

Environmental Health report to the Board of Health  
June 14, 2016

**15-16 Fiscal Year Well Program:**

Water tests: 112 (compared to 124 at this time last year)

Well permits: 8 (17 at this time last year)

Well closings: 17 (4 at this time last year)

Rehabilitated: 4 (7 at this time last year)

The 2014 – 2015 Grants to Counties well program is \$26,530. We have spent \$24,898.14 or about 93% of total grant awarded to-date. We are not quite at 3% remaining funds but I did send an email notifying IDPH that with the scheduled water tests, remaining training expenses & well plugging paperwork I am waiting on that we should reach that 3% by the end of the fiscal year if not sooner.

I also ordered some promotional items including water bottles and coolers with the approval of IDPH. My plan is to hand them out during the County Fair and Relay for Life events this summer.

**Septic**

Permits: I have issued 20 permits in 2016 so far (compared to 20 at this time last year). Installations have had a slow start this spring but are starting to pick up.

Licensed Contractors: I just sent out the reminder that contractor licenses need to be renewed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. I've received 5 renewals so far.

Septic Issues:

- **Complaints:** I have been working with the County Attorney on filing complaints against Clint DeGroot for failure to replace a failing septic system uncovered during a Time of Transfer Inspection per his agreement signed with the County on January 17, 2014; Falcon Resources/James Hansel for failure to install a new system per his agreement signed with the County on September 23, 2013; and Ricky Freerks for failure to maintain his alternative septic system since 2011 – an ongoing issue Mike also had with this property owner.

UPDATE 4/12/16: DeGroot and Freerks both pleaded guilty and were fined \$65.00. DeGroot came in and got his septic permit and has a contractor lined up, but installation has not occurred yet. Freerks never contacted me. County Attorney advises that he will send him a letter giving him a deadline to maintain system before filing another complaint. Falcon Resources/James Hansel pleaded not guilty and his hearing is

scheduled for tomorrow morning but Marty Peterson is working on a settlement with him.

**UPDATE 6/14/16:** DeGroote has his septic permit on file and I have been contacted by a contractor, but installation still has not taken place. The contractor has been busy and I told him as long as we were working towards an installation date yet this summer, sooner rather than later, I would not take any further action. Freerks still has not serviced his system. The County Attorney is going to be sending him a letter to service the system by a certain date or we file another complaint. Falcon Resources/Hansel's hearing was continued again but he did contact me. It sounds like he does plan to install a system and wanted to set up a site visit sometime this week.

- Aredale/Duck's Bar & Grill: Duck's Bar & Grill has now transferred and will be reopening this month. I did grant them a 1 year waiver to install the new system since I was going to work with the City on trying to do a community sewer project with Central Iowa Water. I did attend the City Council meeting last night and the Council was receptive to the idea. They took the information I provided and wanted a chance to look it over before deciding whether they wanted Central Iowa Water to move forward or not. I plan to follow up with them during their next meeting in hopes of going forward.

## **Radon**

I have sold 38 out of the 50 radon test kits that I ordered this fiscal year, so a nice start to our program. Of the 38, only 8 of them have not been sent in.

- 16 came back greater than 4
- 13 came back less than 4, and
- 1 could not be analyzed

I will also have a booth at Relay for Life again this year.

## **Pool, Tanning & Tattoo Program**

Our contract runs every three years and was scheduled to expire at the end of the fiscal year. We have sent in our intent to continue the contract as IDPH requested and are waiting for final contracts, which should be released sometime this week.

I will be starting my pool inspections next week.