



Minutes

Pesticide Advisory Board Meeting September 13th, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Shrawder, Joseph Demko, Beth Gugino, Tim Haydt, Jessica Lenker, Tim McGinty, Lisa Murphy, Michael Myers, Martin Overline, Heather Smiles, Joseph Farwell, Matthew Persons, and Brian Thomas.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Joni Davis, Frank Schneider, Edward Crow, Matt Kohan, Grant Gulaban, Sharon Gripp, Christin Weidner, Emily Eyster, Greg Robertson, Kevin Burk, and Senator Carolyn Comitta

Motion: A motion to approve the June 14th, 2023, minutes was made by Martin Overline and second by Joseph Demko.

PA Dept of Ag Program update:

Matt Kohan, Pesticide Certification Education Specialist provided updates on new exams and study material. Categories 23 and 26 will both be closed book as of January 1, 2024. Old open book study material will be offered until the end of 2023. New study material has begun distribution as of October of 2023. There will be new closed book exams/study material, updated and revisions coming in 2024 for more categories.

Board Member Roundtable:

Jessica Lenker introduced Frank Schneider as the new Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Martin Overline gave an update on the EPA proposal for rodenticide use, due to the number of public comments and concerns the proposal has been pushed back.

Jessica Lenker discussed the EPA proposal for assessment of herbicide and will send further information by email to the committee.

Public Comment Period:

Senator Carolyn Comitta from Chester County gave an update on a legislation bill she will introduce on notification of apiary locations when making pesticides applications.

Adjourn: Michael Myers made motion to adjourn the meeting and Martin Overline second the motion.

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