

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
SPECIAL MEETING**

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**FEBRUARY 7, 2022  
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

- 10:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- Introduce New Commissioners
2. **Approval of Agenda (action item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the November 10, 2021, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (**action item**)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- March 16, 2022
- 10:10 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item)**
- 10:20 a.m. 6. **Commissioner Issues**
- Election of New Officers (**action item**)
  - Retirement Resolution – Carla McCarrick (**action item**)
  - Retirement Resolution – Tom Young (**action item**)
- 10:30 a.m. 7. **Director’s Report**
- 10:40 a.m. 8. **Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Request:** Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Division Director, Agriculture Development Division (**action item**)
- 11:10 a.m. 9. **Budget Update:** Sylvia Renteria, Director of Finance and Budget (information only)
- 11:15 a.m. 10. **Legislative Update:** Ashley Steffen, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:20 a.m. 11. **Public Comment**
- 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.
- 11:30 a.m. 12. **Adjourn (action item)**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Dru Montri, Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Charlie Meintz, Vice Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Patricia Bergdahl, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Andy Chae, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Gary McDowell, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Montri called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 2021. Commissioner Meintz called the roll with Commissioners Bergdahl, Chae, Meintz, and Montri, and Director McDowell present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2021. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PROPOSED 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Commissioners discussed the proposed dates for their 2022 meetings.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The next scheduled meeting is January 26, 2022, to be held at Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, Michigan.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND TRAVEL**

Commissioners shared information relative to their farm operations, as well as agriculture in their respective areas. Concerns were expressed regarding the continuing increase in agriculture input costs, labor issues and, most significantly, supply chain and transportation challenges.

Commissioner Montri noted this is her last meeting with the Commission as her term ends on December 31, adding it has been a privilege to serve the state over the last eight years through work with the department and her fellow Commissioners.

Commissioners Bergdahl, Chae, Meintz, and Montri, traveled to attend today's meeting. There was no other travel submitted for approval.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' TRAVEL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAE. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **COMMISSIONER ISSUES**

Commissioner Montri reviewed a retirement resolution before the Commission recognizing Robert Pigg.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED THE RESOLUTION FOR ROBERT PIGG BE ADOPTED WITH BEST WISHES FOR HIS LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director McDowell thanked Commissioner Montri for her incredible service to the Commission, recognizing her enthusiasm and engagement in agriculture's many complex issues. He wished her the very best in her new role with Feeding America.

The Director introduced Tom Zimnicki, the new Environmental Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). Mr. Zimnicki summarized his background and advised he is looking forward to representing MDARD in the state's various environmental issues.

The Director also introduced Jen Bonsky who was recently named Deputy Division Director for MDARD's Food and Dairy Division. Ms. Bonsky shared information around her background and advised she looks forward to her continued role with MDARD.

The Director shared details of the numerous food and agriculture tours in which he recently participated, most of which included local legislators and media. Tours included Mastronardi, Potlach, Great Lakes Potato Chips, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Grand Traverse Distillery, Walters Gardens, Critter Barn, Hudsonville Ice Cream, Arauco, Kirtland Community College, and Austin Brothers Brewing Company. He advised it was nice to receive such a warm welcome by some of our most entrepreneurial stakeholders. He also participated in the Country Fresh 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

During the MDARD Employee Awards Ceremony, 61 staff were recognized for their years of service. Also honored was Mike Lally, Senior Food Inspector, who passed away unexpectedly and will be sorely missed.

MDARD is finalizing its plan to transition back to the office on December 6. Staff will continue with a hybrid schedule.

The department continues to work with our legislative partners on policy wording that will solidify implementation of resources for the Office of Rural Development within in the FY22 budget.

**USDA MICHIGAN STAFF UPDATE Brandon Fewins, Rural Development State Director for Michigan**

Mr. Fewins shared details around his background and noted he is excited to join the USDA Rural Development team and looks forward to opportunities for partnering with their friends from the state. The federal infrastructure program will bring funding for economic development in rural America, and he will be focused on internal capacity to ensure distribution of those funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

There was no public comment relative to agenda items.

**NURSERY INSPECTION FEES: Mike Philip, Division Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division**

Mr. Philip introduced Steve Carlson, PPPMD Deputy Division Director Steve Carlson, who shared details around his background.

Mr. Philip advised PPPMD requests the Commission approve a proposed increase in its nursery and related inspection fees by an amount related to inflation, as authorized through P.A. 189 of 1931. Program costs are approximately \$3.2 million, with licensing and inspection fee revenue only totaling about \$965,000. He reviewed specifics of the requested increase, which totals \$15,000 in additional revenue. Organizations affected by the increase have received advance notification of the pending increase.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE NURSERY AND RELATED INSPECTION FEES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PESTICIDE EXAMS: Mike Philip, Division Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division**

Mr. Philip advised state law requires commercial pesticide applicators and anyone purchasing restricted use pesticides to demonstrate, by examination, a knowledge of safe pesticide use. He provided background of the administration of these examinations, timeline of changes necessary during the COVID pandemic, and the four ways applicators can become certified today. MDARD and PPPMD used and continues to use multiple legal avenues to allow pesticide applicators to become certified or renew their certification during the pandemic, saving over \$200,000 a year and improving the exam pass rate dramatically. The department realizes COVID-accelerated changes

have been difficult for some members of the industry, and PPPMD will continually strive to improve the exam program to provide better service without sacrificing exam security or human and environmental health.

**URBAN AGRICULTURE AND RIGHT TO FARM: Jim Johnson, Division Director,  
Environmental Stewardship Division**

Mr. Johnson provided a brief history of urban agriculture as it relates to Right to Farm (RTF). In 2011-2012, there was increased interest in backyard chickens. Some local units of government were not allowing chickens, while others were allowing in more urban settings, but with certain restrictions. The interesting fact is that the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs) were built to address non-farm residents moving to livestock areas in the country, not the livestock moving to an urban setting.

The RTF challenge is that there is no requirement around zoning for application of RTF benefits in the RTF Act. The legal interpretation at the time was that RTF applies everywhere, regardless of zoning. This meant MDARD could be involved in solving neighbor disputes in urban and suburban situations, which would have been a huge challenge for the department.

As a result of invitation by the Detroit Planning Office, numerous stakeholder meetings ensued, culminating in the Commission approving a change to the GAAMPs Preface to create clarity around the application of GAAMPs in urban areas. Detroit completed an ordinance in 2013 for community gardens, but never came to an agreement on an animal agriculture ordinance.

The Site Selection GAAMP was amended in 2014 relative to animal agriculture. Mr. Johnson explained those changes around the evaluation of property for appropriateness for livestock, including language for Category 4 sites which states, "the possession and raising of animals may be authorized in such areas pursuant to a local ordinance desired for that purpose."

In addition, the Urban Livestock Workgroup was established in September 2014, having submitted its report on March 15, 2015. The report made five recommendations, most importantly, recommending introduction of an urban agriculture bill. That bill was never completed, evidencing the remaining challenges around the issues.

Today, fewer complaints around backyard livestock are received. Even though the limit is set at 50 animal units, MDARD rarely has requests that exceed even one animal unit and has never received a complaint for more than four animal units.

