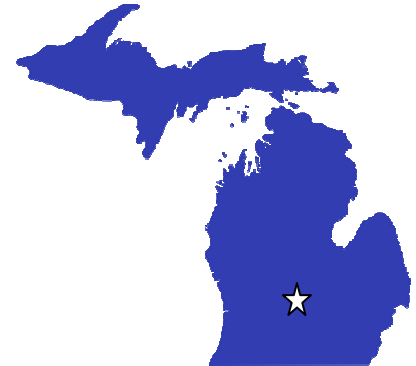




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Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010
Time: 10 am
Location: MSU Ag Expo Grounds (Lot # 861)
3498 Mount Hope Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823



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1. Introduction and Attendance

Ice Breaker: If you could live in any period of history, what would it be?

MWEA Active Biosolids Committee List – please indicate:

- a. Attendance: *Jerry Harte, Ben Stuart, Ken Herman, Jeff Pugh, Kari (and Lucas) Saganski, Graham Chapman, Kim Hackbardt, Greg Merricle, Phil Hoyt, Jim Johnson, Steve Mahoney, Scott Kunst, Dave Schipper*
- b. MWEA membership status

2. Acceptance/revision of prior meeting minutes

Approved online.

3. MDNRE Update & MDA Update

- a. Jim Johnson and field staff – *Jim J. distributed the new MDNRE organizational chart. Biosolids are now regulated under Solid Waste and Land Application Section, On-Site Wastewater Unit, lumped in with septage, effective Monday (7/26). Last Day for Water Bureau 7/23. SE District had a minor incident where applicator unloading boom was dripping biosolids on the public roadway. Jim also announced there would be Biosolids Land Application Managers Workshop on November 9th from 8:30 to 4 at Cabela's in Dundee* CEC's available. *For more information visit www.michigan.gov/deqoperatortraining.* *Dave S – gave overview of the Crooked Lake/Wyoming incident. field sloped 500' from the lake, storm runoff into lake due to storm event; Ed Hawkes, Electrical Technician from Fleis and Vandenbrink, wrote a negative article about biosolids; Health Department did water samples, nothing out of the ordinary. The entire event was a consequence of poor timing with a rare weather event. Contractor or WWTP were not deemed at fault. In Battle Creek, a resident was irate on the phone, application was fine, field was isolated, she was concerned with trucks and ended up living 5 miles from the land application site. Greg M – slow, complaints about truck traffic, alleged road side ditch issue..*
- b. Steve Mahoney – *MDA will have to consolidate cubicles, so might be losing some storage space. The right to farm program will be continued. Malburgs, Cubicles, Budget Not Discussed at the meeting: Steve held a meeting with Dr. Allen Krizek, MDA's MSU liaison, about replacing the retired Lee Jacobs. Allen suggested that letter(s) be written to Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, asking that*

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Biosolids involvement be written in job descriptions being developed for replacements for Lee and Darryl Warncke. Allen also said that we should have a meeting with Dr. Jim Kells, chair of the Department of Crops and Soil Sciences, after September when the College reorganizes. Stay tuned..

4. MWEA Update

- a. Jerry: *MWEA applied for a grant through WEF re: training...approved for start-up costs for training materials, 8 minute section on Biosolids, software; contacted by Wayne State university: interested in Water Career Training, 2-4 days, want a piece of Biosolids in this training... Investing in equipment for doing public education, with WEF grant. Forming a PE and Outreach committee with same person as "Water is Life" video... Improve on information network, hoping to get 10,000 people on the list... In the planning of hosting a watershed Summit in March 2011; work with 11 watershed groups, speakers, panels discussions, meet and greet MWEA. 60% turnover in Mi legislature... Indiana WEA, has a video on Operators challenge... 3 minutes on Biosolids... You Tube videos out there...*

5. Items from the Chair/Officers

- a. Ken would like everyone to start thinking of nominations for Residuals Person of the Year. They can be emailed to Scott, Ken or Ben if you have a suggestion. Hope to have a nominee by the September meeting for submittal to the board.
- b. Scott Kunst officially took the reins as chairperson, thanks Ken for all your hard work over the last two years!
- c. Calendars: has dates, working with other committee for dates
- d. Budget: worked on a little, to be discussed in September
- e. Michigan Science Teachers Association: a go for 2011, Grand Rapids,
- f. Childrens programs

6. Subcommittee Activities

- a. Expos: *Ag expo had another successful year.*
- b. Seminar: *Planning for the October one day conference in Charlevoix is well underway. Brochures are nearing completion at the time of the meeting. Need to be submitted 10 weeks in advance of the conference for printing and distribution. Big Fish and St. Mary's Cement Tours are a go. (Mike Person)...*
- c. Joint Conference Meeting, Sept. 14 at Delta Twp... Kim and Aaron visited Air Zoo, expensive but well worth it: extra \$20.00 per head..., tours: St. Julian Winery, Coke plant in Paw Paw...
- d. Government Affairs: *Graham - update on the meeting with the Auditor General, basically found out there was little that could be done without rewriting the law. Currently, the state is using their*

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interpretation of how the law is worded to reappropriate funds as they see fit, even if fee payers disagree.

7. Online Activities

- a. Facebook: *Facebook page is up and running. Starting to get some dialogue going. If you have potential topics, articles or information you'd like to see on the page, please email Ben or Kari.*
- b. MWEA Website: *Ben will submit draft to group for approval of the content (meeting dates, etc) to be included on the page. Upon review, the information will be submitted to Karlyn to place on the website.*

8. Other – New Business, National or Local Biosolids News, other

- a. Michigan Biosolids Team Logo change (MDNRE) – *Jim will email Ben the new MDNRE logo. Ben will try to generate the new logo (any others are welcome to help or give it a try as well!)*
- b. New Ideas Committee – *Ben and Kim suggested finding ways to get new people involved with the committee and some new opportunities for the group to become involved with. Ben will send out an invite to those who wanted to be involved and schedule a call or meeting. We'll report back to the group at the September meeting in Cadillac.*

9. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 16th, Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center, Cadillac @ 10am.

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