

Premium Standard Farms
Princeton, Missouri
Community Advisory Panel
Meeting Minutes: 10/26/06

Members Present: Ed Rhoades, Mark Yungeberg, Robert Rathe, Ron Hinds

Also Present: from PSF – Gene Cook, Bill Homann, Jason Helton

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

Approval of Minutes

After review, Robert Rathe moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mark Yungeberg and approved.

Milan Processing Plant presentation

Gene Cook, plant manager, provided an update on the expansion underway. He explained that the main areas of work include the enhanced and enlarged chill and refrigeration areas, the employee welfare areas, and wastewater facilities. He stated construction was on schedule to begin expanded operations toward the end of March. Questions from the group included number of additional jobs; expected water and electric load increases; impact of other nearby processing plants on Milan operations; and whether the planned merger would bring about changes. Gene also touched on recent and significant employee safety accomplishments and the steady turnover rate.

Hotline Report

Three calls to the toll free number since the last meeting were from individuals requesting to be removed from the mailing list for the Premium Neighbor Report newsletter. One call was from a landowner wanting to express his appreciation to personnel in the ERC and LRM departments for their assistance in successfully and safely applying sludge to his fields. One non-hotline call received at the reception desk dealt with a neighbor of the Wiles farm complaining of driving by employees in their private cars to and from work. He did comment that he appreciated company trucks and feed trucks slowing down by his residence. A message was sent to the production supervisor for the farm who indicated he would visit with managers and employees on site.

Incident Reports

No reports were ready for presentation.

Operations Update

Bill commented that operations were pretty steady at the moment. He stated that there are some fresh water concerns across the system but water would be available by pumping, if needed. The system is in good shape in terms of land application and a number of special projects and improvements for the production side have been completed. He provided an update on herd health and related challenges from each of the pods.

A question was asked about the re-construction of the Cooley mega-nursery following the fire. Bill responded that activity was about ready to get started there but another fire destroyed only an office at Hickory Creek and that this was a priority to get rebuilt. Other questions dealt with the impact of high corn prices on operations as well as buying locally produced corn versus buying elsewhere; and how the merger might effect local communities and businesses.

Questions/Other Issues

Ed Rhoades commented that following his corn harvest, the field with commercial fertilizer (versus hog manure) was his lowest producing field.

One member commented that Roger O'Reilly expressed his interest in joining the CAP following his attendance of a recent meeting. The group agreed to his participation.

The next meeting was set for 7:00 p.m., November 30, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Helton