

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Health & Environment Committee**  
**Monday, July 20, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 8:32a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers		8:36a.m.	
Scott Gengler	Here		
Tony Giles	<b>ABSENT</b>		

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Megan Andrews, National Resources Conservation Service Soil Conservationist, Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department Assistant Executive Director, Alyse Olson, Kendall County Soil & Water District Resource Conservationist; Aaron Rybski, Kendall County Health Department Environmental Health Director, and RaeAnn Van Gundy, Kendall County Health Department Executive Director/Public Health Administrator; Christine Cooper, former Kendall County Board of Health Member

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

**STATUS REPORTS**

- **Board of Health** – Director Van Gundy reported that the Board of Health met in May and June and primarily focused on the hiring process for replacing Dr. Tokars. The Board of Health meets again on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.
- **Health Department** – Steve Curatti, Assistant Executive Director, announced the recent promotions of RaeAnn Van Gundy – Executive Director/Public Health Administrator; Steve Curatti, Assistant Executive Director and Katy Williams, Fiscal Coordinator. Member Gilmour congratulated RaeAnn and Steve on their promotions and wished them well.

Mr. Curatti talked about the strategies and processes the Health Department has in place for dealing with Covid-19, and the actions Health Department Communicable Disease personnel continue such as notifying, tracking and providing PPE supplies (Masks, Gloves and Hand Sanitizer) to citizens that have tested positive for Covid-19. Mr. Curatti stated that employees conducted follow-up calls and visits to the citizens, bringing supplies to those that needed additional assistance. Mr. Curatti reported that Community Action Nurses have

been doing some tracking, and the Health Department has hired temporary staff to assist in the tracking as well.

Discussion on Long-Care and Group Home Facilities in the County, outbreaks in four facilities, the number of deaths related to the pandemic, and steps, education and resources provided to these facilities for prevention of the spread of Covid-19, and steps to ensure the safety and health of employees and residents throughout Kendall County.

Aaron Rybski reported that Health Inspectors have been instrumental in preparing for face-to-face inspections, and providing education and resources to local restaurants, bars and businesses for curbside, drive through and carry out service, as well as the opening of indoor dining since the pandemic began on March 15, 2020.

Discussion and reporting from Member Gengler and Vickers on the SD115 and SD308 school opening in the fall. Both Districts are giving parents the option of Hybrid studies for Grades K-5, with Art, Music, PE, and Social Studies occurring remotely in the afternoons. The middle schools will go to school 5 days per week from 9am-12noon. High School plans include two groups of students going to school three days per week one week, and two days remotely, and two days the next week, with three days remotely. Middle and High School students were given the option to totally opt-out of in-person attendance for e-learning only. HIS has authorized Sports teams to conduct non-contact practice only, with mandatory requirement that all participants wear face masks.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Megan Andrews introduced the new Kendall County Soil & Water District Resource Conservationist Alyse Olson who has replaced Megan Andrews who advanced and is working for the National Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist. Ms. Andrews also reported that Education Coordinator Hannah Weaver moved to central Illinois recently and will be replaced by Ariel Beauchamp on August 1, 2020. Ms. Andrews said that with the supportive funding from the County, KC SW has been able to hire Julie Brown as the Administrative Coordinator for the office.

Alyse Olson shared that Spring Tree and Fish sales took place in April and May, with deliveries being provide to each individual's vehicle. Fall Tree and Fish Sales are planned for October.

- **Water Related Groups** – No report
- **708 Mental Health Board** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Chair Gilmour thanked Christina Cooper for her work on the Board of Health. Ms. Cooper stated that she enjoyed her work on the Board for the last 11 or 12 years, she voiced her disappointment in not being reappointed, and stated that she's concerned that the Mental Health field will no longer be represented on the Board of Health.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

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

**COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not Needed

**ADJOURNMENT** – Member Flowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gengler. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk