



**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Kendall County Office Building
111 W. Fox Street; County Board Rm 210**

Yorkville, Illinois

Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 8:30a.m.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call:** Robyn Vickers (Chair), Elizabeth Flowers, Scott Gengler, Judy Gilmour, Ruben Rodriguez
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2021 and July 12, 2021**
- 5. Status Reports**
 - Board of Health
 - Health Department
 - Soil & Water
 - Water Related Groups
 - Other Reports
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Chairman's Report**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Questions from the Media**
- 11. Action Items for the County Board**
- 12. Executive Session**
- 13. Adjournment**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robyn Vickers at 8:30a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Alford, Health Department, Ariel Beauchamp, KC Soil & Water District, Melissa Creamer, Health Department, Steve Curatti, Health Department, Alyse Olson, KC Soil & Water District, RaeAnn Van Gundy, Health Department

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

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Rae Ann VanGundy reported the Board will meet on July 20, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

Director VanGundy reported the demand for COVID-19 vaccinations slowing down has allowed the vaccination clinics to be held in the Health Department by appointment on Thursdays from 3-6p.m. and Fridays from 9-11a.m. VanGundy stated that they have approximately 200 participants as young as 12 years old. Participants are allowed to choose from the Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer or Moderna vaccines when they come for their appointments.

- **Health Department** – Diane Alford, Director of Community Action introduced Assistant Director Melissa Creamer, who provided a details of the resources being provided by Health Department Community Action personnel beginning with the start of Covid19. Ms. Creamer stated that the Health Department received disaster funds through their Community

Service Block grant, which was originally earmarked for assisting residents of Hide-A-Way Lakes campground in Yorkville to find permanent housing. Unfortunately, those funds had to be used to assist homeless individuals who would normally utilize the services of the PADS program that was shut-down due to the Covid Quarantine lockdown. The Health Department was able to place 16 individuals in a local hotel, and provided gift cards for their basic needs of food, face masks, and personal hygiene items. Thirteen individuals were able to find permanent housing by the end of the lockdown, and a mother and daughter just receiving a housing voucher and are currently searching for a one-bedroom apartment in the County.

Ms. Creamer reported that although the Health Department received additional CSBG funds totally \$64,000 in early April of 2020, those funds were exhausted by March 2021.

Ms. Creamer reported that the Health Department was notified in December 2019 on the status of Hide-A-Way Lakes residents, and a new owner with plans to transform the property into a short-term RV and trailer campground with the new name of Fox River Bluffs.

The new owner was quick to inform residents that they needed to move off site, and the Health Department began receiving calls from residents living on-site and in need of assistance in finding temporary and permanent housing arrangements. Through an Emergency Shelter Grant, the Health Department was able to assist 33 households from the campground: 16 individuals were placed in a local hotel; 6 residents have now moved into permanent housing; 5 campground residents were asked to leave the local hotel for various reasons; 5 residents are currently in the local hotel, awaiting housing vouchers from the Kendall Housing Authority.

The Health Department assisted 9 campground residents with a move into permanent housing, and some residents received volunteer assistance in packing and moving from Cross Lutheran Church and the Knights of Columbus organization.

There are six remaining residents still at the Hide-A-Way Lakes campground that have been evicted, but have not reached out to Health Department personnel for resources or assistance in vacating the campground.

Creamer reported that in addition to Hide-A-Way Lakes residents, Community Action personnel assisted one family of 5 and two individuals from the PADS program. Two individual shave found permanent housing, but he family of five, and two additional individuals remain in the local hotel awaiting a housing voucher.

Creamer said that since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, Community Action has assisted 85 households with Covid care and supplies, homeless prevention and/or emergency shelter funding. Creamer reported there is a shortage of one-bedroom apartments in Kendall County for those with housing vouchers, but Housing Authority personnel are collaborating with Community Action personnel in assisting those who qualify to find housing in Kendall County or a surrounding county if possible.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Alyse Olson reported the week-long Farm Camp at the Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery for third through sixth graders from June 21st through June 25 was very well attended. The camp introduced students to the historic and modern methods of farming and farm family life. Activities included crafts, demonstrations, hands-on learning and ways to get dirt on their boots.

The Kendall County Farm and Safety Camp for ages 8-12 years was postponed to Tuesday, August 10, 2021. 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** – 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 Gilmour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Rodriguez. **With three members present in agreement, the motion carried 3-0, and the meeting ended at 8:50a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk