MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2017

DEP South-Central Regional Office
Harrisburg, PA

In Attendance – Members
William Neilson, PA Farm Bureau
Brenda Shambaugh, PA Association of Conservation Districts
Jennifer Reed-Harry, Penn-Ag Industries
Darwin Nissley, Livestock Farmer
Christopher Uhland, Ornamental Horticulture
Matt Royer, Penn State University
Susan Marquart, USDA-NRCS
JV Lamb, PA State Grange
Danna Aunkst, Deputy Secretary, DEP
Kerry Golden - House Ag Committee
Destiny Zeiders – House Ag Committee
Duane Hobbs -Syngenta

In Attendance - Agencies, Advisors, and Guests
Kelly O’Neil, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Lee Ann Murray, Citizens Advisory Council
Frank Schneider, State Conservation Commission
Hayley Jeffords, Policy Office, DEP
Ron Orell, Advance
Tony Rice, PFB
Jenna Mackleyl, PSU
Sarah Xenophon, AEC
Steven Taglang, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Jay Braund, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Diane Wilson, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Lee McDonnell, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Marel King, Chesapeake Bay Commission
Andrew Shelley, DEP
Gena Ardito, DEP
Hayley Jeffords, DEP

The meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Board (Board) was called to order by Chris Uhland at 9:05 a.m.

Members of the Board introduced themselves, as did the other meeting attendees.

Meeting Minutes – There was no quorum at the meeting, therefore the meeting minutes from the last meeting were not approved.

Legislative Update – Destiny brought two bills to the groups attention. One Bill was the noxious weed Bill and the other was a Bill to establish a Ag Education Commission.
**State Water Plan** – Hoss Liaghat P.E., described the State Water Plan Process to the group. There are 6 regional committee and one statewide committee. The committee need agricultural and conservation district representation. Ag Advisor Board Members are welcome to contribute names for the state water plan committees.

**Phase 3 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation (WIP) Process** – Nicki Kasi provided an overview of the Phase 3 WIP Process. The group was encouraged to participate in the process. One of the challenges in the process was dealing with sector growth. Sector growth needs to be offset. In addition, projections of growth can be a challenge.

**PA One Stop** - Rick Day PhD provided gave the group a demonstration of the features of PA one Stop. The site’s usage has increased every year it has been in operation. The site provides helpful information on soils, maps and other land use features for farmers developing manure and nutriment management plans. Rick Day mentioned that funding for this project is always a challenge.

**Board/Public Comments/Concerns** –

There being no additional discussions, the meeting was adjourned:

The next meeting is set for Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 9 a.m., in DEP’s South-Central Regional Office.