

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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

OCTOBER 31, 2012

TENTATIVE AGENDA – Revised 10/29/12

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** (action item)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the September 12, 2012, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- December 12, GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Proposed 2013 Meeting Schedule** (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** – no new out of state travel planned
- 9:40 a.m. 9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
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- 10:00 a.m. 10. **Review of Proposed 2013 Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Practices:** Jim Johnson, Director, and Wayne Whitman, Right to Farm Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:30 a.m. 11. **Consumer Protection Strategic Plan:** Craig VanBuren, Director, Motor Fuel Quality/Weights and Measures, Laboratory Division (information only)
- 10:50 Break**

- 10:55 a.m. 12. **Introduction of Office of Agriculture Development New Staff:** Mike DiBernardo, Grants/Economic Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information only)
- 11:00 a.m. 13. **Specialty Crop Block Grant and Value Added/Regional Food System Grant Programs Update:** Mike DiBernardo, Grants/Economic Development Specialist, and Nancy Nyquist, Market Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information only)
- 11:15 a.m. 14. **Michigan Economic Development Corporation/Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Memorandum of Understanding:** Mike DiBernardo, Grants/Economic Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information only)
- 11:25 a.m. 15. **Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone Update:** Mike DiBernardo, Grants/Economic Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (action item)
- 11:35 a.m. 16. **Nursery Inspection Fees:** Jeff Zimmer, Deputy Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (action item)
- 11:50 a.m. 17. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 12:05 p.m. 18. **Commissioner Issues**
- Resolution in Support of Expanding Resources for Connect Michigan (action item)
- 12:15 p.m. 19. **Public Comment**
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- 12:30 p.m. 20. **Adjourn**