CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska and John Purcell

Others present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil and Water Conservation District, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Executive Director of the Department of Health & Human Services, Steve Curatti, Department of Health & Human Services Program Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Dan Koukol made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2013. Lynn Cullick seconded the motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.

STATUS REPORTS

Farmland Protection – No report

Soil & Water - Ms. Andrews gave an overview of their current work priorities and upcoming events.

Field Visits: Ms. Andrews said due to the inclement weather that field visits, construction work and field evaluations have been delayed until late May or early June.

Ms. Andrews said Ms. Wold, the KC Soil & Water Educational Coordinator will finish classroom visits by the end of May, 2013.


Ms. Andrews reported KC Soil & Water will be compiling data for the Illinois Department of Agriculture Transect Survey in the next month or so, and will conduct “window” inventories of over 300 pre-determined sites in the County this year, to view crops planted last year, what is currently planted, and whether there is any erosion in the field, then log
and submit those findings to Springfield who will use the data to track tillage trends. This will probably occur in late May or early June.

Megan Andrews provided a handout on upcoming events including the Natural Resources Tour 2013, which will be held on May 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2013. The Tour has now developed into a four day event where local fourth and fifth grade students visit eight stations at Hoover Forest Preserve including recycling, insects, prairies, wetlands, trees, bird migration, soil science, Native American village and composting. Groups come from local grade schools, home-schools and Christian school students in Kendall County.

Dan Koukol, Soil and Water Committee liaison, reported that the committee met last week, and reviewed the oil pick-up program and discussed ways to save money on this program. Mr. Koukol said that most of the funds collected from this program return to the education program.

**Health and Human Services** – Dr. Tokars and Steve Curatti, Health and Human Services Program Administrator briefed the committee on the new project “We Choose Health”. Dr. Tokars reported this as part of their strategic plan, and objective in the Health and Human Services department to develop programs that support wellness at work. Dr. Tokars said they plan to collaborate with local partners in industry and business on working toward things that are good for their environment and their specific work areas.

Steve Curatti said HHS has a wonderful opportunity through the We Choose Health grant from the State of Illinois: Mr. Curatti said this will be a multi-year project, and they have developed goals and objectives that will allow them to integrate this project into what HHS is already doing in the County and community. Mr. Curatti explained the two initiatives that will be the focus of their work on the project: **We Choose Healthy Living/Worksite Wellness** and **We Choose Smoke-free Living/Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing**. Mr. Curatti said that HHS will implement its own Worker Wellness program, and then take their experiences and their outcomes measured along the way, and convert that into encouragement and inspiration and promote worker wellness in small local businesses, offering resources, ideas, and existing sources currently available.

Mr. Curatti said the Worker Wellness Task Force meets regularly in development of a program that will involve staff from all levels of participation throughout the organization. They have a great coalition they are currently working with, advisory boards, a work group born from the advisory boards, and Lunch and Learns that are already taking place within the project. Mr. Curatti is excited about the possibilities available through the project in the next four years.
Water Related Groups - No report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT- Matt Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lynn Cullick seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be on May 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Building, County Board Rooms 209-210.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Recording Secretary