Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

April 26, 2018

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
DEP South-Central Regional Office
Harrisburg, PA

In Attendance—Members
William Neilson, PA Farm Bureau
Matt Royer, Penn State University
Tim Schaeffer, DEP, Office of Water Programs,
Walter Moore, Dairy Producer
Gregory Hostetter, Department of Agriculture
Christopher Uhland, Ornamental Horticulture
Matt Matter, Grain Producer
Duane Hobbs, Chemical
JV Lamb, PA State Grange
Darwin Nissley, Livestock
Kerry Golden, PA House

In Attendance—Agencies, Advisors, and Guests
Kelly O’Neil, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Jay Braund, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Doug Goodlander, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Jill Whitcomb, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Paul Smith, PDA
Hayley Jeffords, DEP
Ron Ohrel

The meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) was called to order by Chris Uhland at 9:10 am.

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

Meeting Minutes— There was an insufficient number of members to achieve a quorum, therefore the meeting minutes where not voted upon.

Legislative Update—Kerry Golden brought to the group’s attention House Bill (HB) 1932, an amendment of the Nutrient Planning review process. This bill is not moving forward. HB1486 the High Tunnel Storm Water Exception bill has been signed into law. HB 2281, a bill impacting the regulation of biosolids was also mentioned.

Doug Goodlander has mentioned that DEP has developed guidance on stormwater associated with high tunnels and it is out for comment.
Chesapeake Bay Update

Doug Goodlander gave the group an update on the status of the Watershed Implementation Plan Phase Three planning process.

Ag E&S Manual

Jill Whitcomb reviewed the status of the Ag E&S Manual. AAB will convene a small workgroup to review and provide comments to DEP on the Ag E&S Manual. The first meeting of the workgroup will be on May 24th.

Bylaws Update

Chris Uhland discussed the need to revisit the AAB bylaws. A small workgroup will meet on May 24 to review and potentially make changes to the bylaws.

The next meeting is set for August 16, 2018, at 9 a.m., in DEP’s South-Central Regional Office.