

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, January 10, 2022
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	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez		8:34a.m.	
Elizabeth Flowers	ABSENT		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Judy Gilmour	Here		

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

OTHERS PRESENT: RaeAnn VanGundy, Health Department

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES – Member Gilmour made a motion, second by Member Gengler. **With three members in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 3-0.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – No report
- **Health Department** – Executive Director VanGundy explained that Radon is a naturally-occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States. Ms. VanGundy stated that Radon is very high in Kendall County, and that Test Kits are available for a minimal cost in the Health Department.

Ms. VanGundy provided a Covid update for the committee, stating that they have wonderful volunteers that are assisting with the vaccine registration through the Health Department, but more volunteers are always welcome. The Health Department continues to provide appointments for Covid vaccination1, 2 and the Booster vaccine for adults, as well as and also Pediatric vaccines for ages 5-11.

Discussion on the need for additional nurses to administer vaccines, and staff that could focus primarily on the Covid pandemic. Member Gengler mentioned that the American Rescue Act Plan funds were designed for this type of situation. Ms. VanGundy stated that the Health

Department would be excited to search for a nurse to fill that type of position. Ms. VanGundy will reach out to Mr. Koeppel in Administration and discuss this much needed possibility.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Ms. Olson sent an email stating that the SWCD will have elections on Monday, January 10th from 7am – 5pm for their Board Vice Chair position in their office building. There are no new nominees, but they are excited to announce that Deanna Bazan is running for reelection. The SWCD will also hold its annual meeting tonight at 6:00p.m. via Zoom.

Ms. Beauchamp reports that the January and February Ag in the Classroom lesson is on Fiber & Fabrics. Ms. Beauchamp visited a local sheep farm where she obtained footage including an interview with the sheep farmer to share with the students. The students will examine and observe different fibers and will actually get to spin wool into yarn as part of the lesson.

- **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 four members present in agreement, the motion carried 4-0, and the meeting ended at 8:55a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk