

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Coopersville Farm Museum
375 Main Street
Coopersville, Michigan 49404

SEPTEMBER 12, 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 August 8, 2012, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- Wed., October 31, Constitution Hall, Lansing
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel** (action item)
- 9:20 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
7. **Director's Travel** – no new out of state travel planned
- 9:35 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
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- 9:45 a.m. 9. **Revised Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Standards:** Thomas G. Coon, Director, Michigan State University Extension; and Scott Piggott, Chief Operating Officer, Michigan Farm Bureau (action item)
- 10:15 a.m. 10. **Connect Michigan Update:** Eric Frederick, Program Manager, Connect Michigan; and Jan Kellogg, Economic Development Specialist, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (information only)
- 10:35 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. 11. **Animal Industry Division Update:** James Averill, Director, Animal Industry Division (information only)
- 11:05 a.m. 12. **Budget Update:** Amy Epkey, Budget Officer (information only)

- 11:15 a.m. 13. **Introduction of Tim Slawinski, Emerging Issues Specialist:** Kevin Besey, Director, Food and Dairy Division (information only)
- 11:20 a.m. 14. **Commissioner Issues**
- 11:30 a.m. 15. **Public Comment**
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- 11:45 a.m. 16. **Adjourn**