

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

March 9, 2011

Present: Pat Krause, Francis Bell, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes, Mike Wetzel, Aud Wierenga, Kathleen Buckham, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree and Jeannie Himmelein,

Absent: Jack Urban, Tom Pederson, Daniel Moyle

Environmental Health and HCS Staff: Deb Cardiff, Linda Wright

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	No Comments		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved		
3. Election of Officers	<p>Pat Krause – Chair Leroy Crabtree – Vice Chair Aud Wierenga – Secretary</p> <p>Pat asked for a motion to approve the above nominees – Fran motioned to approved and Pat C. seconded the motion – motion carried.</p>		
4. EHAC Purpose	<p>Pat distributed a couple of handouts that gave some background on the history of EHAC.</p> <p>The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners formed an Environmental Concerns committee in 1989 to advise the BOC of environmental concerns in the county. In 1993 the ECC turned into EHAC. Fran said that we need to remember that we are an advisory committee to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners. Pat said that the HHW department was one of our programs that started with this group. Deb said there haven't been a lot of requests from the BOC recently but we have had to take a lot of items to the board such as Body Art, methamphetamine, rewriting sewage regulations and permitting irrigation wells, etc. She said she relies on the</p>		Let Linda know if you were absent and would like copies of handouts

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	<p>good advice of all of your perspectives when we do move ahead on something.</p> <p>Pat asked Deb to put together a list of mandated programs, priority of each program and how they are funded. Deb said that she will put this together and have it ready for the next meeting.</p> <p>Pat asked if members supported the idea that if there is there is nothing to talk about then we do not have to meet- all agreed.</p>		
<p>5. Right to Farm – Urban Chickens – Kathy B</p>	<p>Kathy handed out the “Kalamazoo County Residential Chicken Laws” that was created by Suzanne Kline on 11/3/2009 and very little has changed since then. The Right to Farm Act started in Kalamazoo MDA oversees it – GAAMP (generally accepted agricultural management practices, odor ordinance and manure management plans. Deb has gotten 7 or 8 responses so far from the Townships about their ordinances.</p>		
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Kathy reminded everyone that the Home Expo starts tonight.</p> <p>Aud – Green drinks will be on March 22 at 5:30 at the Strutt. Local author Kurt Cobb will be the speaker.</p> <p>Fran – he passed out several handouts; a copy of Charlestons ordinance based on the residential waste reduction ordinance, they mandate that you recycle; a list of local haulers along with items they will accept. Also a Article on outdoor burning and an article on recycling.</p> <p>Pat C. – Chris Barnes is being awarded the Public Servant of the Year Award on March 22 at the Richmond Arts Center and Pat said it would be great if everyone could come to show support.</p>		

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	<p>Pat said she welcomed ideas for next year's Water Festival. She said that more than likely one will not be held this year and that it's been hard to find a venue.</p> <p>Jeannie – Recyclers will not take Horticulture Plastic – Meijer usually has a place available in the spring that you recycle it at.</p> <p>Jeannie said that HHW and operation clean sweep has been wonderful.</p> <p>Deb – HHW will be having another Medicine Collection on April 30, 2011. We are continuing to work with local law enforcement and hopefully there will be some other collection locations – possible the City of Kalamazoo, Portage Police Department and Vicksburg and Schoolcraft.</p> <p>Randy Riggs retired last month after 11 years of service. Todd Jaranowski has moved from the food staff to the LWW staff so his position is vacant.</p> <p>The DEA has made the decision that they will no longer pay for the disposal of methamphetamine components. This puts a huge burden on local law enforcement and Sheriff Fuller is actively speaking with legislatures and will possibly be presenting information to the Board of Commissioners.</p>		