

Premium Standard Farms
Community Advisory Panel
Meeting Minutes: 7/22/04

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Hinds, Robert Rathe, Ed Rhoades, William Schnelle, Paul Thomas, Jack Tucker

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Rathe; from PSF – Jason Helton, Bill Homann, Daryl Niffen, Dave Brenneke, John Whitehead, and Chad Snapp.

The meeting began at approximately 7:05 p.m. and Ed Rhoades was elected chairman of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

After review, Robert Rathe moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Jack Tucker, and approved by the group.

Hotline Report

Jason reported three calls to the hotline since the last meeting. Two calls were unrelated to the CAP and dealt with someone looking for a former employee and another caller seeking to do business with the company. The remaining call dealt with transportation as the caller reported to be on I-35 following a truck and trailer with its flush holes open claiming manure was falling onto the windshield. The caller would not give his name or contact phone number. After investigating the call with the transportation department with the given trailer number, it was determined that particular trailer was not on the road at the reported date and time. Furthermore, it was not determined if there was a truck in the area at the time. All drivers were reminded, however, of the need to pay attention to and keep any flush doors or holes closed during transport. No follow-up could be attempted with the caller since contact information was not given.

Incident Reports

Copies of five incident reports were distributed to the group. Dates of the incidents ranged from 1/3/04 to 5/18/04. After review, Bill explained the circumstances at Terre Haute 7 that resulted in the notice of violation as reported to the group at the last meeting. General discussion followed. A question was asked what the procedure was if a plugged line is not able to be unplugged in a relatively easy manner. Bill responded that pumps can be shut down and the lines uncharged until another pump can be brought in or while work is being completed.

Operations Update

Bill stated the company is positive to the budget for the first quarter with good prices, excellent demand, and lowering feed pricing helping the financials. For land application, we are out of budget targets due to wet weather. In terms of production, the west side operations continue to perform well. The number of hogs delivered to the plant overall is above budget. An update on depop/repop efforts at Terre Haute was given. Questions dealt with space during these activities and the use of contract growers to provide some space.

Land Resource Presentation

Bill introduced Dave Brenneke, Deryl Niffen, Chad Snapp, and John Whitehead as the Land Resource Management superintendents. They provided a presentation on the company's nutrient management activities. They described the goals and focus of the group as well as application practices, personnel, certifications and training, and the system of checks and balances including using the company's environmental regulatory compliance auditors. Questions included soil and water testing, agronomic analysis, loading determinations, neighbor distances. Comments by the group included the continually improving soil quality as a result of application, how the current practices and systems are drastic improvements over past years, the recognition and appreciation for the serious nature of the jobs, and offering thanks for pumping fresh water for various neighbors and cities when necessary.

Next meeting

The next meeting date was set for 7:00 p.m., September 23, 2004 at the PSF Education Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Helton