

## MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GreenStone Farm Credit Services  
Corporate Offices, Training Conference Room  
3515 West Road  
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### AUGUST 17, 2011 TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** (action item)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the July 19, 2011, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)  
September 14, 2011, Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan St., Lansing
5. **Commissioner Travel** (action item)
- 9:05 a.m. 6. **Commissioner Comments**
- 9:15 a.m. 7. **Director's Report**
8. **Director's Travel**
- 9:35 a.m. 9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (only)**  
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- 9:45 a.m. 10. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 9:55 a.m. 11. **Budget Update:** Amy Epkey, Budget Officer (information only)
- 10:05 a.m. 12. **Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Standards for Verification:** Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:25 a.m. 13. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. 14. **The Right Place – Regional Rural Development Projects:** Rick Chapla, Vice President, Business Development (information only)

- 10:50 a.m. 15. **Michigan Municipal League – Rural Development Initiatives:** Daniel Gilmartin, Executive Director and CEO (information only)
- 11:10 a.m. 16. **Michigan Townships Association – Rural Development Activities:** Bill Anderson, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:30 a.m. 17. **Commissioner Issues**
- 11:45 a.m. 18. **Public Comment**  
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- 12:00 p.m. 19. **Adjourn**