KENDALL COUNTY
Health & Environment Committee
County Office Building, County Board Room 209-210
Monday, April 14, 2014
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Lynn Cullick (9:06 a.m.), Judy Gilmour, Matthew Prochaska and John Purcell

Committee Members Absent: Dan Koukol

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water Conservation District, Steve Curatti, Department of Health & Human Services and Angela Zubko, Planning, Building and Zoning

STATUS REPORTS

Department of Health and Human Services – Mr. Curatti distributed a Powerpoint presentation on the Department’s Worker Wellness Task Force Action Plan that was implemented in the Department of Health & Human Services last year through a We Chose Health grant. They began the project in the HHS, and then have also helped to develop Worksite Wellness programs throughout the community. The primary goal of the group was “to encourage a sustainable culture of healthy attitudes and behaviors that positively contribute to our employee’s holistic wellbeing.”

Mr. Curatti stated they conducted a policy and environment survey, and an employee interest survey. The 2013 indicated goals from the Employee Survey were to:

1. Improve access to healthy foods during the work day
2. Encourage and educate employees on ways to increase physical activity during the work day
3. Encourage opportunities to manage stress during the work day

The 2013 Strategies and Objectives included: HHS provided fruit basket, and charged employees $.50 per piece; informative, inspiring monthly email messages; and encouraged and educated employees on ways to increase physical activity throughout the work day.

Farmland Protection – None
Soil & Water – Megan Andrews updated the committee on the following events:
Tree Sale – pick-up first Friday in May  
Rain Barrel and Composters - always available in the office  
Natural Resources Tours will take place at the Hoover Forest Preserve on May 8, 9, 13 and 15. There will be 8-9 stations operated by the Health Department, Forest Preserve and Soil & Water Conservation District.

Solid Waste Plan Committee – Member Gilmour reviewed the committee’s goals and objectives that have been approved so far. The next meeting is May 7, 2014 in which they will discuss Transfer Stations and Landfills. The next meeting will have State’s Attorney Eric Weis discuss the Siting Ordinance Review. Member Gilmour reported that the last few meetings will involve the Solid Waste Plan review by the Board of Health, before the final plan goes to the County Board for approval.

Water Related Groups – Angela Zubko reported that the presentation of the Ground Water Study findings is scheduled on May 27, 2014 from 2-4p.m. at the Oswego Village Board Room. Ms. Zubko said flyers will be mailed throughout the County in the next week or so.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation of Kendall County Rain Barrel Month: Megan Andrews stated that Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District is working in a joint promotion with the Conservation Foundation, to focus on water conservation, and that rain barrels are one of the best practices for conserving water. John Purcell made a motion to forward the Rain Barrel Month proclamation to the County Board for approval, second by Lynn Cullick. After discussion, Matthew Prochaska made a motion to amend the proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ACTION ITEMS – Proclamation of Kendall County Rain Barrel Month

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None Needed

ADJOURNMENT- Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Purcell seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary