

**GUNNISON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Scheduled Meeting and Public Hearings
AGENDA: November 10, 2010**

**Planning Commission Meeting Room, Blackstock Government Center,
Gunnison County 221 N. Wisconsin, Second floor.
All meetings are open to the public.**

Anyone needing special accommodations please contact the Environmental Health Office prior to the meeting.

- 1:15 p.m. Call to order; determine quorum;**
- 1:20 p.m. Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting;**
- 1:35 p.m. Unscheduled Citizens;**
- 1:45 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing for applicant Mark Warren, 225 Blackfoot trail, Lot 33 of Gunnison River Subdivision Filing 2, Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Permit #2002-019. The applicant requests a Special Review-variance from the ISDS permit for his lot. The permit condition, for this lot, requires connection to a central sewer line, when one becomes available. A central sewer line has been installed and available for connection to this property. However, the applicant would like to continue utilizing the existing ISDS.**
- 2:45 p.m. Staff report regarding:**
-ISDS Regulations;
-Water Quality Control Division Policy 6 of Regulation Number 22
-Discussion of the EPA-ISDS workshop in Eagle on November 4 and 5.
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn**

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PUBLIC HEARING
November 10, 2010**

The Gunnison County Environmental Health Board conducted a meeting, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Blackstocks Government Center, Planning Commission meeting room.

Present were:

Steve Glazer, Vice-Chairperson
Eddy Balch, EH Board Member
Richard Stenson, EH Official

Larry Parachini, EH Board Member
Rodney Due, EH Board Member
Michelle Spain, Admin Assistant

Absent were: Anthony Poponi, Cory Bryndal, Lucinda Lull

1:35 p.m. Call to order; determine quorum;

1:35 p.m. Richard Stenson submitted well reports to the board for their review.

1:40 p.m. Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting; Tabled for future meeting.

1:35 p.m. Unscheduled Citizens; Glazer informed the board of the fuel tank that was being installed in the Coal Creek Water District. CS Irwin is installing this fuel tank located at the Irwin Lodge. This will house fuel for snowmobiles etc. All permits were applied for and issued.

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Continuation of previous public hearing and the agenda was posted in the paper and all building postings. The continuation of the meeting was for the applicants to submit further information that was requested at the time.

Mark Warren then started his review. Wells were reviewed and test results were stated and discussed. Affluent test was then discussed.

Ecoli levels were discussed.

Parachini asked where the sample was collected for this test. Warren indicated the location. Stenson explained to Mr. Warren what the board was looking for.

Due responded that he was looking for safety on the wells.

Warren indicated that the most likely solution would be to tap on to the county system. Estimated cost is \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to do this. Warren has requested a year extension in order to this. They would like to do this in the spring of 2011.

Stenson started his review. He had concerns on this Advantax system and the operation of this system at this site. The system is not operating up to standards at this time. Phosphate reductions could be accomplished by household use. Ecoli readings in the wells are a concern to Stenson. Stenson recommended that the wells be addressed. The Warrens questioned the range for this ecoli concern. Stenson was concerned about the ecoli readings leaving the tank. He recommended non drinking of the house water. The applicant asked if the wells up above their site have their wells tested.

Glazer requested that the discussion return to the recommendations for this request. Stenson recommended that the board give the applicants the one year request to tap on.

Parachini instructed the applicants recommend no lift station to this county line.

Glazer reviewed proper disposal of an abandoned tank.

Balch asked what time would the request be granted.

Glazer asked about placement of taps. The taps are in place and verified by the public works department.

Glazer closed public hearing.

Deliberation commenced. Glazer was encouraged to see that the applicants had decided to tap into the sewer line. This is a much better way to dispose of waste for all parties concerned.

Glazer would like to see the one year extension to tap in. The county needs to follow through with the decommission of the existing tank.

Parachini suggested a date certain. Mr. Warren requested December 1st.

Balch requested mid November. The various construction deadlines were discussed. Mark Templeton was contacted and November 20th latest and April 1st to begin.

Motion by Glazer. Reviewed the status. Facts then list.

- 1) One year extension granted expiring November 30, 2011
- 2) Proper retiring of current tank shall be monitored by county staff

2nd by Balch

Vote called. Due-yes, Parachini-yes, Balch-yes, Glazer-yes.

Glazer then discussed the issues of public health when people are on a well. His family monitors his personal well once a year. Purging of wells are common. The measurements of this well test were discussed. Sample collection was discussed. Hose bib not a recommended area to take a sample. Balch indicated the proper sample location in the house.

Stenson showed concern for the nitrates in the samples. Ecoli readings were discussed again. UV filters were discussed.

Break

2:40 p.m.

Staff report regarding:

-ISDS Regulations; Binders and new regulations were given to the board. Stenson thanked staff and board for new copies. Septic tank burial was discussed. Septic tank should not be buried more than 36 inches as far as the EPA is concerned. Our ISDS regulations state 30 inches. Access for maintenance, cleaning, etc can only happen with adequate depth. Bedding of sewer lines were all ready in our regulations. The bedding components were discussed.

-Water Quality Control Division Policy 6 of Regulation Number 22: Stenson dispersed copies of this regulation. This review commenced. The county looks at septic permits which are over 2000 gallons per day as a permit to be reviewed and monitored by the State of Colorado . Stenson reviewed the regulation. Multiple ISDS can be treated as a single waste water treatment plant. Bear Ranch was used as an example. Any septic system components that over lap. This is triggering the question on who will this be under. County / State. Definition of this is under review at this time. Stenson entered the site plan for the board to review. Stenson indicated that this could not happen. Pitkin county EH Official said they could. Question on the building permits being issued prior to ISDS system in place. The state's position is unclear at this time.

Parachini asked if this was the only construction that was to be completed. Stenson replied not even.

Glazer asked if Stenson wanted to be the authority to monitor this request.

Parachini indicated that the continuing changes have put this county into possible state permitting. The state then indicated to Stenson that this would be a joint review. After review Glazer requested that the policy 6 of Regulation 22 is clear and that the state should modify their policy. Glazer requested that Stenson prepare a draft letter to the BOCC requesting guidance concerning this regulation not only for the Bear Ranch request.

Balch injected that the regulation as is may be unclear for all involved.

Due injected that we should make a statement of the entire components for a septic system.

Parachini stated that the components need to be listed and both the county and state be agreed upon.

Glazer requested that the letter be drafted to the state to be reviewed and then submitted to Matthew Birnie. Point discharge permits were discussed.

Parachini indicated that Stenson should get a master plan on this entire project. The last information came in on 6000 gallons per day flows.

-Discussion of the EPA-ISDS workshop in Eagle on November 4 and 5. Parachini indicated that some of the slides shown had risers installed. Parachini wanted all risers installed. Risers in general were discussed.

Balch asked about the GPS sub meter and if we were using it at this time.

Stenson indicated not yet.

Other annual meetings were discussed. Some are coming in January 2011.

3:35 p.m. Adjourn