KENDALL COUNTY
HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
County Office Building, County Board Room 209-210
Monday, September 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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, Matthew Prochaska, and John Purcell

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water Conservation District; Steve Curatti, Department of Health & Human Services; Dr. Amaal Tokars, Department of Health & Human Services; Jason Andrade, Department of Health & Human Services; and Angela Zubko, Planning, Building and Zoning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Koukol made a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2013. Mr. Prochaska seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the minutes were approved.

STATUS REPORTS

Department of Health and Human Services – Mr. Andrade discussed National Recovery Month which occurs every September and is recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to help raise awareness for access to treatment for mental illness and substance abuse. Mr. Andrade will discuss National Recovery Month on WSPY and is putting together an article for The Kendall County Record for this month about National Recovery Month. The effects that mental illness and substance abuse have on individuals, families, and friends were explained by Mr. Andrade. Mr. Andrade passed out brochures for the programs that assist individuals with mental illness and substance abuse and explained how treatment for mental illness and substance abuse can be obtained. Dr. Tokars commented that the Health Department plays an integral role in the community in helping individuals with mental illness and substance abuse.

Farmland Protection – None

Soil & Water – Ms. Andrews discussed the school programs that KC SWCD is involved in that focus on crops such as corn and soybeans. The KC SWCD recently conducted a pond shocking with the Grundy County SWCD. Ms. Andrews explained that pond shocking is a way to identify what types of species live in ponds and determine the health
of the pond. This is done by temporarily stunning the fish within the pond so they float to the top. Ms. Andrews explained that the fish are not harmed nor killed in the process. About 64 individuals attended the pond shocking. The KC SWCD is also holding a fish sale at this time and order forms can be found at the KC SWCD office. Other projects currently taking place with the KC SWCD include a technical review manual that addresses green infrastructure and sediment control related practices. The manual is in its final draft review. A tree sale pick up is taking place on Friday, September 20th. The Committee discussed with Ms. Andrews different invasive species that have been introduced to the environment to combat another invasive species and the effect that species have on the environment. Rain barrels are still available to be purchased.

Solid Waste Plan Committee – The Solid Waste Plan Committee will meet October 23rd. Ms. Gilmour stated that recycling and source reduction will be discussed at the October meeting. The 2010 goals of the SWPC will be reviewed and updated. The Committee will meet about 6-7 times. Ms. Gilmour will provide a schedule of the committee topics. Mr. Curatti briefly explained a broad overview of the recycling process.

Water Related Groups – Ms. Zubko stated that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance met last week. The Strategic Plan that the NWPA has been putting together has been finalized although not yet approved. The NWPA has hired someone on a part time basis to help carry out some of the goals of the Strategic Plan. A Lawn and Landscape Practice manual was put together by the NWPA to be approved for the communities within the NWPA. The Blackberry Creek Committee has not met recently but a fish inventory study has been conducted to determine the amount of new fish species that resulted in a dam removal. According to Ms. Zubko, this study will be available in October or November. Ms. Zubko stated that Green Organics informed the United City of Yorkville that they will be submitting for an amendment to their special use to both the City and the County. Green Organics is within both unincorporated Kendall and the City of Yorkville and therefore must seek approval of an amendment to their special use from both entities. Ms. Zubko stated she will coordinate with Green Organics to arrange for a tour of the facility for the County Board to attend. Depending on when this tour occurs, it could serve in place of the regular Health & Environment Committee meeting for the month in which the tour occurs. That will be decided once the date of the tour has been confirmed. Ms. Zubko will also present the Illinois State Water Survey findings with the Committee once it has been released.

OLD BUSINESS – The Committee briefly discussed lawn watering and sod watering restrictions in unincorporated areas.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jim LaPorta of 1302 Clearwater Drive in the United City of Yorkville brought up the issue of burning landscape waste and other materials in unincorporated areas. Mr.
LaPorta indicated that the burning taking place on properties in unincorporated areas is affecting some of the residential areas within the municipal limits. Mr. LaPorta suggested the County’s current burning ordinance be revised to require certain practices and measures when burning in unincorporated areas to help mitigate hazardous burning. The Committee discussed the existing ordinances that the County currently has in place which prohibit burning altogether in R-6 and R-7 zoned properties and also prohibit the burning of certain hazardous materials. Mr. LaPorta described some burning that is occurring which is considered illegal per IEPA regulations such as the burning of construction materials. Mr. Curatti commented on the investigations that have taken place for burning of products being brought in from off-site and explained the inspection process for complaints that are made to the Health Department. The Health Department has been working to address and correct IEPA violations. Dr. Tokars explained that the existing ordinances are currently being reviewed to possibly be combined.

**ACTION ITEMS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** - Mr. Koukol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Cullick seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sterrett