In response to question from Commissioner Chae, Mr. Johnson advised the City of Detroit does not currently have an ordinance governing livestock, therefore any requests would be evaluated according to the Site Selection GAAMP. Authority for protection under RTF would be provided by the courts.

Following discussion, Commissioner Chae advised he would be willing to reach out to the Detroit Planning Commission relative to the urban animal agriculture issue, as well

as the Urban Farm and Urban Garden Permits in Detroit. Mr. Johnson advised he would be more than willing to participate in those discussions.

### **RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Chairperson Montri recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. for a brief break. She reconvened the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

### **GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (GAAMPs) – PROPOSED 2022 GAAMPs: Jim Johnson, Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division and GAAMP Task Force Chairs**

Mr. Johnson noted the RTF Act gives the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development responsibility for the GAAMPs which RTF staff use to determine compliance with the conditions necessary under the RTF Act. The Act dictates the GAAMPs be reviewed annually by the Commission and revised as considered necessary. The proposed 2022 GAAMPs were introduced in September and today, Commissioners can ask questions and ultimately decide about each of the eight GAAMPs as presented. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to the GAAMP Advisory Committees for the extensive amount of work they accomplished reviewing the documents to ensure these standards reflect the very best in managing appropriate farming practices that address nuisance conditions. Each chair will join the meeting today for review and discussion. Commissioner Montri added the Commission's appreciation to each of the GAAMP Chairs and their committees.

Mr. Ryan Coffey Hoag, Farm Markets GAAMP Committee Chair, reviewed the proposed changes for the 2022 Farm Market GAAMP. This year, changes were minor and for clarity purposes only.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR FARM MARKETS WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Janice Swanson, Care of Farm Animals GAAMP Committee Chair, provided an overview of the recommended changes for each specific species chapter of the 2022 Care of Farm Animals GAAMP. Recommended revisions include minor text changes, formatting, and updates to references and research. Dr. Swanson advised other minor changes are recommended in each chapter to provide clarity and add new information, including a section related to depopulation of livestock in response to urgent circumstances.

More significant changes are recommended for the Beekeeping and Apiary Management chapter. Dr. Megan Milbrath explained the various recommended revisions to improve language around the practices.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CARE OF FARM ANIMALS WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER CHAE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Lyndon Kelly, Irrigation Water Use GAAMP Committee Interim-Chair, reviewed the recommended revisions to the 2022 Irrigation and Water Use GAAMP, which included several changes and additions to provide better clarity and consistency in the usage of the GAAMP.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR IRRIGATION WATER USE WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Steve Safferman, Manure Management and Utilization GAAMP Chair, provided an overview of the proposed changes in the 2022 Manure GAAMP, which include several changes to provide consistency relative to runoff control and wastewater management, as well as fertilizer, stockpiling, odor management, and manure application recommendations. Tracking and consideration of future scientific data will continue as they review the 2023 GAAMP.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MANURE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER CHAE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Tim Harrigan, Nutrient Utilization Management GAAMP Chair, reviewed the recommended revisions to the 2022 Nutrient Utilization Management GAAMP, noting the primary changes are relative to fully integrating the new Tri-State Fertilizer recommendations, and as a result, several explanatory areas were added. In response to inquiry from Commissioner Montri, Dr. Harrigan confirmed the use of “shall” and “should” will be addressed during future committee meetings for clarification in the future GAAMP.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR NUTRIENT UTILIZATION WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. John Wise, Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control GAAMP Chair, advised although the committee conducted a thorough review and consideration, there were no recommended revisions to the Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control GAAMP for 2022.

Dr. Tim Miles, Cranberry Production GAAMP Chair, advised the committee determined there would be no recommended changes for the Cranberry Production GAAMP for 2022. In the future, additional references will be researched and considered for revisions.

Mr. Johnson advised recommended revisions to the Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities GAAMP are formatting for clarification only.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PEST UTILIZATION AND PEST CONTROL, CRANBERRY PRODUCTION, AND SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL FOR NEW AND EXPANDING LIVESTOCK FACILITIES WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Montri noted Tom Zimnicki, who is now with MDARD, is listed as a member on many of the GAAMP Committees. Mr. Johnson advised his role going forward will be discussed prior to the 2023 GAAMP committee discussions.

Commissioner Montri recommended the public comments received regarding the Care of Farm Animals and Site Selection GAAMPs warrant consideration by those respective GAAMP committees as they review those GAAMPs for 2023.

**AGRICULTURE PROCESSING RENAISSANCE ZONE REQUEST: Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Division Director, Agriculture Development Division**

Ms. Zmiko-Somers provided background information on the Agriculture Processing Renaissance Zone (APRZ) process, noting today's request represents the last APRZ currently available.

She reviewed details around the APRZ request for Request Foods, Inc., which is a national leader of frozen food and food service solutions headquartered in Holland Charter Township. The APRZ will give them the ability to expand at four locations to process ready-to-eat meals, responding to consumer demand and increasing the amount of Michigan-grown agricultural products they utilize.

Mr. Kurt Brauer, Partner with Warner Norcross and Judd, noted Request Food's performance on a previous APRZ greatly exceeded projections. This APRZ was the final piece providing for the company to locate its expansions in Michigan.

Ms. Menaka Abel, Chief Financial Officer for Request Foods, provided background on the company and details around the current multi-year project strategy. The \$205 million investment is expected to create 198 additional jobs, as well increase buying from Michigan-made suppliers. Request Foods will continue to focus on working with Michigan suppliers on projects to grow Michigan's future.

Director McDowell advised this is a perfect example of what MDARD is attempting to accomplish in agriculture growth and development for the state and expressed the department's appreciation of Request Foods' decision to expand in Michigan.

In response to inquiry from Commissioner Chae, Mr. Bauer reviewed various efforts employed to ensure sustainability and reduce energy consumption for their locations.



Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised Holland Charter Township, Ottawa County, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Michigan Strategic Funding Board have each approved the APRZ resolution. The next step is approval by this Commission.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGRICULTURE PROCESSING RENAISSANCE ZONE RESOLUTION FOR REQUEST FOODS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHAE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND REQUEST: Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Division Director, Agriculture Development Division**

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised three Food and Agriculture Investment Program project requests are being presented for Commission consideration today. The first project is Maple Hardwoods, Inc., which is a second-generation timber company in Hessel, Michigan. Their over \$8.8 million sawmill expansion and modernization project will create 10 new jobs and increase their utilization of logs from the region, doubling their lumber output.

Mr. Andrew Jaroche, Vice President of Maple Hardwoods, provided additional background on the company. He also shared details around the project, including their sustainability and improved work environment efforts, as well as investment in the community.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance based grant of \$90,000 for Maple Hardwoods.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF \$90,000 FOR MAPLE HARDWOODS, INC. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised the next request is for Sprinkles Donut Shop, an over \$1 million expansion project in Hudsonville, Michigan. To meet demand, Sprinkles must transition from a small retail bakery with five retail locations to an industrial kitchen to expand local retail and wholesale business, as well as produce and co-pack for a national restaurant chain.

Mr. Gary VanderStelt, Owner and President of Sprinkles Donut Shop, reviewed additional details around their background and the project, which initially will add 10 new jobs. They forecast increasing flour and sugar consumption from 20,000 pounds to more than 85,000 pounds per year, which is all locally purchased. He reviewed their goals, including their sustainability and energy efficiency efforts.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance based grant of \$60,000 for Sprinkles Donut Shop.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF**

**\$60,000 FOR SPRINKLES DONUT SHOP. COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL  
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised the final project presented today is West Michigan Beef, a family-owned wholesale beef packing plant that focuses on staff development, food safety, and humane animal handling. The over \$35 million project will double their capacity, allowing them to support most of the livestock markets in Michigan, as well as 4-H livestock sales. The building project will be LEED certified for energy efficiency.

Mr. Don VanderBoen, Managing Partner for West Michigan Beef, reviewed the history of their company, which began with his grandfather. Their main suppliers are the dairy industry, auctions, and livestock markets. They have also been a long-time partner with MDARD in the Bovine TB Eradication Program. This project will double their processing capability, providing a local option and adding an animal welfare perspective by helping to eliminate long-distance transport of animals.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance based grant of \$150,000 for West Michigan Beef.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD  
AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT  
OF \$150,000 FOR WEST MICHIGAN BEEF. COMMISSIONER CHAE  
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Zmitko-Somers provided an overview of the Food and Agriculture Investment Program process, which has recently been updated. Funding levels have been created based on the department's current allocation. In response to inquiry from Commissioner Chae, Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised funding is appropriated through general funds in the department's annual budget, with \$2.5 million for the various grant programs this year. Commissioner Montri recommended the Commission receive an annual fiscal year report of total dollars allocated and which projects received funding. Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised that will be provided to Commissioners in January. Commissioner Montri also recommended the Commission be given advanced notice of MDARD Executive Office approved projects that will be coming to the Commission for approval.

**MIDWEST CHEESE (MWC) UPDATE: Manish Paudel, MWC Interim Site Director, Glanbia  
Nutritionals; and Scott Corrin, Director of Operations and Business Development,  
Mideast Area, Dairy Farmers of America**

Mr. Paudel provided an update on MWC, explaining it is a joint venture whereby Dairy Farmers of America are responsible for milk supply and Glanbia is responsible for operations, marketing, and research and development. Michigan has nearly 1,200 dairy farm operations who care for more than 445,000 cows, with each animal producing 3,100 gallons of milk annually.

Glanbia Nutritionals has various U.S. and global plant locations, with MWC being one of the most advanced dairy facilities in the world. The \$470 million project provides for processing of 8,000,000 pounds of milk per day, which is converted into cheese and whey products.

MWC's various sustainability efforts were discussed, including state-of-the art water and wastewater treatment, capture of heat from pasteurization, air and energy efficiency, lighting and heating/cooling energy efficient units, energy saving motors, and reduction in transportation/trucking through processing Michigan milk locally. The skill sets provided by the people of Michigan have allowed this facility to bring an exceptional level of excellence to its production, which was accomplished during the middle of the pandemic.

Mr. Corrin advised the transportation factor of the project was a major game changer for the dairy industry. Because of COVID, the plant remains closed to tours. He advised the next best option is visiting their website at [www.MWCMichigan.com](http://www.MWCMichigan.com), under the "Our Business" tab, and viewing the nine-minute video of the facility. MWC looks forward to the potential of hosting the Commission and MDARD for a celebration tour in 2022.

#### **BUDGET UPDATE: Sylvia Renteria, Director of Finance and Budget**

Ms. Renteria reviewed the fiscal year (FY) 2022 \$155.6 million MDARD budget by funding source, as well as specific program area. She emphasized the budget provides for maintaining the department's current programs and staffing levels. The FY 2022 budget is a significant 28 percent increase from the prior year, including \$36.1 million in one-time general fund dollars.

She reviewed details of the several important key investment general fund initiatives, including \$25 million for water quality improvements, \$175,000 for one full-time employee to establish the Office of Rural Development, \$3.2 million for a pilot Farm Innovation Grant Program, and \$3 million allocation to conservation districts. Other smaller one-time initiatives include the Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund, county fairs, Fair Food Network, producer reimbursement, and farm stress efforts.

Budget development for FY 2023 has begun and the department will be working closely with divisions and the State Budget Office over the next several months.

In response to question from Commissioner Montri, Ms. Renteria advised the Farm Innovation Grant Program could potentially help leverage additional federal dollars for the Office of Rural Development.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ashley Steffen, Director of Policy Development and Legislative Affairs**

Ms. Steffen referred to the MDARD Legislative Update provided to the Commissioners and reviewed current status and activity around bills of interest to the department. Senate Bill 494, which was the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program reauthorization legislation, was passed today by the Senate and will move to the House. House Bill 4801, relative to electric vehicle charging stations, is anticipated to be signed soon. House Bills 5058 and 5061 that deal with consumable hemp have been referred to the House Committee on Regulatory Reform and MDARD staff have been working extremely closely with them to craft legislation that avoids detrimental effects to the Food and Dairy Division or the Hemp Program.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment on non-agenda items was requested.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Meintz recognized Commissioner Montri for her outstanding contributions to the Commission, noting her ability to continually remain focused on industry issues. He thanked her for her service and emphasized she will be highly missed. Commissioner Chae added he will miss having another vegetable grower on the Commission and recognized her thoughtful questions around each topic presented. Commissioner Montri expressed her appreciation, noting it has been a real privilege to be in this space.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER CHAE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

### Attachments:

- A) *Agenda*
- B) *Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021*
- C) *Draft Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule*
- D) *Retirement Resolution for Robert Pigg*
- E) *Director's Update*
- F) *Request for Approval to Increase Nursery and Related Inspection Fees*
- G) *State Treasurer Memo Re: Inspection Fee Inflation Adjustments*
- H) *Overview of Pesticide Applicator Certification Exams*
- I) *Brief History of Urban Agriculture and Right to Farm*
- J) *Urban Livestock Technical Workgroup Guidelines Report*
- K) *Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs) Public Input Meeting Report*
- L) *Summary of Changes to the 2021 GAAMPs for Approval and Use in 2022*
- M) *GAAMPs Public Comments*
- N) *2022 Draft GAAMPs*
- O) *Agriculture Processing Renaissance Zones (APRZ) Background*
- P) *Request for APRZ for Request Foods, Inc. and Resolution*
- Q) *Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for Maple Hardwoods*
- R) *Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for West Michigan Beef*
- S) *Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for Sprinkles Donut Shop*
- T) *Food and Agriculture Investment Program Process Overview and Award Amount Funding Levels Summary*
- U) *MWC Overview Presentation*
- V) *MDARD Budget Update Presentation*
- W) *MDARD Summary of 2021-2022 Michigan Legislature – 11/1/21*

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
RESOLUTION COMMENDING

**CARLA JEAN McCARRICK**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development is pleased to honor Carla Jean McCarrick upon her retirement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) on December 29, 2021, and,

WHEREAS, Carla was born and raised in Lansing, Michigan, having graduated from Sexton High School. Her entire 45-year business career has been with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, beginning in 1976 with the Plant Industry Division as a typist and timekeeper. After two years, she was promoted to Pesticide Applicator Licensing Clerk and soon promoted again to the Plant Industry Region 6 Secretary position. In 1980, Carla transferred to the Food Division as secretary for the Division Deputy Director and Compliance Officer for five years, where she was the primary word processing operator – her first computer; and,

