

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Constitution Hall – Atrium Level
Con-Con Conference Room
525 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 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 22, 2014, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (**action item**)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- November 12, Constitution Hall, Lansing
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item)**
- 9:15 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
7. **Director's Travel** – no new out of state travel planned
- 9:25 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
In accordance with the Public Appearance Guidelines in the Commission Policy Manual, individuals wishing to address the Commission will be allowed up to three minutes for their presentation. Documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The public comment time provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment.
- 9:35 a.m. 9. **Farmland Preservation Permanent Agricultural Conservation Easement Request for Acreage Removal:** Rich Harlow and Elizabeth Juras, Farmland Preservation Program, Environmental Stewardship Division; and Andrew Philp, Bay Region Real Estate Agent, Michigan Department of Transportation (**action item**)
- 9:45 a.m. 10. **Food Processing Generally Accepted Processing Practices (GAPPs):** Jim Johnson, Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division; and Terry Morrison, Executive Director, Michigan Food Processors Association; Ray VanDriessche, Director of Community and Government Relations, Michigan Sugar Company; and Tim Brian, President, Smeltzer Orchard Company, LLC (**action item**)

- 10:05 11. **Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Standards Proposed Revisions:** Scott Piggott, Chief Operating Officer, Michigan Farm Bureau and MAEAP Co-Chair; and Jim Johnson, Director, and Jan Wilford, MAEAP Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (**action item**)
- 10:25 **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. 12. **Aquatic Invasive Species Order (Introduction):** Nicholas Popoff, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Supervisor, Aquatic Species and Regulatory Affairs Unit; and Mike Bryan, Nursery and Export Specialist, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (information only)
- 10:45 a.m. 13. **Water and its Economic Advantage for Michigan's Food and Agriculture System** (information only):
- Jon Bartholic, Director, Institute of Water Research, Michigan State University
 - Howard Reeves, USGS Michigan Water Science Center
 - Jim Milne, Chief of the Great Lakes Shorelands Unit and Water Use Program Manager, Water Resources Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- 12:05 p.m. 14. **Commissioner Issues**
- 12:15 p.m. 15. **Public Comment**
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- 12:30 p.m. 16. **Adjourn (action item)**