

**SEPTIC TANK PUMPERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The Septic Tank Pumpers Advisory Committee meeting was called to order on January 21, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jamie Hillman, Jim's Backhoe & Septic Service;
Wade Stout, Badger Pass Septic Service, LLP;
Don Heimbigner, Don's Septic Service;
Conrad C. Eckert, Eckert Services;
Barbara Woodbury, Sanders County Sanitarian;
Renai Hill, Montana DEQ.

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Hazen, Hegar Septic (GWWS);
Betty Heimbigner, Don's Septic Service;
Conrad Eckert, Eckert Services;
Kelly Brown, Browns Septic, Inc;
Carl Kundey, Water Net, Inc;
Jeff Sattler, Water Net, Inc;
Kenneth E. Wheeler, Kenneth Wheeler;
Many attendees from the STP Training Workshop.

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE (CALL-OFF):

John Clark, Scenic City Enterprises

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR June 13, 2008 MEETING

Conrad Eckert (Acting Chairman) asked for any changes to the draft minutes. A motion to approve the September 2008 minutes was made by Don Heimbigner and seconded by Wade Stout. The motion carried and the September 11, 2008 minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. *Vacant SPAC Position.* The position of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson was opened to all present. Conrad Eckert and John Hazen requested consideration for the Chairperson position. A silent/written vote was requested and made. The written votes were counted by Renai Hill. Conrad Eckert was voted in as Chairperson and John Hazen as Vice Chairperson. The floor was then opened for Committee member positions: Region 5 - Primary position, Region 6 - Alternate position, and Region 7 - Primary and Alternate positions. Kelly Brown - Region 5, Carl Kundey - Region 6; and Kenneth E. Wheeler - Region 7 volunteered and were voted in.

2. *MACO Workshop.* Conrad C. Eckert discussed with the group the talk he gave at the MACO Workshop for newly appointed Commissioners.

3. *Educating the Public.* Renai Hill discussed with the group the Department developing and providing educational pamphlets. The pumpers would be able to hand out the educational pamphlets to their customers, which would have general information on operational and maintenance requirements. Suggestions were made by the group as to where to get the best guidance information.

4. *Enforcement Update.* Renai Hill discussed problems being encountered at proposed disposal sites in new subdivisions and the requirement for public notice of adjoining property owners to the site. She also discussed pumpers operating without a license after their license expires on December 31st and penalties that can occur if they are found to be operating.

5. *General Discussion.* Barb Woodbury briefed the group on the talk she gave at the Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA) training. The group discussed new types of septic systems being installed that do not work. In addition, pumpers do not have knowledge on these new systems to service them. The group wanted to know who approves the design on commercial systems and how they can get involved with the process.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Confirm next meeting date*

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2009, 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

2. *Agenda items for next meeting*

- What is the approval process for a new septic system?
- Norm Mullen discuss legal issues

Conrad Eckert adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.