

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

November 15, 2018

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

AgWG Conference Call

Conference line: (202) 991-0477 Code: 2832221

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- 10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs
- Roll-call of the governance body
 - Roll-call of the meeting participants
 - Approval of meeting minutes from the Oct 18th Conference Call
- 10:05 **Prioritization Update (10 min)** Matt Monroe
- Matt Monroe, Vice-Chair, will update the Workgroup on prioritization items.
- 10:15 **Directive Supporting Ag Technical Assistance (15 min)** Loretta Collins
- Loretta Collins, UMD, will communicate the Oct 18th, 2018 recommendations of the CBP Management Board regarding the CBP Executive Council's [Directive in Support of Agricultural Technical Assistance and Conservation Practice Implementation](#). This serves as a follow-up to the AgWG discussion on August 16th, 2018.
- CBPO Assignments Implementation
- 10:30 **Perspectives on Conservation and Leased Land (30 min)** Sarah Everhart
- Sarah Everhart, Managing Director of the Agriculture Law Education Initiative at UMD's Francis K. Carey School of Law, will discuss the opportunities for increasing conservation practices on leased land. The Agriculture Law Education Initiative recently released the [Agricultural Conservation Leasing Guide](#) as a tool to assist farmers and landowners in protecting their business interests, as well as implementing stewardship planning and conservation practices on leased land.
- Implementation
- 11:00 **Incorporating Soil P into the Phase 6.0 Model (30 min)** Matt Monroe
- The CBP Management Board (MB) has requested a progress update from the AgWG leadership at their Dec 6th, 2018 meeting, regarding the [MB Recommended Path Forward \(September 21, 2017\)](#) for incorporating soil P in the Phase 6 watershed model. Matt Monroe, Vice-Chair, will propose an AgWG response to the MB's recommendations.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the proposed AgWG response to the CBP Management Board's Recommended Path Forward for incorporating soil P into the Phase 6 watershed model.

- 11:30 **Soil P Data Update (20 min)** Frank Coale
Frank Coale, UMD, will update the Workgroup on feedback he has received from regional and national entities regarding existing agricultural soil P data and possible next steps.

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CBPO Assignments

- 11:50 **Data Input and Planning Deadlines (25 min)** Jeff Sweeney
Jeff Sweeney, CBPO, will present a schedule on proposed data input deadlines for Phase III WIP planning and development, 2018-2019 milestones, and 2020-2021 milestones, as well as the types of data that may and may not be changed during these time frames.

Action: The AgWG is asked to submit comments and questions to Matt Johnston, UMD (mjohnston@chesapeakebay.net) by COB November 26. The WQGIT will be asked for final approval of the data input and deadlines memo at the December 10 WQGIT conference call.

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- 12:15 **Broiler Mortality Freezers (20 min)** DE Jurisdiction
On July 19th, 2018 the AgWG approved an addendum to the Livestock Mortality Management interim BMP document (approved by the AgWG on April 21st, 2016) to be used for planning purposes in state Watershed Implementation Plans. This updated interim BMP: Broiler Mortality Freezers was presented to the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) on Sept 6th, 2018. The WTWG expressed several concerns related to the interim BMP that have stalled its approval until those concerns have been satisfactorily addressed. The AgWG DE signatory members volunteered to return to the AgWG in November with responses to the WTWG's concerns.

Action: The AgWG is asked to determine next steps regarding the interim BMP for Broiler Mortality Freezers.

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- 12:35 **At-Large Nominations (10 min)** Loretta Collins
Loretta Collins, UMD, will discuss the nomination process for 2019-2020 AgWG At-Large Governance member vacancies.

- 12:45 **New Business (10 min)** All

- 12:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items** Allie Wagner
Allie will review the action and decision items from the meeting.

- 1:00 **Adjourn Meeting**

Next meeting: Conference Call January 17th, 2018, 10 AM-12 PM