

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, May 10, 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		8:40a.m.	
Judy Gilmour	Here		

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Asselmeier, PBZ Senior Planner, Alyse Olson, KC Soil & Water District, Aaron Rybski, Environmental Health Director, Health Department, RaeAnn Van Gundy, Executive Director, Health Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Gilmour made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Rodriguez. **With four members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Robyn Vickers	Yes		
Ruben Rodriguez	Yes		
Elizabeth Flowers	Aye		
Judy Gilmour	Present		

With four members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Robyn Vickers reported that the Board approved a policy manual for the employees at the last meeting, comparable to the County’s policy, that all employee reviews have been completed, that all staff are back full-time in the office.

- RaeAnn Van Gundy reported the demand for COVID-19 vaccination is slowing down. The Health Department continues to have vaccinations two days per week at the Health Department by appointment.

Ms. VanGundy reported that the department has spent the last year working on the IPlan, certification community health status assessment, local health public assessment and community, the last assessment is the forces of change – the outside social, environment and health factors that affects change or health concerns. From there they select the three priorities for the next five years, and write their IPlan. The next meeting is June 10, 2021 to discuss the new mission statement, the different factors and their new vision statement.

- **Health Department** – Aaron Rybski said that during the quarantine and months of work from home, Environmental Health personnel continued septic work, setting West Nile traps. Most affected, were the food inspections were delayed due to the pandemic’s effect on local restaurants, EH personnel then took an education role by contacting Restaurants to check on how they were doing, they promoted local restaurants offering curbside and delivery service on the Health Department website, and contacted Grocery Stores as well, suggesting special shopping hours for seniors only, extended hours to reduce the number of patrons in the store at any given time, and for the safety of the store employees.

Mr. Rybski said that they have also been busy educating restaurants and stores on the necessity and importance of operating with delivery and curbside pick-up, no indoor dining, and wearing masks for everyone’s safety. Although there was an executive order in place, some restaurants remained open, while others were impacted financially by complying and closing. Environmental Health was able to enforce the Masking Law violations through non-compliance notices through the State’s Attorney’s Office if necessary. The Law is due to expire on June 3, 2021.

Mr. Rybski stated that personnel also took a pro-active role by contacting municipalities, chambers, and local restaurants and stores with any Covid-19 guidance changes and/or updates.

EH personnel also provided support at the Mass Vaccination and weekly Vaccination clinics at the Health Department, delivering care packages to patients that tested positively to the Covid virus, and were on 14-day self-quarantine.

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

Ms. Olson said upcoming events include the week-long Farm Camp at the Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery for third through sixth graders from June 21st through June 25th. The camp 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 ages 8-12 years. Topics will include farm machinery and safety, livestock and safety, fire safety/first aid, insect/nature safety, a hay rack ride, as well as great food, fun and Ag Olympics. Contact Ariel Beauchamp at kendallaitc@gmail.com with questions or to register.

- **Water Related Groups** – Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Northwest Water Alliance met recently to discuss the future of Yorkville, Oswego and Montgomery water resource options, Lead solutions and disposal in local homes, sensible Salting, and Covid tracking in the soluble sewage water stream.
- **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 Gilmour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gengler. **With five members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, and the meeting ended at 9:24a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk