

**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 were 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.