

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

May 8th 2013

Present: Francis Bell, Deborah Cardiff, Patricia Crowley, Daniel Moyle, Jim Pearson, John O'Keefe, David Harn

Absent: Kathleen Buckham, Leroy Crabtree, Jane Herbert, Dawn Potter-Williams, Patricia Randall, Kirsten Rimes, John Taylor, Mike Wetzel, Erich Zinser

Environmental Health: Heather Nicholas

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Approval of Minutes			
3. Citizen Comments			
4. EH Updates - Deb Cardiff	<p>Started to work on the 2014 budget. This has to be completed by the end of May. It will then to go through different approvals.</p> <p>Beach sampling will start on May 13 for the 9 beaches in Kalamazoo County. This will be done on Mondays and follow up will be done on Tuesdays</p> <p>Food licensing season is coming to an end for this year. There are about 850 facilities that are license every year.</p> <p>Pool opening will also be going on this month.</p> <p>Enbridge oil spill: We will be approaching our 3rd year since this happen. The last meeting that that Deb attended was a communications meeting with different parties. The big activity that is going on in the river this year is dredging. There are 3 target areas. One of the areas in Kalamazoo County is Delta area of Morrow Lake.</p> <p>Enbridge has been ordered by the EPA to do dredging. Enbridge would like to start work on July 1. This will cause for portions of the river to be closed. They would like to be completely done by December 1. There is a 1700 page document online if anyone is interested to read it. Deb continues to attend the meetings.</p>		

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	<p>A Member asked if there is an estimate of how many gallons still remain to dredge up. Deb said it is unknown but Enbridge has stated that some of the oil that they are pulling up is not Enbridge oil. Deb mentioned she was disappointed that not a lot of member showed up to the EHAC meeting. Deb will send an email out reminding members to let her or Gracie know if they will not be attending the meeting. Our next meeting will be on August. Deb would like to get an update on Allied Paper site from Mike Wetzal.</p>		
5.	<p>Fran: Suggested if there can be an updated of the Palisades and KL Landfill in future meetings. Pat: The court recently established a legal lake level for Sunset Lake. The people wanted the lake level higher. The court ended up setting it so that if a septic system failed homeowners will be able to put in a legal mount system. Austin Lake complex: Pat put data together and hired an engineer to start doing surveys. Pat is trying to establish the actual legal lake levels in terms of the different data at different times and set gages at every important spots so that citizens can look for themselves and determine if there are blockages. Fran asked if there was municipal sewer available for these house Pat said yes and she will strongly suggest that they take advantage of that. Fran asked if it was mandatory Pat said there was not requirement by the local unit Deb said without a mandatory connection people can choose not to connect. David: DEQ is trying to generate positive feedback to our legislature in anticipation of asking them for money to fund the program. David encourages you to share any positive feedback with your legislature or Dan Wyant.</p>		