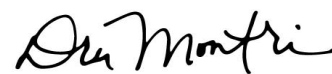
WHEREAS, Carla began as the East Lansing Regional Office Secretary in 1985 for just one short year before accepting the position as Division Director Secretary in the Finance and Administrative Services Division in August 1986. She served in that position for 23 years, and in November 2009, was promoted as Buyer for the department, a position that later became part of the Executive Office; and,

WHEREAS, Carla's commitment to MDARD has spanned four decades and seen a lot of changes over the years – technology and otherwise. She has remained steadfast and impactful as an integral part of the department; and,

WHEREAS, in her spare time, Carla volunteers with the community by assisting with the Salvation Army Food Pantry and Christmas programs. She and her husband Bill also enjoy traveling, having taken a cruise to the Caribbean for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and a trip to Hawaii for their 30<sup>th</sup>. She and Bill have four children, Jason, Kevin, Carl, and Brent and four grandchildren, Bailey, Emily, Gavin, and Kendall. In her retirement, Carla plans to continue helping the Salvation Army and travel to Florida in the winter to get away from the snow; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development proudly honors Carla McCarrick for her 45 years of service to the department and to the people of the State of Michigan. The Commission joins Carla's family, friends, and colleagues in wishing her a healthy, happy, and well-earned retirement filled with relaxing adventures!

Adopted December 13, 2021  
Lansing, Michigan



Dru Montri, Chair

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**Thomas Young**


Tom Young is retiring from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) with more than 35 years of service with the State of Michigan. He began his career in 1986 working for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) as a student assistant for the Remedial Action Plan Unit. In 1989, Tom transitioned to an Environmental Quality Analyst in the Non-Point Source Unit, Surface Water Quality Division of MDNR in the Saginaw Bay District. Tom has worked in a variety of positions over the years – always ready for new challenges and easily able to adapt to changing and evolving job duties, sometimes due to changing and evolving organizational charts. Throughout this time, his position moved from MDNR to the former Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) back to MDNR then back to MDEQ in the Water Resource Division. He has always been in the field of water quality, having worked with the 319 Watershed Program and on the Pollution Emergency Alerting System Spill Response while in the Saginaw Bay District.

Tom started with MDARD nearly 18 years ago, in his current position as a Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) verifier. He has spent many hours covering the Saginaw Bay Watershed, helping farmers identify and remedy environmental risks on their farms. In his career, he has completed more than 2,000 MAEAP verifications.

Tom has become the 'go-to' person for a variety of highly specialized projects and assignments, including MAEAP's environmental outcomes report, Saginaw Bay conservation practice implementation, and outreach and promotion at conferences.

In retirement, Tom is looking forward to spending more time with his two grown children, Ryan and Amanda, granddaughter Cecilia, and his future grandchild due in June 2022. Tom is also looking forward to traveling, hunting, fishing, camping, and of course farming on his 40-acres in Saginaw County.

Adopted December 13, 2021  
Lansing, Michigan



Dru Montri, Chair

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**  
**February 7, 2022 - Ag Commission Meeting**

**Food & Ag Business Tours**

Once again, November, December and January were busy months for food and ag tours. Below are the companies visited, which also included local legislators and media. We've received significant coverage and positive feedback of these tours from the Governor's Office and our stakeholders.

- Kluck Nursery (Saginaw) – 11/23/21
- Star of the West (Frankenmuth) – 11/23/21
- Speedway (Byron Center) – 12/1/21
- Henry Mast Greenhouse (Byron Center) – 12/1/21
- Meijer Distribution Center (Lansing) – 12/9/21
- Ingham County Animal Control & Shelter (Mason) – 1/20/22
- Allen Neighborhood Center (Lansing) – 1/20/22
- KI Sawyer Projects (Gwinn) – 1/28/22
- Trenary Toast Café (Marquette) – 1/28/22
- Peace Pie Company (Marquette) – 1/28/22
- Lakeshore Depot/Superior Culture (Marquette) – 1/28/22
- NMU's Self-Contained Growing Center (Marquette) – 1/28/22

The following visits were planned for February 2; but will be rescheduled in March due to the snowstorm last week:

- Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan
- Eastern Market (Detroit)
- Achatz Pies (Chesterfield Township)

2022 ag tours will continue on a monthly basis, focusing on various locations around the state. Additionally, Director McDowell will visit food and ag businesses in conjunction with our upcoming Sampling Team Exercises.

**Sampling Team Exercises**

As part of our ongoing efforts to be prepared and trained for various emergency situations, the department is once again conducting several Sampling Team Exercises throughout the state in Spring and Summer 2022. This is a major undertaking that tests our capabilities to respond to large scale emergencies. These exercises are being offered at nine locations around the state from March – August 2022. The core focus of these one-day multi-divisional training exercises is to improve MDARD's emergency response capacity through education, training, and development of existing staff resources.

The morning session of each day will consist of a departmental update and question/answer with the Executive Office, employee training, an overview of the Incident Command System, and an operational briefing simulating a coordinated MDARD response to an emergency scenario. The afternoon will consist of an opportunity to team up with MDARD employees from other divisions to complete sample collection, traceback, recall

audit check, chain of custody, or other sampling or field activities. Real samples will be collected during the exercises and will be analyzed by our laboratory. Each of the sessions will feature a cross-divisional Incident Management Team (IMT) who will manage the emergency scenario.

### **Office of Rural Development**

Governor Whitmer signed Executive Directive 2022-01 on January 4 creating the Office of Rural Development. The Office will focus on urgent issues impacting rural Michigan including economic and workforce development, infrastructure, broadband, public health and environmental sustainability. MDARD has posted the Deputy position with the intent of conducting the search and selection process as quickly as possible; ideally having the person on board sometime in March.

Additionally, on January 7, Governor Whitmer hosted a virtual roundtable that included Director McDowell and Quentin Messer (CEO of MEDC), several rural stakeholders, and media. The purpose was to share the details of this new office and how rural communities will benefit from an over-arching coordinated effort.

### **Farm Innovation Grant Program**

The department will soon be rolling out the Farm Innovation Grant Program with the dollars allocated in the FY22 budget. Priority areas will focus on the development and support of innovative solutions to real, immediate and future farm problems facing Michigan's food and agriculture industry including:

- Climate Smart Practices
- Supply Chain Resiliency
- Food Processing and Farm Production Automation
- Rural Resiliency

The grant funds will be open to all in-state universities, colleges, tech centers, technology incubators, and research centers. MDARD will be hosting meetings with our food and ag stakeholders, legislators, and university/tech institutes regarding the draft guidelines in February.

### **MABA Winter Conference**

Quentin Messer (MEDC) and Gary McDowell participated in a "fireside chat" at the MABA Winter Conference held in Lansing on January 12. The discussion focused on rural economic development, infrastructure, and our logistics and supply chain efforts. The event was well attended by members of the food and ag community, along with numerous farm ag/media outlets.

### **DEI One Year Anniversary**

MDARD's DEI effort for 2021 wrapped up by celebrating accomplishments from the strategic plan. The DEI Taskforce worked on numerous projects last year, including:

- Developing a recruiting team devoted to building DEI into MDARD's recruitment strategy;



- training DEI Taskforce members on leadership in dealing with difficult multicultural conversations;
- creating a video that describes the commitment MDARD has to the DEI effort; and
- developing a resource library for staff to engage in as they continue their DEI journey.

