

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Michigan Municipal League Lansing Office
First Floor Training Room
208 N. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48933

FEBRUARY 15, 2012
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 January 11, 2012, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Revised Proposed 2012 Meeting Schedule and Next Scheduled Meeting** (action item)
- Next Meeting: March 14, 2012, Constitution Hall, Lansing
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Election of New Officers** (action item)
- 9:10 a.m. 6. **Commissioner Comments and Travel** (action item)
- 9:25 a.m. 7. **Director's Report**
8. **Director's Travel** (action item)
- Washington, D.C., February 28-29, Michigan Ag Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. 9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
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- 9:55 a.m. 10. **Pure Michigan Branding:** Linda Jones, Grape and Wine Program Manager (information only)
- 10:10 a.m. 11. **Food Hubs – Overview of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Efforts:** Jane Whitacre, Director, Michigan Food Policy Council, and Jeanne Hausler, Food and Dairy Communications (information only)
- 10:20 a.m. **Break**

- 10:30 a.m. 12. **Food Hub Experiences:** (information only)
- Rich Pirog, Senior Associate Director, C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems, MSU Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies
 - Jane Bush, Business Development Specialist, Food System Economic Partnership
 - Dan Carmody, President, Detroit Eastern Market
- 11:15 a.m. 13. **Budget Update:** Amy Epkey, Budget Officer (information only)
- 11:30 a.m. 14. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:40 a.m. 15. **Commissioner Issues**
- 11:50 a.m. 16. **Public Comment**
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- 12:05 p.m. 17. **Adjourn**