

**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB)**

June 22, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Susquehanna Rooms A and B
Southcentral Regional Office

Welcome & Introductions – Grant Gulibon, Chair

Grant Gulibon, Chair, called the meeting to order. Bob Haines conducted a roll call of members.

Members present:

Rob Amsterdam	Lisa Daniels
James Gillis	Grant Gulibon
Greg Hostetter	Darwin Nissley
Tim Peters	Jennifer Reed-Harry
Matt Royer	Brenda Shambaugh

Members absent:

Nathan Clark	Lynn Dietrich
William Evans	Kerry Golden
Matthew Matter	Christopher Uhland
Destiny Zeiders	

Review and Approval of Minutes from the March 15, 2023 Meeting – Grant Gulibon, Chair

The meeting minutes were not approved as member attendance did not provide for a quorum.

Legislative Update – Legislative Designees

A legislative update was not provided as all legislative designees were not in attendance.

Land Application of Manure-Substantive Revision – Kate Bresaw, Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management

Land application of manure should follow the standards set forth in the Manure Management Manual. The Land Application of Manure Supplement to Manure Management for Environmental Protection provides the standard planning options for the land application of manure for non-Concentrated Animal Operations (CAOs) and non-Concentrated Animal Feeding

Operations (CAFOs) to meet their requirements under 91.36(b). The purpose of the revisions is to address the diverse planning needs of the regulated community. A draft was given to the AAB on June 6, 2023. The draft is proposed to be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on August 12, 2023 with the public comment period ending September 11, 2023. As reflected in the draft revisions of the Technical Guidance Document (TGD), the standard planning options for non-CAOs and non-CAFOs to meet their requirements under 91.36(b) are the Manure Management Plan Short Form and the Manure Management Plan Workbook. The Act 38 Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) is also an acceptable form. If an operator is currently following the guidelines in the short form, then it will be their manure management plan and meet their planning requirements under 91.36(b).

New worksheets in the workbook include an Animals Worksheet which is an Animal Equivalency Unit (AEU) calculation and an Agricultural Process Wastewater worksheet. The Animals Worksheet does not change the regulatory threshold of when an Act 38 NMP will be required, however, it provides the operator with the necessary information to determine if they are approaching the regulatory threshold. It also encourages the operator to have a certified nutrient management technician complete the AEU calculation for them.

Jennifer Reed-Harry asked Kate if she has seen any new types of animal agriculture. Kate responded that she is hopeful that there is enough flexibility in the draft revisions of the TGD to allow for various types of agriculture. Jennifer asked if there is anything PennAg Industries Association and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau can do to assist in educating the regulated community. Kate requested they advertise the public comment period. Based on the comments received, they can do education and outreach.

General Discussion/July Special Meeting/Agenda Topics Request

Grant discussed the July Special Meeting where the PAG-12 package will be presented to the board for consideration. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in this meeting in order to reach a quorum. Brenda Shambaugh suggested having the new Deputy Secretary of Water Programs attend a future board meeting.

Public Comments – Grant Gulibon, Chair

There were no public comments.

Adjourn – Grant Gulibon, Chair

The meeting was adjourned without a motion since there was no quorum.