Plans for 2022 are currently underway to include a monthly spotlight which focuses on inclusion of all celebrations for the month. Additionally, we're looking at implementing DEI Liaisons in all divisions within the department to build infrastructure and deepen the reach of DEI.

### **Return to Office / Remote Work**

MDARD is finalizing its plan to transition back to the office on February 28. Office staff will continue with a hybrid schedule. All employees have remote work agreements on file which reflects their approved remote/office schedule.

### **2022 Priorities**

As we look to 2022, the department will focus our emphasis on the following five areas. Each of these will take significant time, attention, and resources – but agriculture must do our part to move the needle and keep the momentum going for future generations.

1. Ensure staff safety including a transition back to more office-based work.
2. Continue to evaluate impacts of climate change on our programs and the environment.
3. Understand the impact of global supply chain disruptions on our customers and make program adjustments accordingly to ensure goals are met.
4. Implement new resources allocated to MDARD that focus on rural development, economic innovation opportunities, and positive environmental outcomes.
5. Ensure MDARD's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts continue to succeed.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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GARY MCDOWELL  
DIRECTOR

**DATE:** January 26, 2022

**TO:** Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

**FROM:** Jamie Zmitko-Somers  
Director, Agriculture Development Division

**SUBJECT:** Cooperative Elevator Company - Food and Agriculture Investment Program

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### **Background**

Cooperative Elevator Company is a farmer-owned cooperative established in 1915 to provide agricultural production supplies and marketing services for farmers in the “Thumb” region of Michigan. The cooperative currently supplies approximately 1,100 member-owners across Michigan with products and services ranging from certified seed to state-of-the-art agronomic tools that help maximize production while preserving the sustainability of the land that farmers have worked for generations. The cooperative helps its members market over 12 million bushels of grain and soybeans and process over two million cwt (hundred weight) of edible dry beans. The edible dry bean crop is a “specialty crop” that is processed at facility in Pigeon first constructed 40 years ago, and in 1981 subsequently sold into the United States and markets around the world.

### **Project Description**

Cooperative Elevator Company is investing in several high-capacity processing and wash lines to triple production capacity of processed and wash edible dry beans at the Pigeon facility to 830,000 cwt of *washed* beans. The investment will not only add state-of-the-art equipment but also realize a 30,000 square-foot expansion of its finished product warehouse, representing nearly a 25 percent increase in footprint and create four jobs. Today, approximately 30 percent of Cooperative Elevator’s dry bean customer base require washing of the beans and many well-known restaurants across the country that carry beans and bean-based products source from Cooperative Elevator and Michigan’s greater Thumb region. Washing dry beans at the cooperative level not only adds value closer to production origin, it also is a key food safety step through removing foreign material that may otherwise be mixed in with the beans from the harvest and storage process. In addition, washed and properly dried beans are less prone to mold when shipped and stored. The capital investment for the project is \$8,000,000 and will create four new jobs.

### **Impact on Michigan’s Agriculture Industry**

Cooperative Elevator strives to contract and sell its growers’ quality dry beans at premium prices, growing value “back home” in Michigan’s Thumb region. The expansion and upgrade of the facility means additional edible dry bean supply will be needed from local farmers, increasing not only the sales potential for existing member-owners but also potentially opening up membership to *additional* farmer members in the future.

**Additional Impacts**

The project will provide new equipment that is safer and will replace labor intensive jobs into positions that would allow for career advancement opportunities. All employees receive extensive job safety training and are provided professional development training to prepare them not only for their current duties, but also for potential advancement within the company. Cooperative Elevator's policy provides current employees the first chance to explore advancement opportunities within the company as they become available.

**MDARD Staff Recommendation**

MDARD staff recommends the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of **\$90,000** for Cooperative Elevator.



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**DATE:** January 26, 2022

**TO:** Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

**FROM:** Jamie Zmitko-Somers  
Director, Agriculture Development Division

**SUBJECT:** Fry Krisp Food Products, Inc - Food and Agriculture Investment Program

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### **Background**

Fry Krisp Food Products, Inc., is a family-owned business that has been located in Jackson, Michigan since 1950. For over 70 years, the Fry Krisp and Oven Krisp brands have featured seasoned batters, specialty mixes, ovenable breadings, and seasoning used to prepare foods for frying and baking. The Fry Krisp reputation for delivering high quality products made with quality ingredients has given them a loyal customer following. In December 2020, Stephen Artz purchased the company and is dedicated to strengthening the Fry Krisp brand and products into new sectors of the economy.

### **Project Description**

Fry Krisp is under new ownership and is aggressively seeking new markets. In the last few years, the company has doubled its sales force, and demand has increased through new accounts in the U.S. government and cruise line sectors that necessitate expansion. Fry Krisp's investment project will include a facility addition of approximately 15,500 square feet, including adding 13,000 square feet to the existing warehouse, 1,250 square feet of office space and 1,250 square feet for a professional kitchen. The addition will also include construction of a silo and solar panels on the facility roof. The expansion will contribute toward increased efficiencies addressing improved inventory control, product traceability, production of smaller finished product batch sizes, and reduction in waste. The project will lead to capital investment of \$3,041,125 and will create 15 new jobs.

### **Impact to Michigan Agriculture**

The company notes that approximately 21 percent of its supply needs are provided by Knappen Milling in Augusta, Michigan, and while a valued partner, Knappen cannot provide sufficient flour supply to keep up with Fry Krisp's growth. Additionally, the company sources some flour from King Milling Company in Lowell. Due to difficulties in getting various grain suppliers into its network, Fry Krisp has had conversations with and continues to engage with Michigan State University Products Center to identify local farmers to dedicate acreage to wheat and corn supply.

### **Additional Information**

The project will include the installation of solar panels. The use of solar energy reduces dependence on nonrenewable energy sources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Currently, the annual electrical usage is 256,200 kWh. With the addition of 429 solar panels, the annual usage would decrease to 208,000 kWh. Fry Krisp Food Products maintains an equal opportunity

employment policy. Currently, 6 of their 13 employees are socially disadvantaged and 3 have served time in prison.

**MDARD Staff Recommendation**

MDARD staff recommends the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of **\$75,000** for Fry Krisp.



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DATE: January 26, 2022  
TO: Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
FROM: Jamie Zmitko-Somers  
Director, Agriculture Development Division  
SUBJECT: Youngblood Vineyard - Food and Agriculture Investment Program

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### **Background**

In 2016, Dave and Jess Youngblood traded in their fields of soybeans, corn, and Christmas trees and planted wine grapes on their 76-year-old, fifth generation family farm. Youngblood Vineyard is home to nearly 23,000 cold-hardy wine grape vines planted on 25 acres. Five years later, the vineyard is thriving. The current 25 acres consists of six different grape varieties. All of the wine is processed on site and is 100 percent estate grown. The 2018 Marquette estate grown wine won Best-in-Class: Dry Red Wine at the Michigan Wine Competition in 2019.

