

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Health & Environment Committee**  
**Monday, May 15, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:00p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Judy Gilmour – here, Tony Giles - here, John Purcell - yes

Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Matthew Prochaska

Others Present: Diane Alford, Steve Curatti, Amaal Tokars, Jenny Wold

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Member Purcell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 17, 2017 with one amendment to the Soil & Water District Report – tpo remove the word eradication from the second paragraph, last line, second by Member Giles. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**STATUS REPORTS**

- **Board of Health** – Tony Giles stated that the April meeting was cancelled, but they are scheduled to meet this month.

Dr. Tokars shared information that was part of Chairman Gryder’s presentation for the State of the Counties luncheon on Friday, May 12, 2017 about Health and Human Services matters that are relevant to Kendall County.

Dr. Tokars also briefed the committee on the Violent Situation 3-part Training Sessions held in the County so far this year, including Violence Prevention, How to react to a Violent Encounter and the Active Shooter Drill held earlier in May. Dr. Tokars will also share this information with the Board of Health at their May meeting.

- **Health Department** – Diane Alford, Community Action Director, briefed the committee on several areas that are carried out through the Community Action Service Block Grant including:

- A. The Education Scholarships program that awards scholarships annually to students obtaining formal education in Illinois institutions, colleges, or trade schools.
  - B. The Employment Support Program which is designed to assist unemployed residents with obtaining or maintaining employment by building a solid foundation with the Health Department that enables the client to succeed.
  - C. The Helping Hands for School Program that assists eligible parents in purchasing school supplies and children's prescription glasses. The goal of this program is to help children to become successful in school by equipping them with the right supplies and materials to make it happen.
  - D. Drive to Success Program that assists currently employed residents with vehicle repairs up to \$750, or replacement of their car with donated cars given to the program so that the employed resident has reliable transportation.
  - E. Emergency Services Program provides emergency assistance for clients in crisis situations by providing counseling, referrals, provisions of food, transportation, shelter, rent, mortgage, utilities, and medical assistance.
- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Jenny Wold reported a very successful 2017 Natural Resources Tour on May 4, 10 & 11, 2017. Ms. Wold said there were 560 students that participated from 4 public schools and 1 private school this year. Stations included Tree Talk, Conservation Police Trailer, Streambank 101, Soil Science, Mosquito and Tick 101, Recycling Sort-Out, Pollinator Explosion, and an Interpretive Hike to the Fox River.

Ms. Wold also reported that Farm Camp is now full with 40 students registered to participate at the Kellogg Farms later this summer.

Ms. Wold also stated that there will be 17 local teachers taking Master's level classes at Aurora University participating in this Summers course with Jenny Wold as the instructor.

- **Water Related Groups** – No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Residential Electronic Recycling Day** - Dr. Tokars reminded the committee about the residential Electronic Recycling Day scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2017 in the Health Department Parking lot. Dr. Tokars reported that residents will need to

schedule an appointment via a link on the Health Department website in order to participate.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ***Update on the NACO Live Healthy Program*** – Dr. Tokars will complete the application for the addition of Dental coverage to those participating in the NACO Live Healthy Program. Additional information will be available on the County Health Department website.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – No report

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ITEMS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** - None

**COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS** - None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not Needed

**Member Purcell left the meeting at 3:42p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Member Giles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour. **The meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Recording Secretary