

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, June 18, 2018
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 8:33a.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: John Purcell – present, Tony Giles – here, Judy Gilmour – here, Member Flowers - present

Member Prochaska arrived at 8:35a.m.

Others Present: Jason Andrade, Kendall County Health Department, Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water District, Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Kendall County Health Department, Jenny Wold, KC Soil & Water District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Giles. **With five members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 21, 2018, second by Member Flowers. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Tony Giles reported that the Board will meet on Tuesday,
- **Health Department** – Jason Andrade briefed the committee on a new program that will begin in the Health Department in the next few weeks – Mental Health First Aid Training. Mr. Andrade and another Mental Health employee will complete training later this summer.

Mr. Andrade shared that one in five adults are diagnosed with a mental health condition, and the suicide rate has increased twenty-three percent in Illinois. Nearly half of people that died by suicide were not diagnosed with a mental health condition.

Mr. Andrade stated that one of the steps toward educating the community is increasing the awareness of those that might need help, First Responders, Veterans, Seniors, those that have experienced loss or grief, those that have experienced trauma or crisis, and those with drug or alcohol addictions.

Individuals that might benefit from this training include community clergy and church leaders, teachers, Veteran workers, First Responders, school counselors, and medical personnel. The Health Department will begin offering training sessions in the early fall.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Jenny Wold reported that they collected over 1,000 gallons of used oil over the past weekend.

Ms. Wold also reported that they are finalizing interviews for the AG in the Classroom teacher that will replace her in early July.

Megan Andrews provided information on the U.S. Drought Monitor, and also information on Rain Gardens and Native Plants at Home. Ms. Andrews reported that the District developed a rain garden at their sight in the past few years. Ms. Andrews also stressed the importance of utilizing rain barrels in the community, and stated that rain barrels are available throughout the community.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles. **With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk