KENDALL COUNTY ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
County Office Building, County Board Room 209-210
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville

Monday, September 15, 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: Dan Koukol - present, Matthew Prochaska – here, Lynn Cullick – here, Judy Gilmour - here

Committee Members Absent: John Purcell

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water, Jason Andrade, Mental Health Program Director, Kendall County Health Department, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Executive Director, Kendall County Health Department, and Angela Zubko, Planning, Building and Zoning

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Koukol made a motion to approve the August 18, 2014 meeting minutes, second by Member Cullick. With all in agreement, the motion carried.

STATUS REPORTS

Health Department – Jason Andrade briefed the committee on “Reality Illinois” an anti-tobacco campaign program beginning this evening that educates youth on the health effects of tobacco use and second hand smoke exposure, and how tobacco companies target teens through deceptive advertising practices.

The three main goals are to:

- Change the Youths Attitudes toward tobacco usage
- Directly influence tobacco control policy
- Reduce Tobacco Use Among Teens in Illinois

Mr. Andrade said they are collaborating with the TRY (Teens Reaching Youth) group from Yorkville High School. Some of the goals is to work toward smoke-free parks and places in Yorkville, by helping the youth to learn and develop
skills to assess and mobilize their community support for their policy initiative, advocate for their policy initiative through local government officials, learn how to utilize media to advance their initiative, learn how to provide education exposing tobacco industries tactics, and also how they mobilize their peers in opposition to pro-tobacco influences.

Mr. Andrade provided the programs 4-D Framework to equip these young people to:

- Define the issue for their policy
- How to Determine Decision Makers in their Community
- Discovering Data
- Deliver their Message

☐ Farmland Protection – Member Koukol the committee has not met.

☐ Soil & Water – Megan Andrews reviewed handouts that she compiled on the drainage districts in Kendall County, and provided an overview on the definition of a drainage district, drainage history, district facts, roles the districts play, and benefits of good drainage. Ms. Andrews provided additional information from the Illinois Association of Drainage Districts on landowners’ rights and state resources available.

Ms. Andrews reported there are two Public Hearings scheduled, one on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:30p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Yorkville to address the Rob Roy 2 and Raymond Drainage Districts. The second Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2014 in Oswego Village Hall Board Room at 6:30p.m for the Morgan Creek Drainage District.

Ms. Andrews reported upcoming events include the tree sale pick-up this Friday and the fish sale in October.

Ms. Andrews said that the Plano School District is visiting the Friestad Dairy Farm on Route 52 on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. This is an exciting opportunity to expose the grade school children to a dairy farm.

Ms. Andrews updated the committee on the various educational projects that are occurring in the classrooms this fall including “Flat Aggie”. This project involves a classroom making a paper doll named “Flat Aggie” that is sent to a local farmer in Kendall County. The farmer will take pictures with “Flat Aggie” and send them and a letter back to the student classroom.

☐ Solid Waste Plan Committee – Ms. Gilmour reported that Aaron Rybski provided an overview of the plan to the Committee of the Whole on September 11, 2014. Dr. Tokars said that a draft copy of the plan will be posted on the Health
Department website until the final vote by the County Board in November. The plan will be presented to the Board of Health on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

☐ Water Related Groups – Angela Zubko said that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance met last Thursday. County Board members will begin receiving NWPA newsletters shortly.

☐ Other Reports - none

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None Needed

ADJOURNMENT- Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Cullick seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary