

**Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility Advisory Committee**  
**May 28, 2009**  
**Ohio Department of Agriculture**  
**ODA's Bromfield Building**

**\*\*Approved by CAFF Advisory Committee\*\***

**Members/Alternates Present**

- Carl Link, Ohio Pork Producers
- Andy Miedema – Ohio Dairy Farmers Federation
- Glen Feichtner, Ohio Cattlemen's Association
- Roger High, Ohio Sheep Improvement Association
- Doug Alderman, Ohio Water Environment
- Jason Menchhofer, Ohio Environmental Health Association
- Collin Coy, Water Management Association of Ohio
- Joe Logan, Statewide Environmental Advocacy
- Chuck Divelbliss, Public Representative
- Gerald Boynton, Public Representative
- Tom Price, Public Representative
- George Slater, Public Representative
- Cathy Alexander, Ohio EPA
- Maurice Esteridge, PhD, The Ohio State University
- Tom Hertzfeld, Ohio Poultry Association
- Kevin Elder, ODA LEPP
- Rob Hamilton, ODNR

**Members Not Present**

Tim Weaver, Ohio Poultry Association  
Michael Mull, DVM, Ohio Veterinary Medical Association  
Karen Chapman, Environmental Defense Fund  
Rebecca Gray, Ohio Department of Development

**ODA LEPP staff**

ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program staff in attendance were: Bill Schwaderer, Kristina Erlewine, Marsha Perge, Aaron Farmer (Assistant Attorney General), Gary Zwolinski, and Andy Ety.

**ODA staff**

Bill Hopper, chief legal counsel

**Others**

Dave White, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

Collin Coy called the meeting to order. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Feb. 19, 2009, minutes. There were no changes and the meeting minutes were accepted by the committee.

Kevin Elder acknowledged that this was the last opportunity for Peggy Jackson to attend a committee meeting because of her early retirement, but she had been selected to serve on the Licking County grand jury each Thursday. Her position will not be filled at this time. He asked the committee to acknowledge Peggy for her many years of service to the state and, more specifically, to the CAFF Advisory Committee. Doug Alderman proposed that Peggy be acknowledged by the committee and Joe Logan seconded the motion. Marsha Perge will prepare a certificate to be signed by Collin on behalf of the committee.

Kevin stated that several cost-cutting measures that been initiated, such as early retirement and mandatory leave without pay, to help close the shortfall in the state budget. Each state employee is mandated to take ten days off without pay during the next fiscal year. The division is recycling as many office supplies as possible to save money and using electronic correspondence to cut coping costs.

Multiple questions were asked by the committee, including the possibility of sharing staff between divisions. Kevin explained that with an over 10 percent cut agency wide and no new hires, each division would be in the same situation and sharing would most likely be impossible. Marsha will be assuming the majority of Peggy's duties. It was further noted that everyone would be helping to answer the LEPP phones. Bill Schwaderer is keeping the LEPP Web site up-to-date – something that IT previously did.

Kevin reviewed the need to revisit the fee rules the committee had discussed, but no decision made at the last meeting. Questions were asked regarding the differences between the two scenarios in Andy Ety's presentation. Kevin noted that scenario #1 is an approach based on the design capacity of the facility, starting at the permitted threshold and proceeding linearly. Scenario #2 is also a linear approach based on design capacity of the facility, but the fee is a "base" fee for a design capacity between a Large CAFF and 2X a Large CAFF, but then increases linearly above that size. In the examples given for each scenario, a 2,500 head dairy would pay an annual fee of \$785.71 in the 1<sup>st</sup> scenario and \$775.00 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> scenario.

Collin requested questions of the proposed fee increases.

Andy Miedema stated he was against any new fees.

Tim Weaver stated he understood, but it was inevitable.

Joe Logan stated he appreciated that the industries were against a raise in fees, but LEPP is reeling against the budge cuts and an increase to continue to provide services is necessary. He stated the new fees need to be adopted.

There was a question on when the next increase would be anticipated. Would it be at least two years? Kevin explained that the LEPP fees had not increased since ODA began permitting large

livestock and poultry farms in August 2002, and he would not have to bring this issue back before the committee for well over two years.

After much discussion between the two scenarios presented, it was concluded that scenario #2 should be adopted. Tim Weaver moved to adopt the fee increase outlined in scenario #2. Collin called for a vote. Eight members were in agreement, none against, none abstained. Collin stated that comments should be submitted to Marsha within 30 days.

An update regarding changes to Statute was discussed, as was the status of the NPDES.

The issue of a committee member and alternate representing the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio will be resolved by the next meeting.

Kevin updated the statistics and progress of the database.

The next CLM training will be held on July 22 in Strasburg and July 24 in Wapakoneta. These training events are in conjunction with the 2009 Manure Science Review.

The next CAFF Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27, 2009. The all-day event will include farm tours. Carl Link offered a tour of his processing plant. The next meeting at ODA will be Nov. 19, 2009.

Call for adjournment was made by Collin; Joe Logan seconded.

Meeting adjourned – 12:30 p.m.