

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Health & Environment Committee**  
**Monday, May 16, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 9:00a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Judy Gilmour – , John Purcell – , Matthew Prochaska - , Dan Koukol - here

Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water District, Steve Curatti KC Health Department Program Administrator

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Member Koukol made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Prochaska. **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Member Purcell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2016, second by Member Prochaska. Member Gilmour stated that the third paragraph on page 2 needed to be corrected to read: “They also want to better understand the potential impact of this fault line on residential wells”. **With four members present voting aye, with the amendment, the motion carried.**

**STATUS REPORTS**

- **Health Department** – Steve Curatti informed the committee that the Health Department was awarded a three-year accreditation by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, which includes children, adolescents and criminal justice (a partnership with the Kendall County Correctional Facility).

Mr. Curatti reported that the Health Department provides individual substance abuse treatment, group psycho-education, and outreach to male and female inmates in the Kendall County jail.

Mr. Curatti also reported that there is evidence that supports that forty-eight percent of those released from prison each year recidivate within three years of release and nineteen percent w; recidivate within one year of release.

Mr. Curatti said that the Kendall County Health Department Substance Abuse treatment clinicians provide individual substance abuse treatment to county jail inmates throughout the week. These clients are identified as having substance abuse problems and referred to KC

Health Department, by our county jail's nurse. These clients, once released from jail, are encouraged to seamlessly continue receiving treatment at the Kendall County Health Department – and without having to repeat an initial intake and assessment.

However, each Friday, one of the Health Department clinician's or the Executive Director conducts a Health, Well-being and Transformation psycho-education group. Participation by the inmates is voluntary, and there is no direct cost to the inmate or the jail. Topics discussed in group include: Whole health and well-being, comprehensive mental health, substance abuse and high-risk behavior, education and employment in the change process.

Mr. Curatti said that general aims of the group are successful community reentry and prevention of recidivism, building rapport with the inmates, building trust and productive working relationships. Participants are encouraged and many appear encouraged to seek treatment following their incarceration. Currently the health Department are providing treatment to 4-6 individuals who first connected with us while serving time in jail. This equates to successful community reentry and prevention of recidivism.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Jenny Wold updated the committee on the Natural Resources Tour, and said that over 500 children visited stations regarding the Forest Preserve, Water, Ticks and Mosquitos at the Hoover Forest Preserve this year.

Jenny Wold was in 23 of the 24 elementary schools in Kendall County this year with the exception of St. Mary's.

Ms. Wold reported there will be a Farm and Safety Camp at Kellogg Farms again this summer. Last year's attendees were immersed in agricultural industry and safety issues present on a farm and in homes. Camp activities included presentations from the Bristol-Kendall Fire District, Staudacher Farms and Precision Hawk, a company specializing in the use of drones to increase precision in farming. Ms. Wold said they expect to be at capacity with approximately 40 students this year.

Megan Andrews reported she continues to be involved in the updating of the Illinois Urban Manual with new standards and information. Ms. Andrews said the Illinois Urban Manual is an additional resource and is intended for use as a technical reference by developers, contractors, planners, engineers, consultants, government officials and others involved in inspection of soil erosion and sediment control best management practices on construction sites in Illinois.

The manual that includes soil erosion and sediment control practices, practices related to green infrastructure, stormwater management and special area protection. New and updated standards currently being finalized to be added to the manual include: Sediment Forebay, Soil Stockpile Stabilization, Temporary Sediment Basin, Soil Bioengineering, Dry Detention Basin, Extended Detention Basin, Wet Bottom Detention Basin, Wetland Basin, Inlet Protection – Impervious Surface Areas, Inlet Protection – Previous Surface Areas.

Ms. Andrews reported in recent month's they have offered an Ag Drainage workshop, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control workshop, Nutrient management workshop, Tree and Plant Sale, and Fish Sale.

➤ **Water Related Groups** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – Dr. Tokars updated the committee of the review of the restoration ordinances (well, sewer and food). Dr. Tokars said the Health Department and Planning, Building and Zoning will be reviewing those documents later this month, and once there is concurrence, the ordinances will go to the State's Attorney's Office for review, and then on to the state, back to the Health & Environment Committee and then to the County Board for final approval. Dr. Tokars said that any changes to do with water or well, must be reviewed by the state.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Member Gilmour reported that the 708 Mental Health Board will meet on June 8, 2016 and have grant applicant presentations. Member Gilmour also reported that 708 Mental Health Board Chair Gloria Mathewson has resigned her position and will be moving to central Illinois later this month. Member Gilmour thanked Ms. Mathewson for her leadership and contributions to the 708 Mental Health Board for so many years.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ACTION ITEMS** - None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None Needed

**ADJOURNMENT**- Member Koukol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:15a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary