



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

November 14, 2014

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Please be advised the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on Tuesday evening.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – November 18, 2014

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from October 21, 2014. (See Attachment A.)
3. Jeremy is working to schedule a tour of farms (Pam Saul, Robert Stabler, and Wade Butler) for Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson before December 19, 2014.
4. Update-Deer Damage Survey handed out-The DED is working to find a new location of the New Cold Box for East side of the County. December 3, 2014 1:00 pm Meeting to discuss ways to improve deer management in the County-Representatives from MNCPPC, DNR, DED, and farmers will be attending.
5. Roger Berliner is scheduling a meeting with stakeholders in December to discuss expanding Broadband high speed internet access to the Agricultural Reserve.
6. League of Women Voters Agricultural Fact sheet discussion on the SCD web site and requirement for fencing? The LWV is also recommending the County-DPS needs to make sure the Letters of Certification (SCWQP and NMP) for equestrian facilities that have more than 10 horses are on file.

7. Update on the Positions approved for FY15 Operating and Capital Budget:

The-BDS position (Kristin Fisher) interview was held on October 20, 2014 for Preferential Hiring applicant. The DED asked Director of OHR for permission to contact some of other 32 applicants that met the minimum requirements.

Agronomy Educator for UM-Extension part-time contract for Doug Tregoning has been approved and Doug has started to prepare for Pesticide Bill 52-14 and the Winter Agronomy Update meeting.

New Resource Conservationist for MSCD (Brian Taylor) The OHR has approved the position to be reclassified to BDS position and the e-recruitment ad will be advertised within the DED-MSCD as recommended by the MSCD Board of Supervisors. The Ad should be released this week.

8. The Pesticide Legislation Bill 52-14 was introduced on October 28, 2014 and 5 Council members have expressed support to cosponsor the Bill (Leventhal, Floreen, Reimer, Navarro, and Elrich)

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Bd of Directors-December 2, 2014@7:00pm
Montgomery County Agricultural Pres Advisory Bd-December 9, 2014@7:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Bd of Supervisors-December 12, 2014@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-December 16, 2014@7:00pm