

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Health & Environment Committee**  
**Monday, November 18, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:07p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Tony Giles		3:09p.m.	

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Megan Andrews, Resource Conservationist, Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department, Kendall County Soil & Water District; Aaron Rybski, Kendall County Health Department, and Dr. Amaal Tokars, Executive Director, Kendall County Health Department

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Member Gengler made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 21, 2019, second by Member Vickers. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**STATUS REPORTS**

- **Board of Health** – Dr. Tokars reported that the Board of Health approved the Solid Waste Plan Update for 2020-2025. Dr. Tokars reported there were only minor changes made to the document by the Board of Health. The next step is for the County Board to approve the Plan and then it will be sent on to the State of Illinois.
- **Health Department** – Aaron Rybski, Environmental Health Director talked about the Sewage Program and the changes in the program over the last decade. Director Rybski reviewed past and current private sewage disposal systems. Mr. Rybski stated that things changed in 2013, including:
  1. Code Change – the State sewage codes changed requiring that designs take into consideration more than just estimated gallons per day and percolation. Now they need to maintain vertical separation distances to limiting layers (saturated zones, impermeable layers).
  2. # of System Types Increased – The State of Illinois number of system types increased including many new systems. The State also allows for additional

innovative, performance based alternative designs to be proposed on a lot by lot basis. These designs must be reviewed and accepted at State level before permit approval.

3. More Detailed Reviews and Correspondence – Permit application packets and review time is longer as proposed systems are very often the newer alternative variety and those require more intense calculations/worksheets; and approval and non=approval letters to contractors/owners to ensure code and ordinance requirements and deficiencies are clearly stated and everyone is aware of steps to take in order to ensure approval.
4. Increased System Costs – Most systems in the 2000’s cost \$10,000 or less, now alternative systems are costing upwards of \$15,000 - \$30,000 due to additional mechanical components and the costs associated with extra material t be brought in. Required amount of maintenance increased as well.
5. Harder to Surface Discharge – Surface discharging is discouraged and must adhere to EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements.
6. Smarter Designs – New system designs address physical challenges present and are designed to work around them, allowing for more effective sewage treatment and disposal, as well as longer system lifespan.

➤ **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Megan Andrews reported they are hard at work with Ag in the Classroom, and may other fall projects, including final stages of the Urban Manual Erosion and sediment section. Ms. Andrews said they will hold their Annual meeting on February 10, 2020, and award recipients at that meeting. Ms. Andrews also reported they are already planning summer activities, and have scheduled the Natural Resource Tour for May 6, 7 & 14, 2020.

➤ **Water Related Groups** – No report

➤ **708 Mental Health Board** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – No report

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

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

**COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS** –

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not Needed

**ADJOURNMENT** – Member Giles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gengler. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk