

**Michigan Commission of Agriculture Meeting
Michigan Department of Agriculture
Constitution Hall, Con Con Conference Room
525 West Allegan, Lansing, Michigan**

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2002

PRESENT:

Douglas Darling, Chair, Commission of Agriculture
Nora Viau, Vice-Chair, Commission of Agriculture
Bill Pridgeon, Secretary, Commission of Agriculture
James Maitland, Commission of Agriculture
Jordan Tatter, Commission of Agriculture
Dan Wyant, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture

OTHERS PRESENT *(All or part of the meeting):*

Michigan Department of Agriculture Staff
Ron Zellar, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Jeff Armstrong, Michigan State University
Barbara Brundige, Citizens Against the Misuse of Pesticides
Kenneth Brundige, Citizens Against the Misuse of Pesticides
Brian Buehler, USDA Rural Development
Kendra Butters, Michigan FFA
Joanne DeVuyst, USDA Rural Development
Dene Elliott, Michigan FFA
Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Michigan State University
Dr. Lee Jacobs, Michigan State University
Tonia Koppenaar, Michigan Farm Bureau
Jon LaPorte, Michigan FFA
Jane Marshall, Food Bank Council of Michigan
Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau
Bridget Patrick, Department of Community Health
Ed Raak, Food Bank Council of Michigan
Representative Dale Sheltroun
Pete Squibb, Department of Natural Resources
Carol Wruble, Michigan State University Extension

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chair Darling called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2002. Secretary Pridgeon called the roll with Director Wyant and all Commissioners present, except for Commissioner Maitland. Commissioner Maitland would be arriving after 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 12, 2002 AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10-11, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER TATTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10-11, 2002 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Commission of Agriculture is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2002 and will be held in conjunction with ANR Week at Michigan State University. The meeting will be held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, South Harrison Road, East Lansing, Michigan.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' PER DIEM AND/OR TRAVEL

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSIONERS DARLING'S AND TATTER'S TRAVEL ON JANUARY 22, 2002 TO ATTEND THE MICHIGAN AGRI-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE HELD IN LANSING, MICHIGAN. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL:

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MAITLAND MOVED TO APPROVE DIRECTOR WYANT'S TRAVEL ON FEBRUARY 20-22, 2002 TO ATTEND THE USDA AGRICULTURE OUTLOOK FORUM IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AND THE TRI-NATIONAL ACCORD HELD IN NOGALES, ARIZONA ON MAY 14-17, 2002.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Jordan Tatter believes the tart cherry industry is on the brink of disaster. Michigan growers and processors are 70 to 75 percent of the North American supply. He said that growers and processors would vote in April on amendments to the Federal Marketing Order, and next spring they would vote on the order itself. The order made possible the formation of CherrCo., a marketing cooperative that sets prices for its voluntary members who produce a majority of the tart cherries in North America. Those processors who chose not to join CherrCo were able to sell their pack advantageously in comparison to CherrCo members. This resulted in CherrCo members bearing a disproportionate share of the carrying costs of unsold inventories. Commissioner Tatter noted that the largest processor of tart cherries in the nation has given its notice to withdraw from CherrCo. He believes that others will follow causing CherrCo to disband. If the federal marketing order is then voted out in the spring of 2003, the tart cherry industry will again be adrift and Michigan tart cherry growers will receive less than production cost for their fruit, unless there is marketing break-through.

Since the last Commission meeting, Commissioner Tatter participated in the following agriculture-related activities:

- A local growers' meeting with Congressman Fred Upton at which he listened to grower concerns and responded.
- The Michigan Agri-Business Association Winter Conference held in Lansing.
- The Annual Meeting of the Cherry Marketing Institute held in Traverse City at which Director Wyant was the noon speaker. Following his presentation an impromptu processor meeting was held with the Director to discuss overall economic and renaissance zone concerns.
- A local community information meeting concerning the recent discovery of a commonly used herbicide in a public school well and private wells in the area. MDA, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Department of Community Health, township and county officials presented preliminary reports and responded to questions. The audience was about 400 people.
- The first winter meeting of the SW Michigan Agriculture Service Club, at which Representative Ron Jelinek was the noon speaker.
- His last meeting as a member, since 1998, of the Van Buren County MSU Extension Council.
- The winter meeting of the MSU Extension and Experiment Station State Advisory Council held in East Lansing.

