

Nutrient Management Advisory Board

Minutes of the February 10, 2006 meeting

Board Chairman John Fidler called the February 10, 2006 meeting of the Nutrient Management Advisory Board (NMAB) to order at 1:00 PM in Room 309 at the Pa Department of Agriculture Building in Harrisburg. Besides several staff and interested parties, the following Board members and Advisors were present:

Members:

Dr. John Fidler, Feed Industry Representative
William Achor, Egg Poultry Producer
Dr. Linda Baker, Veterinary Nutrition Specialist
James Brubaker, Meat Poultry Producer
Gary Heim, Public Representative
David Kanter, Non-farmer Representative
Dr. Ken Kephart, Penn State University Representative
Bernard Nissley, Livestock Producer
Joeseph Middour, Dairy Producer
Kelly O'Neill, Environmental Representative
Jon Stutzman, Fertilizer Industry Representative

Advisors:

Dave Bingaman, PDA / BPI
Mike Lovegreen, Conservation District Representative, Bradford County
Joel Myers, NRCS Advisor

The sole reason for this special meeting was to provide the Board an opportunity to discuss, and act on, the comments developed by the Manure Hauler and Broker Workgroup (which had been formed by the Board at the previous meeting).

Doug Goodlander reviewed with the Board, the *draft* comments developed by the Manure Hauler and Broker Workgroup. Doug presented each of the Workgroup's draft comments to the full Board as well as the various edits to the comments based on the discussion by the Board. The Board accepted final language. The comment areas addressed included: Definitions and Prohibitions, General, Certification and Examination Fees, Odor Management Requirements, Nutrient Balance Sheets, Authority and Duties of the Various Categories, Display of Certification, and Training and Examination Criteria. The Board expressed that the main point of their comments should indicate that the business be required to get one certification for the business, rather than make each one of its employees get certified. The business should be held responsible for ensuring the

proper training and supervision of its employees, as well as for the actions of its employees.

Attached is the final set of comments approved at the Board meeting. These comments were formally submitted to PDA on February 16, 2006.

Lastly, the minutes from the January 5, 2006 NMAB meeting were brought before the Board for approval. A few edits were brought to staff's attention, after which a motion was made by William Achor, and seconded by Jon Stutzman, to accept the minutes as modified.

Unless another special meeting is called, the remaining scheduled NMAB meetings for 2006 will all be held at 1:00 PM, in Room 309, at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Building in Harrisburg. Those meetings will be as follows:

- July 13, 2006
- November 9, 2006

The February 10, 2006 NMAB meeting formally adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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