



MWEA Biosolids Committee The Michigan Biosolids Team

Mission: To provide leadership and promote beneficial uses of Biosolids.

Vision: To make Michigan a national leader in environmentally sound Biosolids processes and products.

Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2009

The meeting is to be held at Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center, 6093 E. M115, MI 49601, at 10:00 am, lunch provided. Please bring your copy of the agenda.

1. Introduction and Attendance

Scott Kunst, Jim Johnson, Mike Person, Steve Mahoney, Ken Herman, Ben Stuart, Kim Hackbardt, and Shawn Wheat (Cadillac)

Ice Breaker: School has started, where did you go to elementary, HS, College?

MWEA Active Biosolids Committee List – please indicate:

- a. Attendance
- b. MWEA membership status
- c. Any contact information changes

2. Acceptance/revision of prior meeting minutes

Comments on draft September 17, 2009 minutes. Approved online! OKAY

3. MDEQ Update

- a. Jim Johnson?: We are still here!
 - i. Change the way annual report forms are sent. Now, download from internet. Generators will be sent postcards for notification. Paper copies will be available upon request. Not prepared to receive annual reports on-line. Forms: In Word, multiple entries of the same information.
 - ii. Layoff notifications sent out within MDEQ, will not affect Biosolids program, too much seniority.
 - iii. Ben Thierry: least amount of seniority.
 - iv. Lt. Gov.: combining MDEQ, MDNR, and MDA will be done this fall.
 - v. MDEQ Biosolids budget will be lower because of reduction of Detroit CPI.
 - vi. Less tonnage is predicted (Detroit being out), 4-5,000 tons last fall

- vii. Applied for booth at MTA.
- b. Field staff?
 - i. Mike Person: not much to report, things going well. Busy at the end of the fiscal year, about done. Applications going well, no complaints since Spring. Pinconning biosolids on a Pinconning Township Lagoon cleaning property/release form issues, then resolved.
 - ii. SE Michigan: Call after Expo, about Local Township wanting to regulate biosolids through ordinance, Jim discussed ordinance procedure with MDEQ. Jim received complaint from neighbor re surface application on hay field... upon insp., field plowed. Received pictures showing black hay field. Conducted audit... misapplication due to misinterpretation of solids. Facility last fall that was full going into winter, chasing solids during winter, caught up with them the first major spring storm, solids went out. Now in decent shape: new contractor and plant operators.
 - iii. Discussion of solids numbers used prior to application and adjusted during application process.
- c. Clarksville ag property, within village, approached to receive septage from Fuller Septic

4. MDA Update

- a. Steve Mahoney: District Offices Closing, Layoff notices
- b. Newsletter: draft in place
- c.

5. MWEA Update

- a. Ben Stuart went to Committee chair Retreat: August 2009, Talked about budgets, seminars, Biosolids Conference, Good to learn how things work at the Association, Web Site updates, Social networking, Facebook page, and met with lots of people. Discussion about IPP merging with Biosolids Conference... IPP one day conference... Eagle Eye, Subpar Food... IPP staff in Lansing: 1 (Grace Scott). Appears to be something new coming up, (i.e. pharmaceuticals) Wyoming: begin to incinerate pharmaceuticals

6. Items from the Chair/Officers

- a. Ken: 2011 Conference: IPP wants joint seminar, wants to do spring 2010 seminar, have a joint seminar in June/July 2011. This is a problem for contractors. Ken has reservations, not sure it will be a good idea to combine the two. Three obstacles: two day vs. one, Time of year, and pick the place. Several members said OK if all three conditions were met. Scott will negotiate with Aaron Vis regarding the terms of a joint seminar.
- b. Meeting dates for 2010:
 - i. January 14: SCCMUA
 - ii. March Conference: March 15-17: Grand Rapids
 - iii. April 15: Delhi Twp. WWTP: Tour of Facility
 - iv. June 17: Holland Area: Speedo Lunch!!

- v. July Ag Expo: 20-22: MSU
 - vi. September 16: Cadillac (Johnson Wildlife Center)
 - vii. November 18: Frankenmuth
- c. Turning over the chairship on June 17, 2010;
- d. 2010 Budget: due in October, will need Seminar and Expo numbers
- i. \$600.00 Meals and expenses
 - ii. \$225.00 Misc expenses, brochures, printing expenses
 - iii. \$30.00 postage
 - iv. \$855.00 Total (i-iii)
 - v. \$800.00 Calendar
 - vi. \$2,600.00 Ag Expo
 - vii. \$1,000.00 MTA
 - viii. Income:
 - 1. \$4200.00: Conference
 - 2. \$700.00 calendar
- e. Residuals Person of the Year: Due by October 15, 2009;
- i. Lee Jacobs nominated, seconded,
- f. Needs Biosolids List to invite more people to future meetings. Jim can provide fee payers list to Ken. Ken will divide list among current members to get new members. We need to get the big players first, then contact others.

7. Subcommittee Activities

- a. Expos: Ag Expo: look at Demo Plot: send pictures... MSTA in March 4-6, 2010 (Lansing), MTA in January, 2010 in GR, 2010 Expo: Field Corn Seed and signs offered
- b. Seminar:
- c. Government Affairs: Talked about disbanding, nobody doing anything.

8. Other

- a. We need volunteers to write up some information on Dr. Lee Jacobs for the nomination. Email the information to Ken.
- b. Thanks so much to Cadillac for letting us meet at their center and for the delicious lunch they served us.

9. Next Meeting: November 19, Thursday, Bavarian Inn Restaurant 713 Main St., Frankenmuth, MI 48734 10:00am. Please bring your agenda to the meeting.