Commissioner Nora Viau reported that even though the Upper Peninsula has enjoyed a warm January, there are concerns about not enough snow cover. Ice fishing has produced large Walleyes. She attended several meetings where discussions focused on the Farm Bill, bovine tuberculosis zoning and split state status. She believes there continues to be a lot of confusion and misinformation about the bovine tuberculosis zoning and split state status.

Commissioner Bill Pridgeon reported that there was extensive tree damage in his area due to a severe winter storm. He said that pork producers from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio are in the process of developing a pork co-op. The co-op has been established legally and there are currently over 100 members.

Commissioner Maitland arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Doug Darling met with Congressman Dingell to discuss the Farm Bill. He also met with Representative Gene DeRossett and his advisory committee. Commissioner Darling, Representative DeRossett, and Senator Beverly Hammerstrom all served on an agriculture legislative forum held for residents of Washtenaw, Monroe and Lenawee counties. Commissioner Darling also participated in the Michigan Agri-Business Association Winter Conference. He also traveled with Deputy Director Keith Creagh, Agriculture Development Division Director Bob Craig, and Director Wyant to Kansas and Nebraska to tour an innovation center on value-added opportunities. Michigan has many of the critical aspects already in place for this type of innovative system. All that is needed is to create the necessary network and address communication and trade issues. Commissioner Darling also mentioned the dedication of the first bio-diesel fuel pump located in Manchester, Michigan. This bio-diesel fuel is produced from soybean oil.

Commissioner Jim Maitland reported that the annual meeting of the Cherry Marketing Institute in Traverse City was very well attended by cherry producers, as well as wineries. There continues to be concern in the farm community about the agriculture economy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Director Wyant asked that Representative Dale Sheltroun be allowed to address the Commission at this time.

Representative Dale Sheltroun thanked the Commission and MDA for listening to the concerns brought to the Commission by area residents and producers at the January meeting. He also appreciated Dr. Joan Arnoldi's visit to Northeast Michigan to tour the Au Sable River area and for inviting USDA to visit the area on March 13, 2002.

Representative Sheltroun said that at the last Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting the Commissioners were discussing their goals for 2002. One of the Commissioners commented that since Michigan is going to split state status the NRC should not have TB high on its agenda. Representative Sheltroun did address the Commission and expressed his concerns about decreasing the emphasis on eliminating bovine tuberculosis. He also has met with Department of Natural Resources Director K. L. Cool and his staff regarding budget issues and bovine tuberculosis priorities.

Commissioner Tatter stated that the Commission of Agriculture should continue to place TB as a high priority agenda item. He also attended a NRC meeting where one of the Commissioners stated that perhaps the state would have to accept the fact that it could not eliminate TB and would have to manage the deer herd with a low level of TB. Commissioner Tatter believes this is contrary to the Governor's Executive Order that mandates we are to eliminate TB, not manage the disease.

Representative Sheltroun noted that the June NRC meeting would be held in East Tawas. This will offer area residents and producers an opportunity to voice their concerns to the Commission.

Commissioner Darling agreed that as long as this disease is in Michigan, it should continue to be a priority concern for this Commission.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Brad Deacon, Legislative Liaison

Brad Deacon, Legislative Liaison, distributed and reviewed the February 2002 Legislative Status Report. He reported that HB 4820 and HB 4829 have been enrolled as Public Acts 266 and 267 of 2001. The Motor Fuels Quality Act (HB 5005) passed the Senate unanimously and was sent to the Governor for signature. The Governor has submitted his proposed budget for 2003-2004 to the Joint Appropriations Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dan Wyant

Director Wyant distributed and reviewed his monthly activities for the period January 11 through February 12, 2002. He also discussed the following:

Budget: Copies of MDA's Fiscal Year 2003 Executive Budget recommendations were distributed and reviewed. He also distributed and reviewed information about the Governor's early out retirement proposal for state employees that was presented to the Joint Appropriations Committee during the 2003 Executive Budget presentation. Eligibility is based on combined age and service equal to or greater than 80 years by November 1, 2002. There is no minimum age proposed for this program. There are approximately 100 employees in MDA who qualify. The application window is April 1 through April 30,

2002. Applicants must select a date between July 1 and November 1, 2002 on which they intend to retire.

Biosecurity/Bioterrorism: Biosecurity and bioterrorism issues continue to be discussed in the areas of education and communication, increased surveillance, scientific capability, and emergency management planning. A Midwest Governors' summit will be held this spring in Chicago.

INTRODUCTION OF JOANNE DE VUYST, STATE DIRECTOR OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT: Robert Craig, Director of the Agriculture Development Division

Robert Craig, Director of the Agriculture Development Division, introduced Joanne DeVuyst, State Director of USDA Rural Development.

Joanne DeVuyst, State Director of USDA Rural Development discussed the partnership between USDA Rural Development and MDA. The two agencies have partnered to support the Michigan soybean growers' efforts to market products by helping to fund a delegation to the American Soybean Association Trade Show and Conference in Tokyo. Her office also has received an application from soybean growers to promote bio-diesel products. The office also has received a grant application from the Great Lakes Pork Cooperative for technical assistance to market pork products produced in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Ms. DeVuyst also reviewed other grant assistance efforts that were provided to Michigan fairs.

Ms. DeVuyst reported that MDA, MSU and the Economic Development Corporation are part of a rural development process task force that provides value added grants to improve the quality of life in rural Michigan. It is a financial and technical resource for creating or retaining jobs in agriculture.

She said that USDA Rural Development will join with MDA in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to accomplish separate but related missions to help the rural residents of Michigan.

Mr. Craig explained that the Memorandum of Understanding is an updated version of the current MOU that focuses on themes and programs that the two agencies have in common. The two agencies will work cooperatively to assist farmers, agri-businesses, rural communities, and family farms on many economic assistance issues.

Director Wyant and Ms. DeVuyst both signed the Memorandum of Understanding between USDA Rural Development and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

FINAL APPROVAL TO SIGN CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION FOR THE JULIAN-STILLE VALUE-ADDED ACT: Robert Craig, Director of the Agriculture Development Division

Robert Craig, Director of the Agriculture Development Division, presented and recommended approval of the Certificate of Adoption for the Julian-Stille Value-Added Agriculture Development Fund rule 2001-027AC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MAITLAND MOVED APPROVAL TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION FOR THE JULIAN-STILLE VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND RULE 2001-027AC. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES: Robert Craig, Director of the Agriculture Development Division, and Paul Burke, Manager of International Marketing

Robert Craig, Director of the Agriculture Development Division, discussed his recent trip to Mexico to attend a conference on Cuban trade issues. Mr. Craig was part of Michigan's delegation that included representatives from the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Agri-Business Association, Pigeon Co-op Elevator, Star of the West Milling, and the Michigan Bean Commission. Discussions were held about trade restrictions and Cuba's interest in dry beans, powdered milk, and seed potatoes.

Paul Burke, Manager of the International Market Program, distributed and reviewed information about the International Market Development Grant Program, as well as a brochure entitled, "International and New Market Development Program." The International Market Development Grant Program provides grants for export market development activities. The Branded Market Access Program provides 44 percent reimbursement for expenses to expand international and domestic sales.

