

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, March 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robyn Vickers at 8:34a.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers	Present		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Judy Gilmour	Here		

With five members present, a quorum was determined for the conducting of committee business.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ariel Beauchamp, KC Soil & Water Education Coordinator; Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department Assistant Executive Director; Scott Koeppel, KC Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Gilmour made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gengler. **With five members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – RaeAnn Van Gundy reported on the upcoming Mass Vaccination Clinics that will be held in Oswego on March 14th and March 21st from 9:00a.m. until 2:30p.m. The plan is to vaccinate 2400-2500 individuals at the clinics. The plan includes more vaccinations for the manufacturing workers, and retail workers as part of Phase 1B (Part B). Volunteers are always needed for the clinics, and those interested can get information from the County Website/Health Department or contacting Angie Hibben with the Oswego Chamber of Commerce. Ms. VanGundy reported that 1,050 vaccinations were dispensed at the Health Department last week.

- **Health Department** – Diane Alford, Community Action Director introduced Melissa Creamer and Kerri Warner who reported on the Kendall County homeless population, and their continuing efforts to find housing for soon to be displaced residents of Hide-a-way Lakes campground due to the recent sale and new owner takeover of the campground. The Health Department received a Community Action Block Grant (CABG) to assist with car repairs, clothing, and other needed support of the residents who are now scrambling to find affordable housing. The CABG grant and an Emergency Solutions Grant allowed Community Action personnel to work with the DuPage/Kendall Housing Authority for vouchers for permanent housing for the homeless that would soon be evicted. Community

Action staff is busy assisting these residents with their job search, and transition and adjustment from not paying for housing for a long time to this new responsibility.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Alyse Olson reported the annual Fish Sale deadline will be on April 7th with pick up on April 21st from 12-4:00p.m., and the Tree Sale deadline of April 1st, with pickup on April 9th from 12noon – 4:00p.m.

The District will host a free Spring Pond Seminar virtually with Biologist Seth Love on March 11th at 6:00p.m. Mr. Love, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist, will provide information on pond maintenance/care, fish stocking rates, pond shocking, chemicals, feed and related questions. Please register for the seminar with the SWCD office at 630-553-5821 x3, or email Julie Brown at jbrown.kcsxcd@gmail.com.

The District will also host a Pollinator Webinar on March 19th focusing on pollinator habitats, the benefits they provide, and how to go about creating one! Speakers include Eleanor Schumacher, IL NRCS Pollinator Liaison, Vicki Morriscal, NRCS Landscape Architect, Ellen Starr, NRCS Biologist, and Megan Andrews NRCS Soil Conservationist.

Ag in the Classroom is having a Food Drive contest between all schools in the County from March 15th – 19th to support the ongoing needs of the community. High School, Middle School and Elementary School students will participate with a winner in each group. The winning school that has the most food per pound will enjoy an agriculture themed movie party with local popcorn.

Community members can participate by donating money on the fundraising platform “Go Fund Me”. Donations will specifically support buying from local farms, and be split between the Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Helmar Lutheran Church Food Pantry, and Harvest New Beginnings Food Pantry.

Upcoming events include the week-long Farm Camp at the Dickson-Murst Farm for third through sixth graders from June 21st through June 25th and will introduce students to the historic and modern methods of farming and farm family life. Activities will include crafts, demonstrations, hands-on learning and ways to get dirt on their boots. Cost is \$150 per student and registration is available through the Conservation Foundation website: www.theconservationfoundation.org/farmcamp.

The Kendall County Farm and Safety Camp will take place on Tuesday, June 29th at Kellogg Farms in Yorkville, and is open to students age 8-12 years. Topics include Farm Machinery and safety, Livestock and Safety, Fire Safety/First Aid, Insect/Nature Safety, a Hay Rack Ride, Food, Fun and Ag Olympics. Contact Ariel at kendallaitc@gmail.com with questions or to register.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour. **With five members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, and the meeting ended at 9:04a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk