

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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JULY 26, 2016 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 May 18, 2016, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (**action item**)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- Sept. 14, 2016, Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan St., Lansing
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item)**
- 9:15 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
- 9:25 a.m. 7. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
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- 9:35 a.m. 8. **Connected Communities Grant Update:** Eric Frederick, Executive Director, Connect Michigan (information only)
- 9:55 a.m. 9. **Environmental Stewardship Division Overview:** Jim Johnson, Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. 10. **Generally Accepted Processing Practices (GAPPs) Proposed Revisions:** Jim Johnson, Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:45 a.m. 11. **Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Standards Proposed Revisions:** Jim Johnson, Division Director, and Joe Kelpinski, MAEAP Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)

- 11:05 a.m. 12. **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Scorecard:**
Ken McFarlane, Deputy Director (information only)
- 11:20 a.m. 13. **Gene Thompson Scholarship Awards:** Jim Bowes, Deputy Division
Director, Animal Industry Division (information only)
- 11:30 a.m. **Break:** For Scholarship Awardee Photo Shoot
- 11:40 a.m. 14. **Legislative Update:** Matt Blakely, Director, Policy Development and
Legislative Affairs (information only)
- 11:50 a.m. 15. **Commissioner Issues**
- 12:00 p.m. 16. **Public Comment**
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- 12:10 p.m. 17. **Adjourn (action item)**