

Premium Standard Farms  
Community Advisory Panel  
Meeting Minutes: 9/23/04

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Hinds, Ed Rhoades, William Schnelle, Jack Tucker, Mark Yungeberg

**ALSO PRESENT:** from PSF – Jason Helton, Bill Homann, Don Killingsworth.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m. and Mark Yungeberg was elected chairman of the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Hotline Report**

Jason reported one call to the hotline since the last meeting. It was an odor complaint from a neighbor of the Ruckman farm. Efforts to return the call and learn more were unsuccessful. Two non-hotline transportation related issues were presented to the group. One dealt with a truck not using turn signals and another was reported by a company supervisor of a feeder pig truck not being operated in a safe manner. At the time of the meeting, conclusions of these issues were not available.

### **Incident Reports**

Copies of four incident reports were distributed to the group. Dates of the incidents ranged from 6/2/04 to 7/14/04. After review, Bill explained the circumstances of the contract pumper at South Meadows. This incident is under review at DNR. General discussion followed. A comment by one member was that the trend of incidents seemed to be improving. A member asked about the lagoon effluent levels, given the weather this season. Bill responded that levels were near goal in most places and not quite at goal level in others. Contract and company crews will focus their efforts, weather permitting, in those areas. A comment was made that desludging crews were rough on roads east of Newtown. Bill responded the dust control was applied on roads in some areas.

### **Operations Update**

Bill provided an update on the Crystal Peak construction project at Valley View. The weather has delayed the project but dirtwork is done and some equipment is beginning to arrive. Bill reported that the financial picture for the company is looking good. Market demand and production are still up. Production numbers are at or above budget. The depop/repop project at Terre Haute continues to face challenges and is not quite where it was hoped to be at this time. Progress is still being made however. Some discussion took place on advantages and disadvantages of pellets vs. mash diets for production.

**Land Resource Presentation**

Don Killingsworth, Vice President of Industrial Procurement, gave a presentation on corn and soybean usage and purchases for the company. He discussed the volume of commodity purchases, the role of futures, how we purchase the quantities needed, world/local supply and demand, yields, other global demands such as ethanol and domestic feeding, and some regional differences among our operations. A number of related questions were offered throughout the presentation.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting date was set for 7:00 p.m., October 28, 2004 at the PSF Education Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Helton