

Premium Standard Farms  
Princeton, Missouri  
Community Advisory Panel  
Meeting Minutes: 7/27/07

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

**Also Present:** from PSF – Bill Homann, Jason Helton

The meeting began at approximately 7:10 p.m. Mark Yungeberg was elected chairman.

### **Approval of Minutes**

After review, Ron Hinds moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Ed Rhoades and approved.

### **Operations Update**

Bill Homann reported that the merger with Smithfield Foods has been completed. The Missouri and Texas operations now constitute Premium Standard Farms, LLC, with the Texas operations reporting to Bill. The Milan plant will now be operated and managed by Farmland Foods. Questions from members included personnel changes, Texas management and size of operations, and the phase-out of gestation crates as announced by Smithfield.

Bill explained the circumstances surrounding either pending or issued notices of violations from the DNR at Somerset, Hedgewood, Green Hills, and Valley View. Questions from the group included actions taken to correct the situations and inquired on comparable regulations in Texas. One CAP member commented on odor he experienced from sludge application. A member noted that negative impressions of sludge haulers resulting from damaged highways and driving actions/practices reflect on PSF.

Bill commented that sales from the Crystal Peak Fertilizer plant were improving and that future plans were to include sludge from other farms. A member asked if another CPF plant might be less expensive given the modified production process. Bill noted that the AND systems were now operating at Badger/Wolf, Whitetail, and Terre Haute. Engineering has been completed on AND systems for Homan and Ruckman. Construction and testing of biofilters is underway at Locust Ridge with extensive odor testing planned for this fall.

Bill reported that herd health remained good, livability was good in spite of the heat, and finishing death loss was decreasing with circo vaccine. Construction is underway of a truck wash facility at Terre Haute to allow us to close the biosecurity loop even tighter. Plans are to have it operational by September 1. Corn prices are decreasing and a good season of land application is underway.

**Toll free Number Report**

Calls during April discussed with the group with appropriate follow-up included two odor complaints from the same neighbor near the Ruckman farm, one complaint of unsafe driving of market truck/trailer, and two calls claiming damage to their vehicle as a result of rocks thrown or something falling off a truck.

Calls during May discussed with the group with appropriate follow-up included one odor complaint from a neighbor of the Ruckman farm, two odor complaints by the same neighbor of Scott/Colby, one complaint of unsafe driving of a truck/trailer, and one call of a truck/trailer with its flush doors open.

Calls during June discussed with the group with appropriate follow-up included one odor complaint from a neighbor of the Ruckman farm, one odor complaint of a neighbor near Whitetail, one odor complaint from a neighbor of Green Hills, one complaint of truck speed and dust near Sharp, and two calls relating to unsafe driving.

One call during July discussed with the group with appropriate follow-up dealt with unsafe driving by a feed truck driver.

**Incident Reports**

Eleven incident reports were presented for review with dates of December, 2006, and February, March, April, May, June, 2007. Bill discussed and responded to questions from the group.

**Questions/Other Issues**

A member inquired about any recent activities related to health ordinances in Marion and Nodaway counties. A question was asked whether an odor monitor could be placed near persistent callers. Another asked whether fresh water/surface water was still a concern.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Helton