



Delaware Nutrient Management



The Delaware Nutrient Management Commission Technology Minutes of the Meeting Held July 19, 2006

In attendance:

<i>Committee Members Present</i>	<i>Others Present</i>
T. Keen, Chair	C. Larimore
J. Manchester	K. Foskey
A. Johnson, Jr.	T. Garrahan
R. Baldwin	J. Timmons
R. Sterling	B. O'Neill
K. Blessing, Jr.	
<i>Committee Members Absent</i>	
W. Vanderwende	
C. West	
<i>Ex-Officios Present</i>	
W. Rohrer, Jr.	

This meeting was properly notified and posted as required by law.

Call to Order/Welcome:

Chairman T. Keen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Manchester motioned to approved the March 29, 2006 Technology meeting minutes. Motion seconded by R. R. Baldwin which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

J. Manchester asked that another item be added to the agenda; Nitrogen Balances in the areas of high nitrate levels in the water. Discussion ensued as to the legitimacy of adding an agenda item. B. Rohrer clarified that an item could be added to the agenda as long as it was not an action. T. Keen stated it could be added to the agenda as long as the meeting adjourned by 9:00 p.m., otherwise another meeting would need to be scheduled to discuss the topic.

Review and Act on Draft Non-Agriculture BMP Booklet:

B. Rohrer referred to the Draft Non-Agriculture BMP Booklet (attached to minutes). He noted this was the final BMP booklet and reported that several individuals and organizations were involved with the creation of the draft.

B. Rohrer highlighted parts of the booklet and further noted the Table of Contents is very inclusive. The draft was discussed in detail. Many suggestions were made in order to clarify points or remove items and/or text that were not necessary. After the discussion, it was determined changes will be submitted and a final draft created. B. Rohrer will compile the changes and submit them to revise the draft.

B. O'Neill noted that B. Rohrer has put in a lot of time to the creation of the draft and did a good job. B. Rohrer noted that C. Kinsley did all the graphics and helped organized the draft.

Perdue AgriRecycle Participation for Alternative Use Relocation:

B. Rohrer reported that Perdue AgriRecycle approached Nutrient Management to participate in the Relocation Program, specifically the litter that goes from the farm to the plant and from the plant to the market place. This is how the Relocation Program had been approved by the Commission. He reported that they have not participated in the program in the past six years as they received a grant from the Economic Development Office which covered a five-year period at a rate of \$400,000 per year, totaling \$2 million. The five-year period ended June 2006.

Discussion ensued in reference to the Relocation policy as approved by the Commission. The policy allows for \$.16 per ton mile with a cap rate at \$18/ton. The policy was eliminated payment for clean outs last year. Perdue AgriRecycle's request would cap at \$11/ton. He noted Perdue AgriRecycle has participated in farm-to-farm transports in the past. B. Rohrer provided reporting information on the Relocation Program (attached to minutes). He further noted there are some planning funds that would be available. There is about \$400,000 available from planning that would need to be transferred to relocation. He further stated the Chesapeake Bay Program is confident they can fund the request with at least \$100,000.

B. Rohrer reported 35,000 tons of poultry litter generated in Delaware has been moved out of Delaware by Perdue AgriRecycle. He further reported if they are approved to participate in the program, funding would be available. Funding could be expanded through federal funding.

Discussion ensued concerning the current participants of the program. J. Manchester noted there is not concern to move the litter to their plant, but there is a concern in reference of moving the product to the marketplace. However, this could be a good alternative use if the litter is moved out of Delaware.

B. Rohrer stated the Commission still has excess manure that needs to be dealt with and Perdue AgriRecycle can assist with relocating the excess. K. Blessing also noted the Commission signed the letter of support to the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission for Perdue AgriRecycle to operate 24/7.

T. Keen stated it would be hard to deny the request since the program is in place. B. Rohrer noted the Relocation is adjusted annually. K. Blessing foresees a demand for chicken manure in the future.

T. Keen noted the topic J. Manchester requested added to the agenda will not be discussed due to the time. He advised the topic will be added to a future Technology Subcommittee meeting.

T. Keen advised the subcommittee to approve Perdue AgriRecycle's request. J. Manchester asked if a limit could be place on the request. B. Rohrer reported a cap is already in place and there are control factor's set within the program. The control factors in place are no single entity can claim more than 50% of the total budget for relocation without returning to the Commission and the Commission does not allow any more than \$50,000 worth of open applications.

R. Baldwin motioned to accept Perdue AgriRecycle's request as an approved alternative use. A. Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Rohrer will invite Perdue AgriRecycle to the next Full Commission meeting.

Public Comments: NONE

Next Meeting: NONE

Adjournment: Chairman Keen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Approved,

Tony Keen, Chair
Technology Subcommittee

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