### **Project Description**

Though functional, the vineyard's current wine processing facility is now too small to effectively process the vineyards grape harvest. In 2021, the harvest was 46 tons and is expected to be double that in two-three years when the vineyard is producing at maximum capacity. In 2021, approximately two tons could not be harvested because there was no space in the current production facility. The capital investment for the project is \$1,257,000 and will create four jobs.

The new proposed production facility's event space will not only serve Youngblood Vineyard's need to add an indoor area for private events such as weddings, but it will also add unlimited opportunity to continue providing the community and new grape growers/winemakers/wineries with workshops, seminars, conferences, and events as the company continues to share its passion for grape and wine education on a year-around indoor basis.

### **Impact to Michigan Agriculture**

As the only commercial vineyard in Metro Detroit, Youngblood Vineyard has a monumental opportunity to offer custom crush to local wineries who do not grow grapes or make their own wine. For example, three large local wineries within eight miles of Youngblood Vineyard outsource crush work to facilities on the westside of Michigan, as well as to California. Those local wineries do not have space, equipment, grapes, or training necessary to produce their own wine. Keeping additional value in Michigan and shortening supply chains from growers to consumers in the state is ideal for most winemakers in Michigan.

### **Additional Information**

The farm is MAEAP verified in both Cropping and Farmstead though MDARD. The farm provides numerous employment opportunities for both full-time and part-time staff. They have been involved in the Michigan Works Program, as well as providing numerous education and training programs where employees can learn valuable and transferable skills. They are a practicum site

for MSU's "Vets to Ag" program for the past three years, offering hands-on training and education to military veterans who have experienced multiple barriers to employment.

**MDARD Staff Recommendation**

MDARD staff recommends the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of **\$55,000** for Youngblood Vineyard.



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DATE: January 26, 2022  
TO: Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
FROM: Jamie Zmitko-Somers  
Director, Agriculture Development Division  
SUBJECT: Marrow Detroit Provisions - Food and Agriculture Investment Program

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### **Background**

Launched in October 2018, Marrow is Detroit's only hybrid butcher shop and restaurant focused on whole-animal butchery. Marrow's mission is to connect local producers to local communities while providing deliciously fresh food and unique culinary experiences. The butcher shop was named one of America's Top 100 butcher shops by Food and Wine Magazine in 2020. The restaurant has also received national accolades, having been nominated for a James Beard Foundation Best New Restaurant in 2019 and named as one of Eater's "*best restaurants*" in the same year. Marrow Detroit Provisions (MDP) is an expansionary project to become a USDA-certified meat processor, specializing in value-added meat products and raw cuts for sale to wholesalers, food service accounts, and retail customers. MDP will leverage the strengths of Marrow's brand, corporate mission and values, and its network, as well as synergies within existing Marrow operations.

### **Project Description**

MDP will be a USDA-certified meat processor, specializing in value-added meat products and raw cuts. MDP will be housed in a 14,000 square-foot building in Detroit's Eastern Market. The entire scope of the project will include a complete rehabilitation of the building site and development of a modern meat processing facility, retail shop, and a full-service restaurant that showcases MDP products. The design of the Marrow Detroit Provisions butchery will have an emphasis on transparency where customers will be able to peer into some segments of the processing facilities and see meat curing and aging. The capital investment for the project is \$3,373,000 and will create 20 jobs.

### **Impact to Michigan Agriculture**

MDP will create what will be known as a "*Partner Farm Strategy*." This will require a clear set of criteria, SOPs, and Prerequisite Programs to be agreed upon and implemented in collaboration with the Marrow group's current and future producers. This will be similar to criteria set forth by third-party auditing bodies such as Certified Humane, GAP, and/or the Savory Institute. This will be a continually evolving program and will aim to form win-win relationships with a growing meat supplier network. Marrow currently sources from eight farms, the majority of which are in Michigan.

### **Additional Information**

MDP aims to succeed in sustainable production, defined as the creation of products using processes and systems that are non-polluting, conserving energy and natural resources, and economically viable, as well as safe and healthful for workers, communities, and consumers. It is an ultimate goal that their partner farms are carbon neutral or even achieve negative emissions by



encouraging carbon sequestration in their soils. MDP is an equal opportunity employer that is also minority-led (female, LGBTQ). Their training program and employment goals and approach will prioritize equality, diversity, and support for overlooked segments of the workforce.

**MDARD Staff Recommendation**

MDARD staff recommends the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of **\$80,000** for Marrow Detroit Provisions (MDP).



# Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

Budget Update

Sylvia Renteria

February 7, 2022



# Staffing Update

- Carla McCarrick, buyer, retired after 45 years with department
- Brandon Colby new buyer
- Clara Borieo new federal coordinator



# Enacted Supplemental

- PA 133 of 2021 signed December 2021
- Provides appropriation for Horse Racing Advisory Commission
- \$190,000 for FY21
- \$125,000 for FY22
- Funded by 10% of advance deposit wagering



# FY23 Budget Development

- Continuing to work with the State Budget Office to finalize proposal
- Governor to release executive recommendations February
- Legislative process through the spring



# Thank you!



**MDARD Summary of 2021-2022 Michigan Legislature (Prepared 1/27/2022)**

Type	Bill #	Subject	Date of Last Action	Last Action	Primary Sponsor	Position (if applicable)	Notes
House Bill	<a href="#">5700</a>	Agriculture: pesticides; inspection requirements for aerial applicators; modify for out-of-state aircraft.	1/27/2022	Referred to House Agriculture	Lightner	Still formulating position	Hearing on 2/2 in House Ag
House Bill	5704	Draft being finalized-Cottage Food	1/27/2022	Referred to House Agriculture	Glenn	Opposed	
House Bill	5705	Draft Being finalized-Cottage Food	1/27/2022	Referred to House Agriculture	Steenland	Opposed	
House Bill	<a href="#">5524</a>	Appropriations: supplemental; general; provide for 2021-2022. Creates appropriation act.	1/27/2022	Appropriations	Albert	N/A	Passed House 96-6 on 1/27. \$5 million included for FDD
House Bill	<a href="#">4982</a>	Food: other; labeling as meat a laboratory-grown meat substitute; prohibit.	1/26/2022	Referred to Agriculture	Beau LaFave	No Position-written testimony provided	Hearing on 1/26/2022
House Bill	<a href="#">5588</a>	Animals: dogs; provision related to tattooing of certain dogs under the dog law of 1919; repeal.	1/25/2022	Referred to House Judiciary	TC Clements	Support	Hearing in House Judiciary 1/18/2022
House Bill	<a href="#">5599</a>	Animals: dogs; provision related to tattooing of dangerous dogs; repeal.	1/25/2022	Referred to House Judiciary	Puri	Support	Hearing in House Judiciary 1/18/2022
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4031</a>	Labor: health and safety; violations of reports of injuries and death; modify	1/18/2022	Referred to Agriculture	Kahle	MIOSHA is opposed	Passed Senate 29-9 on 1/18/2022
House Bill	<a href="#">5671</a>	Food: cottage food operation; cottage food operations; allow to sell, offer for sale, and accept payment for cottage food products over the internet.	1/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Agriculture	Julie Alexander	Opposed	
House Resolution	<a href="#">205</a>	A resolution urging the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and state departments to address the ongoing fertilizer price increases and shortages that are impacting Michigan farmers.	1/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Agriculture	Steve Carra	N/A-Dept. does not take positions on Resolutions	

