

Premium Standard Farms  
Community Advisory Panel  
Meeting Minutes: 12/4/03

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Schenlle, Dave Thomas, Paul Thomas, Ron Hinds, Jack Tucker, Mark Yungeberg

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bill Homann and Cliff Gauldin (PSF)

Cliff Gauldin reported facilitator Glynn Young has taken a full-time position with the St. Louis School District and his new duties prevented him from attending this meeting. Young indicated a desire to continue his relationship with the CAP, but he needed more time to determine if his schedule would allow.

### **Hotline Report**

Gauldin reported that there had been two calls to the hotline since the last panel meeting – one on transportation and one an inquiry about having water pumped on a property.

The transportation call involved a neighbor near Gallatin expressing concern about truck traffic near her home. The matter was referred to Transportation Manager Dale Kellen was issued a memo reminding drivers to monitor their speed more closely. Gauldin was asked to call the neighbor back in a week to ten days to see if the situation had improved.

Bill Homann reported LRM crews were not pumping as much water for neighbors due to their regular duties requiring more of their time as well as the need to pump water for the city of Milan due to the low level of the city reservoir. He said PSF crews were still attempting to pump water for neighbors as time and equipment allowed.

Year-to-date, Gauldin said, 44 calls have been received on the hotline:

- 20 on odor
- 6 on human resources-related questions
- 9 on transportation
- 2 on contract/finishing
- 3 on the community newsletter
- 4 on miscellaneous subjects

PSF was commended by a panel member for the small number of transportation calls, given the number of miles driven by employees and contractors.

### **Neighbor Surveys – Lagoon Covers**

Jack Tucker and Mark Yungeberg reported on results of the informal telephone surveys they had made of neighbors regarding the lagoon covers. Ed Rhoades and William Schnelle gave their reports at the 10/23/03 meeting.

Tucker reported on two calls made to neighbors of the Locust Ridge and South Meadows farms.

On the Locust Ridge neighbor, Tucker said the woman he spoke with stated she considered PSF to be a good neighbor, "better than some other neighbors I have." She stated she was not aware of lagoon covers being installed at Locust Ridge but that she did not have a problem with odor from the farm.

On the South Meadows neighbor, Tucker stated the man reported noticing odor from time to time and was not aware of lagoon covers being installed. His major concern seemed to be truck traffic by his home, located a mile and a half north of the farm. Bill Homann stated he would have the LRM Supervisor for that area pay a visit to the man.

Mark Yungeberg reported making three calls to neighbors of the Somerset farm. He said two of them reported they were unaware of lagoon covers being installed but did not have concerns about odor. The third neighbor, according to Yungeberg, was opposed to PSF establishing operations in Mercer County during the early years of the company but has since changed his position and recognizes the benefit the company brings to the area.

#### **New Business/Questions**

Paul Thomas asked about the status of environmental work required under the consent decree. Homann spoke briefly about the successful results being realized with the AND project at Whitetail. The group was informed of a public meeting scheduled for December 22 at the PSF Education Center at which plans for the year ahead would be discussed.

#### **Next Meeting**

The panel agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Thursday, January 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Gauldin