

## 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.