Senate Bill	<a href="#">814</a>	Individual income tax: credit; credit for certain motor fuel retail dealers; provide for. Amends 1967 PA 281	1/11/2022	Referred to Senate Agriculture	Kevin Daley	N/A	Unsure of lead agency (most likely Treasury)
Senate Bill	<a href="#">494</a>	Agriculture: other; certain reporting requirements for environmental assurance advisory council and funding and standards for the MAEAP; modify, and eliminate water quality protection fee sunset.	12/16/2021	Referred to Senate Agriculture. Re-referred to Senate Appropriations	Daley	Support with Budget Deal	Assigned PA 123 of 2021
Senate Bill	<a href="#">7</a>	A concurrent resolution to approve a designated open space land application for property in Kent County.	12/15/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Thomas Albert	Support	Adopted by Full House and Senate-referred to the Clerk for record
House Bill	<a href="#">5617</a>	Agriculture: industrial hemp; requirements for industrial hemp added to food or dietary supplement; modify.	12/8/2021	Referred to House Regulatory Reform	Pat Outman	Pending analysis	Tie-barred with 5058
House Bill	<a href="#">5595</a>	Liquor: licenses; license to sell spirits or mixed spirit drink at a farmer's market; provide for.	12/2/2021	Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform	Pauline Wendzel	N/A	LARA is lead agency
House Bill	<a href="#">4703</a>	Crimes: animals; restitution for care and treatment of certain forfeited animals; impose penalty on ownership of animal to person convicted of certain crimes against animal.	11/10/2021	Referred to Judiciary	Wozniak	Neutral	Passed House 91/14 on 11/10-Referred to Senate Judiciary
House Bill	<a href="#">4704</a>	Animals: care and treatment; restitution for care and treatment of certain forfeited animals; impose penalties upon owner.	11/10/2021	Referred to Judiciary	Wozniak	Neutral	Passed House 91/14 on 11/10-Referred to Senate Judiciary
House Bill	<a href="#">4801</a>	Public utilities: public service commission; registration procedure for electric vehicle	10/19/2021	Referred to House Energy	Schroeder	No stance in committee/MDARD opposed going	Passed the House 85-18- Sent to Senate Energy
House Bill	<a href="#">4802</a>	Public utilities: public service commission; licensing of electric vehicle charging station operators; provide for.	10/19/2021	Referred to House Energy	Kuppa	No stance in Committee from MPSC	Passed the House 88-15 - Sent to Senate Energy
House Bill	<a href="#">5412</a>	Housing: landlord and tenants; allocation of responsibilities; provide for with respect to prevention and management of bedbug infestation.	10/19/2021	Referred to House Regulatory Reform	Alex Garza	N/A	MSHDA/Legal are leads, MDARD 3PM provided comments



House Bill	<a href="#">5406</a>	Creates the office of Rural Development	10/14/2021	Referred to House Gov Ops	Witwer	Support with changes	Companion bill to McBroom's
Senate Bill	<a href="#">682</a>	Creates the office of Rural Development	10/7/2021	Referred to Senate Appropriations	McBroom	Support with changes	<a href="#">Pending hearing- Office was created via ED 2022-1</a>
House Bill	<a href="#">4561</a>	Food: licensing; licensing fees for certain food establishments; make refundable.	10/6/2021	Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform	Roth	Opposed	Passed House 97-10 on 6/17, Passed Senate Reg Reform
House Bill	<a href="#">5374</a>	Food: other; lead leachate levels for dinnerware; regulate. Amends sec. 6101 of 2000 PA 92	10/6/2021	Referred to House Health Policy	Julie Rogers	to be completed with n	MDARD is lead
Senate Bill	<a href="#">258</a>	Communications: newspapers and magazines; publication of public notices in newspapers; include requirements for publication by electronic means.	10/5/2021	Referred to Senate Local Government	VanderWall	Gov. Legal is lead/watching for CDs	Gov Legal is lead
House Bill	<a href="#">5058</a>	Food: adulterated; adulteration of food containing industrial hemp;	10/2/2021	Referred to Regulatory Reform	TC Clements	Pending	Scheduled for vote on 1/25/2022
House Bill	<a href="#">5061</a>	Agriculture: industrial hemp; certain activities under a processor-handler license and definition of industrial hemp commodity and product;	10/2/2021	Referred to Regulatory Reform	Postumus	Neutral	Scheduled for vote on 1/25/2022
House Bill	<a href="#">5059</a>	Agriculture: industrial hemp; restrictions under the industrial hemp growers act; modify.	9/20/2021	Referred to Regulatory Reform	Mueller	Pulled	
House Bill	<a href="#">5060</a>	Agriculture: industrial hemp; limit liability for growers under certain circumstances; modify.	9/20/2021	Referred to Regulatory Reform	Outman	Neutral	Scheduled for vote on 1/25/2022
House Bill	<a href="#">5285</a>	Natural resources: nonnative species; advisory council to combat the online sale of aquatic invasive species; establish.	8/18/2021	Referred to Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation	Sarah Anthony	N/A	EGLE/DNR leads (MDARD contributed to analysis)
Senate Bill	<a href="#">591</a>	Food: other; use of PFAS, bisphenols, and phthalates in food packaging; prohibit.	7/15/2021	Referred to Environmental Quality	Jeff Irwin	to be completed with n	MDARD is lead

House Bill	<a href="#">4603</a>	Civil rights: open meetings; circumstances permitting public meetings of certain public bodies to be held electronically by telephonic or video conferencing; modify.	7/13/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Joe Bellino	Legal took over as lead	Signed by the Governor on 7/13/21- PA 54'21 with immediate effect
House Bill	<a href="#">4516</a>	marihuana to an individual who is younger than 21 years of age or visibly intoxicated; prohibit, and create cause of action for harm that the	7/13/2021	Referred to the Committee on Reg Reform	Hauck	LARA/MRA	Signed by the Governor on 7/13/21- PA 55'21
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4517</a>	Marihuana: other; definition of industrial hemp; modify	7/13/2021	Referred to the Committee on Reg Reform	Rabhi	LARA/MRA	Signed by the Governor on 7/13/21- PA 56'21
House Bill	<a href="#">5250</a>	Food: other; use of PFAS, bisphenols, and phthalates in food packaging; prohibit.	7/1/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Rabhi	Pending	MDARD is lead, other bill is Irwin's which will be EGLE
House Bill	<a href="#">5250</a>	Food: other; use of PFAS, bisphenols, and phthalates in food packaging; prohibit.	7/1/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Yousef Rabhi		
House Bill	<a href="#">4842</a>	Liquor: spirits; markup on spirits; revise based on distiller's use of Michigan distillate.	6/30/2021	Referred to Reg Reform	Outman	LARA opposed	Passed House on 6/30/21: 90-7-3
Senate Bill	<a href="#">582</a>	Animals: care and treatment; conducting of research or training activities on dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress, and certain related activities, by an affiliate of a public body; prohibit. Creates new act.	6/30/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Paul Wojno		
House Bill	<a href="#">5128</a>	Medical marihuana: other; smoking medical marihuana in public places; expand prohibition against to include food service establishments.	6/29/2021	Referred to Reg Reform	Calley	N/A	LARA/MRA is lead

