

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO**

James L. Newberry – Commissioner District 1; Nancy Stuart – Commissioner District 2; Gary Bumgarner, Chairman – Commissioner District 3; Lurline Underbrink Curran, County Manager; Anthony J. DiCola, County Attorney; and Sara L. Rosene, County Clerk and Recorder.

March 4, 2008

Chief Building Official, Scott Penson, introduced Mr. Sen to the Board. He is the owner of the property that has a septic system with some problems. The designer engineer of the system, Jed Dindinger, was not present at the meet as Mr. Penson had hoped.

Mr. Penson received a report of effluent running on the County Road in Alpine Park in November of 2007. After finding out the location of the property, Mr. Penson had one of his field inspectors photograph the problems. Mr. Penson stated that he sent Mr. Sen a certified letter and it came back undeliverable. Then Mr. Penson spoke with Mr. Sen by phone after which the septic tank was pumped.

Mr. Penson received another call from Mr. Sen's neighbors in December reporting that there was still effluent running on the roadway. Mr. Penson contacted Mr. Sen and the tank was pumped again. The problems continued and Mr. Penson told Mr. Sen that he may want to contact the design engineer. Mr. Sen did contact Mr. Dindinger and since that time, Mr. Penson has received a couple of updates from Mr. Dindinger and he continues to monitor the system.

There were a number of people staying at the home during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. Sen stated that he now has a basic understanding of the system and has disconnected the washing machine.

Mr. Sen stated that there are 12 people living in the house now. Mr. Penson stated that the septic system was designed for six people. Mr. Sen expects people to be leaving and then there will be 7 people living in the house. Mr. Penson stated that the system is being overtaxed because there have been too many people staying there.

Commissioner Newberry stated that unless it is pumped all the time, the system will not be able to recuperate. Mr. Sen noted that he believes there is something wrong with the pump in the system.

Mr. Penson explained that the system uses infiltrators. The system will collect a specific amount of water and then will spray it on the ground inside the leach field. There has been too much water for the system to handle it all.

Mr. Franek stated that it really does not matter how many people are living in the home. If there is effluent on the ground, it is a problem. The County can red tag the house and then no one can live there.

Mr. Penson stated that the problem needs to be resolved by March 12, 2008. Once the run-off starts, the system will have even more problems. Mr. Penson added that eventually the system may need to be rebuilt or expanded.

Mr. Penson stated that he needs to discuss the matter with Mr. Dindinger before he can make a recommendation on the 30-day requirement. Commissioner Newberry stated that the situation is very serious. At this time, the County will enforce the 30-day requirement to correct the problem.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was reconvened. Minutes were taken and prepared by Sara L. Rosene, County Clerk and Recorder. Approved this ____ day of March 2008.

Gary Bumgarner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sara L. Rosene
Grand County Clerk and Recorder

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