

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, April 12, 2021
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Judy Gilmour at 8:30a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ariel Beauchamp, KC Soil & Water District Education Coordinator; Steve Curatti, KC Health Department Assistant Executive Director, Alyse Olson, KC Soil & Water District, RaeAnn Van Gundy, Executive Director, Health Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Gengler made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Vickers. **With three members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 3-0.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – RaeAnn Van Gundy reported on the continued campaign to offer vaccination to every Kendall County resident. The plan includes more vaccinations for the manufacturing workers, and retail workers as part of Phase 1B (Part B), and moving into Phase 1C. Volunteers are always needed for the clinics, and those interested can get information from the County Website/Health Department. Director Van Gundy reported that the Health & Human Services building is scheduled to be at full staff, and reopen to citizens on May 3, 2021.

- **Health Department** – Lisa Holch reported that the first Mental Health Court is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th, and will include veterans. Ms. Holch stated that the Health Department continues work with Melissa Moore in the Judicial Office for the establishment and procedures of the court.

Ms. Holch also reported that the Health Department offers an 8-hour Mental Health First Aid training course once a month. The training is currently being conducted virtually, with limited numbers. Those interested in attending may contact Kerri Fuentes in the Mental Health Department to register.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Alyse Olson reported the annual Fish Sale and the Tree Sale were successful.

The District hosted a free Spring Pond Seminar virtually with Biologist Seth Love on March 11th with a good attendance. The seminar was recorded and is available on the District website for those interested.

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 Morrical, NRCS Landscape Architect, Ellen Starr, NRCS Biologist, and Megan Andrews NRCS Soil Conservationist.

Ariel Beauchamp reported the Ag in the Classroom Food Drive included five participating schools, and collected over 1800 pounds of food that will be divided by the Kendall County Food Pantry, the food pantry of Helmar Lutheran Church, and Harvest – New Beginnings Church food pantry. The winning school was Circle Center with an amazing “Cereal Run” contest, will enjoy an agriculturally themed movie party with a treat of locally grown popcorn.

Ms. Beauchamp reported that upcoming events include the week-long Farm Camp at the Dickson-Murst Farm for third through sixth graders from June 21st through June 25th that 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 will include farm machinery and safety, livestock and safety, fire safety/first aid, insect/nature safety, a hay rack ride, great 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 Gengler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Vickers. **With three members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 3-0, and the meeting ended at 8:50a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk