is working on ways to spend those funds
- Staff: Joni is back at work, so Vivian is no longer helping out.
- Video for website is going well and being edited. Testimonies from the community have been really great.
- Starting to work on holiday food boxes.

BOH Director Reports

Greg: Conversation about the “Mask” article in the Silver World and asking for comments/thoughts. Tara did quite a bit of research on the sources of his information. Within the office, there was discussion of composing a response, but then we decided against it. Thoughts on an article with information regarding the benefits of masks is being considered.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2022 in Creede at 9:00am
Adjourned 11:02am