

DIRECTOR'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Reynoldsburg, Ohio**

June 27, 2007 and approved by Board August 15, 2007

To note: Prior to the meeting, Agriculture Director, Robert Boggs spoke briefly to the group. He thanked the members for their service and expressed his hope to work with the advisory board in the future.

Mark Forni, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. in Conference Room 308 of the ODA Bromfield Administration Building.

Advisory Board members present: Mark Forni, Chair, Jill Clark, Vice-Chair, John Detrick, Glenn Myers, Brian Williams, Jay Rausch, Doug Givens, Thomas Mazur, Lucille L. Hastings, Harold Weihl, Roger Wolfe, Roger Rhonemus.

Advisory Board members absent: Open position representing Development Interests.

ODA Staff members present: Kelly Carneal, Jody Fife, Kristen Jensen, and Lori Payne, Assistant Attorney General.

Those present were asked by Mark Forni to briefly introduce themselves.

Approval of the Minutes: Brian Williams called attention to an error in the minutes from the previous board meeting on December 19, 2006. Brock Williams' name was listed instead of the proper name of Brock Wanless. Under this change, the motion to approve the minutes was called by Roger Rhonemus, seconded by John Detrick, and passed by the board.

ORAL VOTE: PASSED

Mark Forni gave a brief overview of the applicants for AEPP 2007; the same facts were disclosed in a press release dated June 15, 2007 previously distributed to the board.

The quadrants, which were used for AEPP 2006, were discussed as being possibly the best way to divide funding for this year. Slight changes in quadrants would need to be made to most equally divide the quadrants and their respective applicants. Greene County and Fayette County which last year were listed under Quad II will now be listed as within Quad III. Allen County which last year was listed under Quad III will now be listed within Quad IV.

Clarification of regional balance was given via printed copies of the Ohio Administrative Code, 901-2-01-BB.

Doug Givens made a motion to approve the "2007 Quad Maps" to assist the Board in its recommendations for the Agriculture Director. This division of funding technique was seconded by Harold Weihl.

ORAL VOTE: PASSED

Kelly Carneal gave an overview of the upcoming Farmland Summit and acknowledged that the planning committee was still looking for a speaker, if anyone could offer suggestions. More details would be forthcoming.

A reminder was made that members are not able to score applications from their own counties as follows:

Jill Clark	Franklin
John Detrick	Clark
Glenn Myers	Richland
Brian Williams	Franklin
Jay Rausch	Union
Doug Givens	Knox
Thomas Mazur	Allen
Lucille L. Hastings	Holmes
Harold Weihl	Wood
Roger Wolfe	Fairfield
Roger Rhonemus	Adams

A final request was made by Mark Forni and Kelly Carneal that each member stay consistent in their scoring to each farm in order to ensure that all farms are rated equally.

First 29 scored applications were collected from each member.

Members read and scored remaining 49 applications. An informally structured lunch break began about 12:15 pm. Members continued to read and score applications until approximately 1:50 pm. Concurrent to the members scoring, Kelly Carneal and Kristen Jensen were present to collect scored applications and input the scores into the computerized spreadsheets.

Board Members set the next board meeting date for Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 10:00am. After a brief discussion, it seemed this would be the best date so that the highest number of members could be in attendance. The August agenda will be sent to members prior to the meeting but in general, the meeting will focus on the outcomes of this year's program and AEPP for 2008.

Final unofficial scores for the 2007 AEPP will be sent to all members as soon as all results are tabulated by ODA staff.

Jay Rausch moved to adjourn the meeting and Lucille Hastings seconded the motion.
ORAL VOTE: PASSED - Meeting closed at 2:04 P.M.

Mark A. Forni
Advisory Board Chairman, Mark A. Forni

Kristen Jensen
Meeting Secretary, Kristen Jensen