

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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MEETING MINUTES October 11, 2023

PRESENT:

Andy Chae, Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Monica Wyant, Vice Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
David Williams, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Dr. Tim Boring, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Chae called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 11, 2023. Chair Chae called the roll with Commissioners Chae, Wyant, and Williams and Director Boring present. Commissioner Wu and King-McAvoy were absent and excused.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONERS WU AND KING-MCAVOY. COMMISSIONER CHAE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 11, 2023. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 14, 2023, MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WYANT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is November 8, 2023, at MSUFCU Headquarters 2, East Lansing Michigan.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES

Chairman Chae reviewed a retirement resolution before the Commission recognizing James Padden, from the Food and Dairy Division. Mr. Padden joined the Commission in person. The Commissioners recognized Mr. Padden for his service to the department.

Chairman Chae reviewed a retirement resolution before the Commission recognizing Mary White, from the Environment Stewardship Division. Ms. White was unable to join the Commission, but congratulations were shared for Ms. White.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED THE RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS FOR JAMES PADDEN AND MARY WHITE BE ADOPTED. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND TRAVEL

Commissioner Wyant explained Meijer produce is plentiful with fall produce and reminded everyone to get their Michigan grown apples, pumpkins, and squash.

Chairman Chae explained fall is a tough season on his farm. The crop is still plentiful but also winter prep has started.

Commissioner Williams started his farm had three good days of soybean farming in. They continue to wait for dryer conditions.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' TRAVEL. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Boring discussed all the tours around the state the department had participated in the last few weeks. A highlight was having the Governor join the director on a tour for dry bean harvest. The director explained the most recent news of internal realignment was moving forward creating four new bureaus. He also discussed that budget discussion was continuing for the FY24 season, and the department was continuing to invest in environmental resiliency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ollie Davidson, representing Animal Equality, testified before the Commission.

John Reynolds, representing the Attorney for Animals, testified before the Commission.

Randy Buchler, testified before the Commission.

GENERALLY ACCEPTED PROCESSING PRACTICES (GAPPS)

Laura Doud, Environmental Engineer Licensed Specialist, in the Environmental Stewardship Division, gave an update of the current GAPPS proposals. Ms. Doud informed the Commission that the GAPPS does have a committee chair for the upcoming fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED PROCESSING PRACTICES REVISIONS. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE COMMISSION POLICIES

Commission Wyant offered the following amendments to the proposed amendments to the Commission Policies:

1. Amend page 11, in Section A, after “20” by inserting “calendar”.
2. Amend page 36, in Section B, after “30” by inserting “calendar”.
3. Amend page 37, in Section C, after “14” by inserting “calendar”.
4. Amend page 37, in Section C, after “30” by inserting “calendar”.
5. Amend page 37, in Section D, subsection 2, after “28” by inserting "calendar".
6. Amend page 38, in Section D, subsection 5, after “14” by inserting "calendar".

COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION POLICIES. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISIONS, AS AMENDED, TO THE COMMISSION POLICIES. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

NURSERY INSPECTION FEES

Mike Philip, Division Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, 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 \$3.66 million, with licensing and inspection fee revenue only totaling just over \$1,000,000. He reviewed specifics of the requested increase. Organizations affected by the increase have received advance notification of the pending increase.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE NURSERY AND RELATED INSPECTION FEES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WYANT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (GAAMPS) – PROCESS AND INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED 2024 GAAMPS

Chad Rogers, Division Deputy Director, and Mike Wozniak, Right to Farm Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division, introduced the proposed GAAMPS for 2024. Mr. Rogers explained the Commission’s responsibilities pertaining to the GAAMPS and the advisory committees throughout the year. Mr. Wozniak gave an overview of the proposed changes for 2024 and explained the Chairs will be available to discuss revisions at the November meeting.

Chairman Chae asked for more information pertaining to the community relations plan to the site-selection GAAMP. Mr. Wozniak explained that the 2024 GAAMPs discussed the documenting the communication with the community. Chairman Wyant asked on how the advisory committees are structured. Mr. Wozniak explained most committees consist of 12-15 members, but some range higher and lower.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Roger, a Leelanau County resident, testified before the Commission.

John Reynolds testified before the Commission.

Randy Buchler testified before the Commission.

Bee Friendlander testified before the Commission.

ADJOURN

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Attachments:

- A) *Agenda*
- B) *Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023*
- C) *Retirement Resolution for James Padden*
- D) *Retirement Resolution for Mary White*
- E) *Generally Accepted Processing Practices (GAPPs) – Introduction of Proposed Revisions*
- F) *Commissioner Wyant Amendment to the Commission Policies*
- G) *Proposed Updates to the Commission Policies*
- H) *Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPS) – Process and Introduction of Proposed 2024 GAAMPS*