

**MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM  
(MAEAP) ADVISORY COUNCIL (AC) May 9, 2022**

**1:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Dr. Ron Bates, MSUE

Zoom Meeting/99517407612

**WELCOME AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Ron Bates Meeting started at 1:01 p.m.

Ron Bates started with the housekeeping rules for Zoom meeting. Put message into the chat if any questions. Raise your hands via the actions button or enter a message into chat.

**INTERIM DEAN, DR. KELLY MILLENBAH, CANR**

Ron introduced Interim Dean, Dr. Millenbah.

Currently working on the position description for a new Dean, maybe this month maybe early June. Another position recruiting a new director for the 2-year certificate program, with 12 community colleges. Last week the search committee will be scheduled the face-to-face interviews and should have someone in place before Fall semesters begin.

**NEW COMBINED ASSESSEMENT - JOSH APPLEBY**

Josh shared his screen showing the new cover. FAS CAS LAS \* May 2022

Josh explained why we are streamlining the process and will demonstrate how this new assessment will incorporate changes.

Josh demonstrated the features and how this will work.

Josh informed the group that this format will still go through the Ag commission for approval in September.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES – JOE KELPINSKI**

Joe reported to the group some conversations with partners and stakeholders about the huge of money available from USDA to NIFA, climate smart grants. What they are looking for are projects that are seeking ways to decrease impacts from agriculture or BMPs that reduce greenhouse gas capture and emissions.

Joe reported that he seen a potential partnership, without creating extra workload or systems, if these grants get funded, then maybe at the next interval that they give a presentation to AC on the progress of those grants.

**COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP – MEREDITH SMITH EMILY REINART**

The workgroup has two items they are currently working on.

A promotional campaign for MAEAP will happen this fall and winter when farmers are not harvesting.

**VERIFICATION NUMBERS – JOE KELPINSKI**

Joe reported that the numbers for April have not been developed yet, too soon for that. Joe said that our Phase 1's have been in person as those generated the most interested persons for MAEAP.

**DATABASE UPDATE – JOE KELPINSKI**

New consolidated assessment will be published to the new database with a more streamlined process for technicians. This should be by end of this fiscal year.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Hearing no additional agenda items, meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Meeting adjourned