

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, September 16, 2019
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:02p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Robyn Vickers	ABSENT		
Elizabeth Flowers	ABSENT		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Tony Giles	Here		

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Andrews, Resource Conservationist, Kendall County Soil & Water District; Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner, Planning, Building & Zoning Department; Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department; Diane Alford, Director of Community Action Services, Kendall County Health Department; Hannah Raver, Education Coordinator, Kendall County Soil & Water District; and Amaal Tokars, Executive Director, Kendall County Health Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Giles made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gengler. **With three members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Gengler made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 19, 2019, second by Member Giles. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Member Giles reported that at the last Board of Health meeting they discussed e-vaping and its harms, including recent deaths due to vaping. The Board of Health will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00p.m. at the Oswego Police Department, 3355 Wooley Road, Oswego for a tour of the new facility.
- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Megan Andrews distributed their Fall Newsletter, and Fall Fish and Tree Sales flyers. Ms. Andrews stated they had a busy summer, and expect a busy fall as well. Ms. Andrews highlighted *the Saving Tomorrow’s Agriculture Resources* or STAR evaluation program, a free state-wide tool to assist farm operators and land owners in evaluating their nutrient and soil loss management and practices on individual fields. Andrews said the STAR evaluation program assigns points for each cropping, tillage, nutrient application, and soil conservation activity on individual fields. The STAR Committee, made up of experts and university researches, reviews practices to determine the points and ranking system. Higher point values are assigned to

those practices that align best with the NLRs science assessment and goals, and will be updated annually to reflect the most current research. Benefits of using this program include:

1. Increase net farm income
2. Inspire other farmers and landowners to take action in helping to meet nutrient loss reduction goals for Illinois
3. Promote a positive image of farmers and agriculture in the local community
4. Decrease nutrient loss
5. Promote producers for new farmland leases
6. Assist producers in securing local conservation cost share
7. Assist producers in securing market incentives for growing crops using conservation cropping practices
8. Assist producers in obtaining documentation in support of water quality issues

Hannah Raver reported that she will begin Ag in the Classroom visits this week, and that she had a busy summer with the Farm and Safety Camp held at Kellogg Farms in June, the Kendall County Fair, and the Tri-County Summer Ag Institute for area teachers. At this year's Summer Ag Institute, ten teachers participated in the six-day course, and had the opportunity to visit Dresden Lock and Dam, Friestad Dairy Farm, Clearview Pork Farm, Hinsdale Nursery, American Sugar, and Fox Valley Winery. In addition to these field trips, teachers received in-services on biofuels, wind energy, and GPS. Each teacher was also presented with many free classroom resources.

- **Health Department** – Diane Alford, Director of Community Action Services, briefed the committee on three of the programs they offer to County residents including: the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), and the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP).

Ms. Alford also reviewed Kendall County demographical and statistical information on housing costs and availability, income levels, homelessness, fewer employers and increased unemployment, household income, poverty levels, unsafe/unsanitary homes, the increased growth in Kendall County compared to surrounding county population loss, education, populations receiving Medicaid or those uninsured, poor dental health, free and reduced fee lunch programs, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and overall health concerns for the County. Ms. Alford stated that the Health Department offers a Dental Expense Assistance Program, Employment Support Program, and Children's Prescription Glasses Assistance Program to qualified Kendall County citizens.

- **Water Related Groups** – Matt Asselmeier reported that the Stormwater Management Oversight Committee will have a Public Hearing on October 10, 2019 at 4:00p.m., to receive public comments on related regulations and enforcement, and proposed changes to the Kendall County Stormwater Management Ordinance.
- **708 Mental Health Board** – No Report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discussion of Cannabis Related Zoning Regulations* – **Item moved to October meeting**

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Member Gilmour reported that the Solid Waste Committee will have their last meeting in November. Dr. Tokars reported that the Solid Waste Plan will be reviewed by the Board of Health and then go to the County Board for final approval before submission to the State. Member Gilmour reported that the Solid Waste Committee has planned a field trip to the Plano Transfer Station for later in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Giles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gengler. **With three members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk