

**MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM
(MAEAP) ADVISORY COUNCIL (AC)**

OCTOBER 8, 2018

1:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Ron Bates, MSU
MSU Vet Clinic
4125 Beaumont Road
Lansing, MI 48910

ATTENDEES

Laura Campbell (Co-Chair), Dr. Ronald Bates (Co-Chair), Warren Suchovsky, Tom Zimnicki, Scott Lonier, Jason Darling, Christine Alexander, Melissa Higbee, Brian Geerlings

RESOURCE

Joe Kelpinski, Josh Appleby, John Switzer, Ben Schram, Heather Casteel (Scribe), Erica Rogers, Meredith Smith, Marilyn Thelen

PARTNER/GUESTS

James DeYoung, Amy Start, Jon Bartholic, Jerry Miller, Karel Bush, Sherri Goodreau

WELCOME, APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Bates started the meeting at 1:04 p.m.
No additional agenda items.

MOTION: MELISSA HIGBEE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2018. SECONDED BY WARREN SUCHOVSKY. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE, UNANIMOUS AYES, HEARING NO NAYS, MEETING NOTES WERE APPROVED.

AROUND THE HORN

Everyone around the room shared their recent activities and events from their organization.

SYSTEM COMMITTEE REPORTS
CROPPING, FARMSTEAD, LIVESTOCK

Josh Appleby reported that all three committees have not met since the last A.C. meeting. There are not a lot of anticipated changes this next year.

The tools are fairly mature, with very few issues. Next years editions may include the washing of trucks. i.e. In a wash bay, where is that water going?

Joe informed the group that the A.C. meeting in April 2019 will be the due date for recommended changes to be provided to the A.C.

Joe will reach out to the sub-committees with a timeline.

Josh reported that the Manure and Siting GAAMPs committees will be meeting shortly to address some issues that will impact our Standards.

December 4th the Livestock System sub-committee will meet in the morning, and the Farmstead and Cropping sub-committees will be immediately following each other on the same date.

These meetings are open to the public and will take place at Greenstone in Lansing and will last until 4 p.m.

FOREST, WETLANDS AND HABITAT

Jason Darling reported that the FWH Sub-committee hasn't met yet but plan on meeting later this fall. One major issue planned to undertake is the FWH Standard 1.07 which relates to applicable environmental laws.

The group is also working on the wetland portion of the A*Syst.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP

Meredith reported to the group that they have been working on a new Forest, Wetland and Habitat main sign. These should be delivered by December 2018.

New brochures were passed around, along with post card invitations to the MAEAP 5,000 event coming up in March 2019.

Radio spots are posted onto the website.

MAEAP 5,000 event plans are underway. Hoping to have the new Governor as keynote speaker, and a lot of partner exhibits.

Please inform the Communications workgroup if you have any give-a-way ideas.

The MAEAP website is in major need of redesign and they are currently searching for a new host.

Karel Bush informed Meredith that she would provide the contact information for their vendor to Meredith as an optional host of the MAEAP website.

FUTURE OF MAEAP (continued)

Tom Zimnicki reported that the group has not met yet but will report at the next A.C. meeting.

****ACTION ITEM** Heather to keep this on the agenda for next meeting.**

FARM DESIGNATION/LABEL

Joe informed the group that since MAEAP has been in place for so long, we now have producers that are considered 'no longer active' due to various reasons. Joe asked the group to decide on a designation for those farms in their status.

MOTION: SCOTT LONIER MOVED THAT THE AC APPROVE THE WORD 'RETIRED' AS A NEW STATUS TO DESIGNATE MAEAP VERIFIED FARMS THAT ARE NO LONGER PARTICIPATING IN MAEAP. SECONDED BY TOM ZIMNICKI. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE, UNANIMOUS AYES, HEARING NO NAYS, MOTION APPROVED.

For a farm that has voluntarily left the system in good standing, caused by exiting the industry, it will now be considered a 'retired' status.

DATABASE UPDATE

Joe reported that the database still presents many challenges and our team is having a difficult time getting the database to fit our reporting needs for partners.

MAEAP VERIFICATION REPORT

Joe read the MAEAP Verifications Over Time spreadsheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

**MOTION: MELISSA HIGBEE MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE
ADJOURNED. SECONDED BY BRIAN GEERLINGS. ALL IN FAVOR SAY
AYE, UNANIMOUS AYES, HEARING NO NAYS, MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

NEXT MAEAP AC MEETING

Host: TBD

Location: TBD

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Casteel