

## Mason County Onsite Sewage Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes for 3/8/2022

- 1) Call to order: 5:02 pm via Zoom
- 2) Roll call and determination of Quorum (8)  
Present: Evie Fagergren, Kim Delany, Jim Henry, Wes Graves, Paula Johnson, Keith Fuller, James Medcalf, Thad Bamford, Alex Paysse, Luke Cencula
- 3) Determination of 2022 President and Vice President: Several members declined nomination. Wes was nominated as VP, accepted, and passed. Jim was nominated as President, accepted, and passed.
- 4) Guest Introductions: No guests
- 5) Review and Approval of 12/14/21 Minutes: Approved
- 6) County Updates: Alex provided staff status- Rhonda Thompson is out on maternity leave, will return the end of April; Jeff and Luke are available in the office. The county will be resuming mailings for maintenance reminders, deficient systems.

Membership Updates: Darin Ogg resigned from the citizen position; it will be advertised. Wes Graves reapplied for the pumpers' position, Alex is processing the application. Kim will not be reapplying for the watershed position #1, this position will be advertised along with the open watershed #2 position (three positions in total will be advertised). Homebuilders' position will be filled by David Killeen (sp?). Kim suggested she may be willing to stay on at the citizen's position.

Alex continued on stating permits are continuing to come in and the county has been responding within the 30 days.

- 7) Old Business: Repair permit payment options. Alex explained Craft3 Clean Water Loans and their association and history with the county. He had discussed the possibility of some sort of pre-approval process to defer permit fees with the finance manager, which would improve the efficiency of payment. Paula added details to the loans and how beneficial they are to county residents.
- 8) New business: Alex brought up nominations, permit renewals, and asked how the committee would like to meet moving forward- virtual/in-person/hybrid. Kim supports extending renewals due to time constraints. Alex said currently, renewals are policy-based and with the pending state code changes, the county will re-evaluate after adoption. He will present current policy to the committee in the future.

Kim and Evie support quarterly meetings, appreciate virtual meetings, but would like at least one in-person. They suggested June to be in-person and go from there; Keith agreed, seconded by Thad. Alex said he would need to coordinate with Public Works if the committee wants to meet there, we would finalize later.

Thad asked if ORME removed the hydraulic test from the inspection report. Alex confirmed and went over last year's discussion and how it is up to the provider to assess the drain field based off system type and situation.

Thad asked about how long approved designs should take before being scanned and available as public record, saying its been as much as two months. Alex said there's times it may take longer but definitely shouldn't take two months. He discussed the permit issuance (mailing, scanning) process and how the county can look into making sure repair permits are prioritized for scanning. Paula scans her approved designs when received and sends to installer.

Close of meeting: Evie adjourned the meeting at 5:38 pm.

Taken and submitted for review by Luke Cencula