

Premium Standard Farms
Princeton, Missouri
Community Advisory Panel
Meeting Minutes: 1/24/08

Members Present: Ed Rhoades, Jack Tucker, Roger O'Reilly

Also Present: from PSF – Bill Homann, Jason Helton, Kelly Busker

The meeting began at approximately 7:15 p.m. Roger O'Reilly was elected chairman.

Approval of Minutes

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

Production update

Kelly Busker, Director of Livestock Production, provided an update on different projects underway. A truck wash at Terre Haute has been constructed and in operation since October, 2007. A dedicated fleet of equipment now further enhances biosecurity with fewer miles traveled. A nursery pen conversion project is being implemented at Badger Wolf. This should translate to better overall health and can add lactation days. In response to a question about related death loss improvements, he answered these pens provide additional space which should reduce crushing deaths.

The west side is testing automated farrowing feeding designs. Free access stall designs are also actively being researched. Management, feeding, and genetic changes will likely occur during implementation.

Toll free Number Report

One call of an odor complaint near the Scott Colby farm was received in December and one near the Ruckman farm was received in January. Another call was from someone who received the *Premium Neighbor Report* newsletter and wanted more information on biofilters. Two calls related to transportation were received in the transportation department and not on the toll free number. One concerned the road conditions near a contract producer and the other a report of unsatisfactory driving of a light duty company pickup.

One member asked if any new information on the biofilters was available. Bill commented on the third party monitoring taking place at Locust Ridge.

Incident Reports

Thirteen incident reports were presented for review with dates of April, June, July, August, September, October, November, 2007, and January, 2008. Bill noted that one had been previously shared with the group and it resulted in an NOV. In response to a question on the October incident, he stated the neighbor of Summers nursery was not upset. However, that is not a factor considered by the DNR.

Operations Update

Bill offered an update on legal issues and reported that in December a Jackson County jury found in favor of the company on a nuisance claim near the Homan farm. He noted that winter weather has presented a number of challenges related to feed delivery, employees getting to their location, snow removal, and power outages. Corn prices are impacting feed costs at a time of large inventory and heavier weights in the system. Efforts are being made to identify an unfamiliar strain of PRRS that has been detected in one of our health pods. The conversion of software systems related to employee benefits, payroll, and financial accounting has now been substantially completed. The Texas operations are relatively steady currently as they focus on better health improvements and better utilization/efficiency of their resources.

Questions/Other Issues

One member commented that he heard of an odor complaint near a contract producer.

Information was shared with the group related to Premium Standard Farms' receipt of a 2007 Humanitarian Award by America's Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph; the amount of real estate and personal property taxes paid by the company in 2007; and Smithfield Foods' donation of \$75,000 to the Milan school district.

The next meeting was set for February 28, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Helton