

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

January 9, 2013

Present: Fran Bell, Deb Cardiff, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Dan Moyle, Patricia Randall, Mike Wetzel, Jim Pearson, John O'Keefe, David Harn, Erich Zinser

Absent: Kathleen Buckham, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes

Environmental Health: Heather Nicholas

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes for November meeting were approved		
3. Citizen Comments			
4. EH Updates - Deb Cardiff	<p>February is officer election month for EHAC. We will elect a chairperson, vice chair and secretary.</p> <p>Deb is waiting for the BOC to appoint a new commissioner to EHAC.</p> <p>EH is now fully staffed as of Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Public hearing went well with the sanitary code. It will be on the BOC consent agenda on January 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a late arrival letter of concern from Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtor that did not get to Deb until yesterday. They were questioning the requirements for pumps. Deb spoke with Dave Maturen and he was in support to keep the sanitary code as is. There will not be any more changes to the sanitary code.</p> <p>EH is working on going paperless. EH will be receiving capital improvement funds from the county to buy hardware and software so that we can go paperless. This project will start this year and anticipate that it will be a long term project and our goal is to finish this by the time we have to move to another building. All the well and septic facility files will be scanned and there will be a go live date. Pat mentioned that her office did something</p>	Send Deb an email if you want to nominate yourself or nominate someone else before the next meeting	

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	<p>similar. Deb said she will have Vern get in contact with her for more information. A member asked what will happen to the facility files once they are scanned. Deb mentioned that they will be kept for a while but chances are they will end up being thrown away. A member asked about record retention. Deb mentioned that we will make sure that electronic copy is going to be sufficient.</p> <p>There has been 3 sewer overflows in the past week. The county has a good working relationship with the city of Kalamazoo. They collectively work on a press release so that only one goes out so that information does not conflict. Pat asked why there are overflows. Mike said it could be rags, roots and grease among other things. Jim asked if there could be a media publication to educate the public about this. Mike said that the Kalamazoo Gazette has done an article on this. Deb mentioned that if the city wants to do a newsletter to educate restaurants on what goes down the drain, the sanitarians can take giveto restaurants owners when they do their inspections.</p> <p>John made a comment that Best Way Disposal is advertising in a radio station a responsible way of disposing medicine down the drain. Deb said that it is not the correct way and citizen need to take unused medicine to one of the Red Med Box. Deb will follow up on this.</p>		
<p>5. 2013 Agenda Topics/2013 Officers</p>	<p>Pat- A presentation of the KL landfill. Pat mentioned that the criteria may change for the contaminant of concern.</p> <p>Deb said Heather can work on a presentation</p> <p>Pat- During the November meeting she suggested a presentation from MSU Extension</p> <p>Deb said she is waiting for MSU to delegate a representative to EHAC.</p> <p>Deb- Talked about the possibility of cancelling a meeting if we don't have anything in the agenda.</p> <p>No one was opposed to cancelling the meeting as long as 2 meetings in a row were not cancelled. This topic can be looked at when bylaws are reviewed this year</p> <p>Leroy asked Heather if there was information on hydraulic</p>		

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	<p>fracturing for natural gas and the implications it may have on groundwater.  Heather has seen a few presentations.  Deb suggested that someone from the local DEQ office to come in to do a 20 minute presentation in March.  David will talk to someone in his office</p>		
6. Member Comments	<p>Mike- Public meeting at the Radisson about the Kalamazoo River  Pat- River water trail is being revived.  Today there will be a meeting to consider putting a boat landing at Davis Creek of Lake Street  Heather and Pat have been talking about ground water levels. Pat is working on a revisiting a procedure for pumping. There was discussion on this.  David-Legislature passed more amendment to the 201 &amp; 213 leaking underground and storage programs.</p>		