

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, October 19, 2020
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:12p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers	ABSENT		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Tony Giles		3:17p.m.	

OTHERS PRESENT: Ariel Beauchamp, KC Soil & Water Education Coordinator; Lisa Holch, Kendall County Health Department Behavioral Health Director, Alyse Olson, KC Soil & Water District, RaeAnn VanGundy, Kendall County Health Department Executive Director/Public Health Administrator

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

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – RaeAnn VanGundy informed the committee that not only are Health Department personnel working diligently with residents infected with Covid-19, but Kendall County currently has 22 cases of Tuberculosis (TB). Two positive cases are monitored closely by KCHD staff, who also dispense daily medications, track progress and monitor the patients overall health.

Ms. VanGundy stated there are 6 cases of latent Tuberculosis infection, which is a state of persistent immune response to stimulation by mycobacterium tuberculosis antigens without evidence of clinically manifested active TB. Someone has latent TB if they are infected with the TB bacteria but do not have signs of active TB disease and do not feel ill. Kendall County has three cases of Latent TB that do not desire assistance or monitoring by the Health Department. Ms. VanGundy reported that they have already utilized all of the RB levy for this year, and there are concerns with several months remaining in 2020.

Ms. VanGundy distributed a Kendall County Covid-19 Level Metrics spreadsheet to the committee. She feels that this is a clearer picture of what is going on in and around the County from week to week.

- **Health Department** – Ms. Lisa Holch introduced herself as the new Behavioral (Mental Health) Director. Ms. Holch updated the committee on ways that staff has conducted consultations with clients through Tele-Health and Tele-Phonics systems. Although not ideal, this has allowed staff to continue meeting with clients during the pandemic. In-person appointments are limited, and extensive screening is conducted on each person entering the Health Department. Behavioral Health has seen an increase in children in need, and has worked diligently to work with them on feeling safe, feeling healthy and continues monitoring of progress.

Ms. Holch told the committee about two upcoming Mental Health First Aid training days in the Health Department in November and December. Anyone interested should contact Behavioral Health for more information.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Alyse Olson KCSWD Conservationist, updated the committee on the success of the Fish and Tree Sales saying that 1300 fish were sold, and 193 trees were sold.

Ms. Olson also reported that the Village of Oswego continues research on alternate water resources due to the prediction of issues with the deep aquifer supplying water to Kendall County. Ms. Olson stated that Oswego has three Options for consideration:

1. Lake Michigan Water Access through DuPage County
2. Fox River Water Access that would require the construction of a new processing facility
3. Lake Michigan Water through the Joliet Pipeline

Olson reported that Oswego will make a decision in the next few months.

Ariel Beauchamp, Education Coordinator updated the committee the classroom virtual activities and programs. In September, Ms. Beauchamp taught lessons on the life cycle of Apples to 517 students in 40 classrooms. Ms. Beauchamp is scheduled to present online lessons about Pumpkins to 300+ students in 18 classrooms. Ms. Beauchamp stated that although not the preferred method of teaching, she will continue virtual classroom activities for the rest of the 20-21 school year.

- **Water Related Groups** – None
- **708 Mental Health Board** – No report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Member Gilmour asked Member Giles to provide information on Oswego SD 308’s school year. Giles reported that the Oswego 208 School Board of Education approved the reopening plan at the October 13, 2020 meeting. Self-contained program students began school the week of October 19, EC through 5th grade students are scheduled to begin on November 9th,

and 6-12 grade students won't begin until January 11, 2021. Students will attend on an altered and shortened school day schedule, and have the option to attend in-person, virtual or hybrid.

Member Giles shared some of the struggles that teachers are facing with virtual classrooms, and said virtual learning doesn't allow utilization of creative lesson plans. Discussion on finals and how and if those will be conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Vickers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk