

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

February 9, 2011

Present: Francis Bell, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes, Mike Wetzel, Aud Wierenga, Kathleen Buckham and Daniel Moyle

Absent: Jack Urban, Patricia Crowley, Tom Pederson, Leroy Crabtree, Jeannie Himmelein, and Pat Krause

Environmental Health and HCS Staff: Deb Cardiff, Kim Finkbeiner and Linda Wright

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	No Comments		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved		
3. Election of Officers	<p>Nominations were received via email:</p> <p>Pat Krause – Chair - Agreed to serve Leroy Crabtree – Vice Chair – hasn't heard Aud Wierenga – Secretary – Agreed to serve</p> <p>A vote was not taken because of such a small group and will take place at the March meeting. Deb urged the importance of letting us know if you will not be attending.</p> <p>Deb also welcomed Patricia Randall to our meeting and introductions were made. Patricia told us a little bit about herself; she is a Master Gardener, she is on the board of Catholic Family Services and has spent a lot of time raising her three sons who are all in college now. She said she will bring whatever talents she has and that she is happy to be here.</p>		
4. 2011 Topics	<p>Fran said that some of the topics that were brought up at the previous meeting may not really reflect on County Programs – there are question marks by these subjects. Deb said there may be issues that come up in the community such as the board requesting feedback on something going on in the community and it would be an item that would have to be discussed immediately.</p>		

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	<p>Deb said that the Point of Sale Real Estate Transactions is a topic that means a lot to her. This will be an agenda item for later in the year because Kim will need time to put together information and this will take some time.</p> <p>Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool – Kathy said that she has a technician that could work with Heather and will check to see if the April meeting would work for them.</p> <p>Right to Farm Urban Chickens – Kathy said that she will try to speak at the March meeting on this. Deb asked for members to forward any local ordinances they have regarding urban chickens and she will send an email to Township Supervisors to try to find out what each municipality is doing.</p> <p>Aud said she would like to have a discussion on multiple waste haulers and this seemed to be of interest to the group</p>		
<p>5. Member Comments</p>	<p>Kathy – the Home Expo is coming up – they will have a phosphorus reduction educational booth and the Storm Water Working Group will also be there. Also, the conservation group annual meeting will be coming up on February 17th between 6:00 and 9:00 pm at the Texas Township Hall.</p>		

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	<p>The Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum will hold its annual meeting on February 17 from 12:00 – 1:30 at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Also, Green Drinks will be on February 22 at the Strutt at 5:30; the Kalamazoo Nature Center will be talking about the new program they are starting up. Also, on April 14 there will be a breakfast on low impact development hosted by Bill Main, President and CEO of Landscape Forms.</p>		