House Bill	<a href="#">5129</a>	Marihuana: other; smoking marihuana in public places; expand prohibition against to include food service establishments.	6/29/2021	Referred to Reg Reform	Calley	N/A	LARA/MRA is lead
House Bill	<a href="#">565</a>	Appropriations: supplemental; drinking water and water infrastructure improvements supplemental; provide for. Creates appropriation act.	6/24/2021	Referred to Appropriations	Bumstead	N/A	Multiple agencies are included in this supplemental which appropriates \$2.5 B Federal relief
House Bill	<a href="#">4912</a>	Health occupations: veterinarians; veterinarian-client-patient relationship; require and provide for other amendments to the regulation of veterinary medicine.	6/16/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Bezotte	N/A	LARA is lead agency, MDARD is watching, hearing on 6/16 in House Ag
House Bill	<a href="#">4823</a>	Removes allocation of revenue cap under the lawful internet gaming act to the Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund.	5/27/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Alexander	Unclear of lead agency	Passed House Ag 8-3 on 5/19-on third reading
House Bill	<a href="#">4824</a>	Removes allocation of revenue cap under the lawful sports betting act to the Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund.	5/27/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Hertel	Unclear of lead agency	Passed House Ag 8-3 on 5/19-on third reading
Senate Bill	<a href="#">493</a>	Trade: business regulation; requirements for advertising of reduced gasoline prices; modify.	5/27/2021	Referred to Economic and Small Business Development	Jim Stamas		
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4895</a>	Agriculture: pesticides; use of neonicotinoid pesticides; regulate.	5/25/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Kuppa	N/A	Not moving
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4896</a>	Agriculture: plants; classification of milkweed as a noxious or exotic weed by local governments; prohibit.	5/25/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Steckloff	N/A	Not moving
House Bill	<a href="#">439</a>	Environmental protection: permits; denial or imposition of additional conditions on; provide for when projects are located in environmentally overburdened communities.	5/25/2021	Re-referred to Transportation and Infrastructure	Runestad	N/A	MDOT/SBO are leads

House Bill	<a href="#">4881</a>	Animals: research facilities; certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization; require.	5/20/2021	Regulatory Reform	Hertel	Requested	
House Bill	<a href="#">4882</a>	Animals: research facilities; reporting requirements and penalties for noncompliance; provide for.	5/20/2021	Regulatory Reform	Brann	Requested	
House Bill	<a href="#">4599</a>	Gaming: horse racing; breeders' awards; increase. Amends secs. 8, 19 & 20 of 1995 PA 279	5/11/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Alexander	Neutral	Passed House 106-1 on 5/11
HCR	<a href="#">4600</a>	Gaming: horse racing; references to horse racing law of 1995 in 1951 PA 90; update. Amends sec. 2 of 1951 PA 90	5/11/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Cherry	Neutral	Passed House 106-1 on 5/11
House Bill	<a href="#">4394</a>	Appropriations: zero budget; department of agriculture and rural development; provide for fiscal year 2021-2022.	5/11/2021	Appropriations	Allor	Opposed	Passed House 57-50 on 5/11
Senate Bill	<a href="#">77</a>	Appropriations: zero budget; department of agriculture and rural development; provide for fiscal year 2021-2022. Creates appropriation act.	5/11/2021	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations	Roger Victory	N/A	Passed the Senate 20-15 on 5/11
House Bill	<a href="#">353</a>	Food: licensing; waiver for licensing and registration fees for certain food establishments, water bottlers, and water dispensing machine owners for the 2021 to 2022 licensing year; provide for.	5/6/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Curtis VanderWall	Opposed	Passed out of the Senate 20-16 on 5/6. Referred to House Reg Reform
House Bill	<a href="#">354</a>	Health: local health departments; waiver for licensing fees for certain food establishments for the 2021 to 2022 licensing year; provide for.	5/6/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Curtis VanderWall	Opposed	Passed out the Senate 20-16 on 5/6. Referred to house Reg Reform
House Bill	<a href="#">4784</a>	Animals: care and treatment; definition of shelter for animals; modify.	5/5/2021	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary	Brann	Pending	No hearing
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4785</a>	Crimes: animals; cross-reference in revised judicature act; update.	5/5/2021	Referred to Regulatory Reform	Brann	Pending	No hearing

House Bill	<a href="#">4786</a>	Crimes: animals; cross-reference in animal welfare fund act; update	5/5/2021	Referred to Regulatory Reform	Brann	Pending	No hearing
House Bill	<a href="#">4420</a>	Appropriations: zero budget; multi-department supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2021-2022.	4/29/2021	Appropriations	Albert	N/A	Reported from Full Appropriations on 4/29/21
House Bill	<a href="#">370</a>	Environmental protection: hazardous products; glyphosate herbicide; prohibit certain residential uses of.	4/21/2021	Referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality	Rosemary Bayer	N/A	MDARD is lead agency, won't likely move
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4611</a>	Animals: birds; issuance of carrier pigeon permits; require compliance with local ordinances and regulations, and prohibit the enactment of local ordinances that prohibit the keeping of carrier pigeons.	4/13/2021	Referred to Committee on Agriculture	Tulio Liberati	N/A	Watching: Probably won't move
House Bill	<a href="#">186</a>	Agriculture: industrial hemp; regulations for growing industrial hemp; modify.	3/25/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Dan Lauwers	Support	<a href="#">PA 4 of 2021 signed on 3/25/2021</a>
House Bill	<a href="#">4550</a>	Courts: juries; postponement of jury service; allow for farmers during certain months.	3/23/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Postumus	O/Legal are lead ager	Awaiting first hearing
House Bill	<a href="#">229</a>	food: licensing; licensing fees for food establishments; provide waiver for 2021 to 2022 licensing year.	3/11/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Curtis VanderWall	N/A	Replaced with SB 353&354

House Bill	<a href="#">4497</a>	Health; other; aerial spraying of pesticides to prevent and control diseases and environmental health hazards; require department of health and human services to provide notice to the public before implementation.	3/11/2021	Referred to Committee on Health Policy	Brad Paquette	N/A	Watching: DHHS is lead agency and is opposed
Senate Bill	<a href="#">4246</a>	Trade: business practices; gas tax rates posted at gas pumps; require.	2/16/2021	Referred to the Committee on Transportation	Beau LaFave	Opposed	
Senate Bill	<a href="#">136</a>	Agriculture: pesticides; registry of individuals seeking to be notified in the event of the emergency use or application of pesticides on or adjacent to their property; provide for. Amends	2/16/2021	Referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality	Rick Outman	N/A	The Department worked with Sen. Outman to create an alert system outside of the legislative process.

House Bill	<a href="#">4186</a>	Animals: exotic; applicability of certain provisions of the large carnivore act based on residency; modify.	2/9/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Thomas Albert	Opposed	No hearing
House Bill	<a href="#">4165</a>	Highways: bridges; tractors and farm equipment to cross the Mackinac Bridge; allow under certain conditions. Amends sec. 12 of 1952 PA 214 (MCL 254.322).	2/9/2021	Referred to the Committee on Transportation	Steven Johnson	N/A	MDARD/MDOT are co-leads