

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

March 15th, 2018

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

AgWG Conference Call

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

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Meeting materials: http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/agriculture_workgroup

10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participant
- Approval of meeting minutes from the February Face-to-Face Meeting
- Welcome and introduction of new AgWG Chair and Vice-Chair

10:10 **New Signatory Member Selections** Workgroup Chairs
Newly elected Chair, Jason Keppler, and Vice-Chair, Matt Monroe, will introduce new Signatory Member appointments for their respective jurisdictions, allowing them to fully commit to AgWG leadership responsibilities.

Maryland:

Primary-Alisha Mulkey, MDA

Alternate- Adam Lyon, MDA

West Virginia:

Primary- Cindy Shreve, Agriculture Outreach Specialist, WVDA

Alternate – Jerry Ours, Poultry Specialist/Nutrient Management Program Supervisor, WVDA

10:15 **Finalization of AgWG Governance Protocol** Loretta Collins
The Workgroup Chairs will brief the Workgroup on the revised version of the AgWG governance protocol based on comments from the WQGIT on February 26th.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the revised AgWG Governance Protocol document.

10:25 **Livestock and Poultry Mortality Management EPEG** Frank Schneider
Frank Schneider, PA State Conservation Commission, presented and discussed the draft recommendation report developed by the Livestock and Poultry Mortality Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG) regarding livestock and poultry mortality management practices at the February 15th Face-to-Face meeting. The AgWG was asked to review the report and submit comments and questions to Loretta Collins (lcollins@chesapeakebay.net). Should the charge document be approved by the Workgroup, a call will be put forth for nominations to the Expert Panel regarding livestock and poultry mortality management practices.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the recommendations report drafted by the Expert Panel Establishment Group regarding livestock and mortality management practices.

10:35 **Interim BMP Status** Loretta Collins

In response to a request from the AgWG at the February 15th Face-to-Face Meeting, Loretta Collins will provide an update on the interim BMP status of Cropland Irrigation and Agricultural Ditch Management.

10:45 **BMP Verification Standards**

M. Dubin, J. Harcum

In response to CBP partnership's interest in developing and implementing alternative approaches for the verification of agricultural BMPs, Mark Dubin, UMD and Jon Harcum, Tetra Tech, presented a draft recommendation report regarding the development of an alternate BMP verification evaluation standard for producer surveys as part of the effort in seeking CBP partnership approval of alternative verification methods for use in the CBP Phase 6 modeling tools. The AgWG was asked to review the document and submit comments to Mark Dubin and Lindsey Gordon, CRC by March 1st.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the draft recommendation report regarding the development of an alternate BMP verification evaluation standard for producer surveys.

11:35 **Discussion of AgWG 2018 Focus**

At-Large Membership

The Phase 6.0 Watershed Model is finalized and the AgWG is now charged with broadening its focus to include more topics related to BMP implementation in an effort to realize the goals outlined in jurisdictional 2-year Milestones and WIPs. With this shift the AgWG aims to reinvigorate participation of At-Large members in AgWG meetings. This time is set aside for the At-Large Membership to express their ideas for Workgroup consideration moving forward.

11:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items**

Lindsey Gordon

Lindsey will review the action and decision items from the meeting.

12:00 **Adjourn**

Next meeting: Thursday, April 19th, 2018: Conference Call