

**Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility Advisory Committee**  
**Ohio Department of Agriculture**  
*March 8, 2012*

**\*\*As Approved by the CAFF Advisory Committee\*\***

<b>Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>Member Name</b>		<b>Representing</b>
P	Cathy	Alexander	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
P	Tony	Anderson	County Commissioners Association of Ohio
P	Gerald	Boynton	Public Representative
P	Karen	Chapman	Environmental Defense Fund
P	Rod	Dunn	Water Management Association of Ohio
P	Maurice	Eastridge	Ohio State University
P	Kevin	Elder	Ohio Department of Agriculture
P	Andy	Ety	Ohio Department of Agriculture
P	Glen	Feichtner	Ohio Cattlemen's Association
P	Kirk	Hines	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
P	Anne	Kaup-Fett	Ohio Environmental Health Association
P	Carl	Link	Ohio Pork Producers Council
P	Joe	Logan	Ohio Environmental Council
P	Dick	Lorenz	Water Management Association of Ohio
P	Russell	Ludwig	Public Representative
P	Bruce	Macleod	Ohio Water Environment Association
P	Andy	Miedema	Ohio Dairy Producers
P	Tim	Sword	Ohio Department of Development
P	Tim	Weaver	Ohio Poultry Association
P	Ronald	Wyss	County Commissioners Association of Ohio - Alternate
A	Carl	Ayers	Ohio Dairy Producers
A	Jon	Bernstein	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
A	Chuck	Divelbiss	Public Representative
A	Eric	Dresbach	Ohio Water Environment Association
A	Trent	Dougherty	Ohio Environmental Council
A	Rob	Hamilton	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
A	Elizabeth	Harsh	Ohio Cattlemen's Association
A	Tom	Hertzfeld	Ohio Poultry Association
A	Roger	High	Ohio Sheep Improvement Association
A	Pat	Hord	Ohio Pork Producers Council
A	Jason	Menchhofer	Ohio Environmental Health Association
A	Michael	Mull	Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
A	Todd	Price	Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
A	Jon	Rausch	Ohio State University
A	George	Slater	Public Representative

**DLEP staff**

Kristina Tonn, Legal Counsel  
Marsha Perge, Program Administrator

Andy Ety, Engineer  
Patrick Bailey, Engineer  
Aaron Farmer, Assistant Attorney General

**ODA staff**

Michael Rodgers, Acting Chief Legal Counsel  
Howard Wise, Assistant Director

Carl Link called the meeting to order.

Carl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda however, there were minor clarifications. Carl then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 17, 2011, minutes. There were no changes or corrections to the meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Bruce MacLeod, and seconded by Russell Ludwig. All were in favor; motion carried.

Tim Sword was introduced and welcomed to the committee as the Department of Development representative. Michael Rodgers was also introduced as ODA's Acting Chief Legal Counsel.

The consideration of changing the threshold of animals and what level would be appropriate to require a permit was presented before the committee for discussion. Areas such as production, application, cost, and impact were reviewed. The committee agreed that they do not want to cause any farmer to go out of business. Production is not viewed as the problem; application is believed to be more of a problem with Liquid manures more of a problem than solid manure.

Another problem is funding and the lack thereof. ODA\DLEP funding has been reduced significantly, and the same has been true for other state and local agencies and governments. Education has been provided, and it was agreed that unless a farmer or applicator attends the educational opportunities and then uses what he\she has learned, change will not be realized. There is a paper trail with the land on which CLM's and permitted facilities apply. Various individuals and techniques were mentioned that could provide the committee with information on manure application, manure composting, and manure transportation. It was revealed that overall the majority of Ohio is nutrient deficient and needs the nutrition that is available from production. Getting it to the areas in need is and has been the problem.

Kirk, Cathy and Kevin will put together information regarding the medium facilities for a presentation to the committee. One size does not fit all when it comes to farming and agriculture.

The requirements for application to frozen and snow covered ground and what constitutes frozen and snow covered were reviewed with the committee. If it can be tilled\worked in the ground is not frozen per DLEP rule definition. A dusting of snow is not snow covered ground per DLEP rule definition. Many citizens have a misconception of what these terms mean.

Director Daniels was introduced to the committee. He thanked all for their service and stated he looked forward to working with them as they move agriculture in Ohio forward.

The committee was updated on The Water Quality Report. The report has been provided to the Governor.

The five rules that required clerical or five year review filings and that were brought before and approved by the Committee in November have gone through the JCARR rule review process, were final filed, and were effective February 6, 2012.

Delegation is still proceeding. The question raised on the criminal statute is going through the legislative process. It is being drafted as part of an omnibus legislation to be introduced in the legislature shortly.

Kevin reviewed the status of Ohio Fresh Eggs. The draft permits have been public noticed.

Aaron Farmer updated the LEPP cases that have been referred to the Attorney General. The monies have been or are being collected on the cases adjudicated.

The next meetings have been scheduled for June 21, 2012, August 23, 2012 and November 15, 2012. A possible summer tour for the committee to St. Henry and to Irish Acres Dairy is being worked out.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Logan; seconded by Tony Anderson. All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned – 11:30 a.m.