

**JULY 30, 2015**

City/County Health Board Meeting

Present are Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mike Cole and Micki Carvey, Eureka via Vision Net, Mayor Doug Roll, Peggy Williams, Nick Raines, Jenn McCully, Kathi Hooper, Dr. Brad Black, Rebecca Thomas and Debra McKean via telephone conferencing.

3:30 PM-Nick drafted a Letter to the Editor to go out to the media on behalf of the TAG/CAG Advisor pertaining to emergency cleanup and the 25% rule leaving known asbestos contamination up to 0.2 percent.

The health board talked about trace contamination amounts in soil, exposure pathways, various contamination scenarios, the risk assessment and toxicity values. Is the risk assessment viable and is the remedy protective? Deb McKean said the risk assessment has been reviewed by multiple agencies inside and outside the EPA. At this stage, Dr. Black feels there should not be known asbestos left on OU4 (residential) properties. Rebecca Thomas said she has concerns about the message sent to the public and would like to continue the conversation.

Jennifer McCully talked about rabies in two bats. There has also been an increase in dog and cat bites.

Nick Raines presented a draft letter to EPA from the City/County Board of Health as a formal comment to the Proposed Plan. The health board reviewed and discussed the letter for additions and changes. The board discussed the foreseen potential problems of EPA leaving known asbestos below trace in portions of properties.

There are limited use areas that may change in the years and may become high use areas. The real concern is who is going to pay for the cleanup in the future if known asbestos is left behind.

A big concern to the City/County Board of Health is EPA intentionally leaving known asbestos on residential properties. Public health is the priority in these decisions.

**Motion** by Doug Roll to accept the *Physical Remedy* portion of the draft letter as written. Second by Peggy Williams, motion passed unanimously.

The board went through the remainder of the draft letter in detail and made suggestions and additions for clarity and to ensure public safety, as well as acknowledgment of the public comments received by the Asbestos Resource Program.

Nick will take the changes and suggestions that the health board agreed to and will modify the letter and submit it to the Board of Health Members for approval. The revised letter will be sent to EPA by August 7.

**5:15 The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Robin A. Benson  
Lincoln County Clerk & Recorder