PRESENTATION BY THE FOOD BANK COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN: Jane Marshall, Executive Director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan, Ed Raak, Chair of the Michigan Agriculture Surplus System, and Carol Wruble of Michigan State University Extension

Jane Marshall, Executive Director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan, Ed Raak, Chair of the Michigan Agriculture Surplus System, and Carol Wruble of Michigan State University Extension, distributed and reviewed information from the Michigan Report, "Hunger in America 2001."

The purpose of the report was to determine the number of people who need the food bank network, who use the food bank network, why people use the network, and what public programs people use. There are many stakeholders involved in the food bank network. The report will assist stakeholders in the fight against hunger to assess local and statewide needs for new programs and services. It also will be a useful tool for public policy makers and communities.

Director Wyant expressed his appreciation to the Food Bank Council of Michigan and recognized the important work that it does to serve the hunger needs of the people of Michigan. He believes that the Food Bank Council of Michigan is one of the strongest in the nation.

INTRODUCTION OF MICHIGAN FFA STATE OFFICERS:

Kendra Butters, State President of the Michigan FFA, Dene Elliott, Region V State Vice President and Jon LaPorte, State Reporter, provided an overview of the FFA's activities, mission and goals. They also expressed their appreciation to the Commission and MDA for their support of FFA. Commissioners were invited to attend their State Convention and banquet that would be held in March at MSU. Commissioners were also

invited to attend an FFA Reception that will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at the Hubbard Hall Cafe at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE RESOLUTION:

Director Wyant presented the Commission of Agriculture Resolution honoring Ryan Sweeney, 2001 American Star in Agribusiness for approval.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE RESOLUTION HONORING RYAN SWEENEY, 2001 AMERICAN STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF DR. JEFF ARMSTRONG, DEAN OF THE MSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES:

Director Wyant introduced Dr. Jeff Armstrong, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kenneth and Barbara Brundige of Three Rivers, Michigan, distributed information and read a statement regarding the alleged misuse of pesticides in St. Joseph County. Mr. and Mrs. Brundige believe that there is an excessive amount of pesticides being aerial sprayed. They believe that nothing is being done to monitor the pesticides being used, or to test the air quality.

Director Wyant expressed his appreciation for the comments by Mr. and Mrs. Brundige. He stated that the information provided today would be reviewed by MDA to ensure proper guidelines are being followed in pesticide use and air quality.

RECESS:

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m.

RECONVENE:

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

UPDATE ON BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS: Dr. Joan Arnoldi, State Veterinarian

Dr. Joan Arnoldi, State Veterinarian, reported that testing has been completed around the potential high risk area where infected deer were found last year. She noted that zoning is now in effect. Currently MDA is concentrating efforts on the markets. Staff is maintaining a presence in the markets to ensure that proper permits are obtained. Efforts continue in the area of the movement of animals to slaughter and ensuring that once the animal leaves the market it is going to slaughter.

She reported that no new positive bovine tuberculosis herds have been reported. Staff has tested 90 percent of the beef cattle in the Upper Peninsula. Over two-thirds of the beef testing has occurred in the rest of the state. Testing efforts continue in the zoned areas.

Dr. Arnoldi will be meeting with Wisconsin's State Veterinarian to discuss options for moving cattle out of the Upper Peninsula. She also toured the West Branch and Au Sable River areas to look at whether or not the river should be considered a natural boundary. She will be meeting with USDA on the issue.

Commissioner Tatter asked that in Dr. Arnoldi's meeting with the Wisconsin State Veterinarian she emphasize that we are dealing with state lines, not miles, and while that is the law it is not common sense.

Commissioner Tatter asked Pete Squibb of the Department of Natural Resources to comment on DNR efforts to allow hunt clubs to cull deer herds year round.

Pete Squibb of the Department of Natural Resources replied that the DNR has not historically been supportive of organized hunting for controlling deer outside of the season. However, it is looking at expanding the use of disease control permits if there is an interest.

Commissioner Tatter stated that there is interest as evidenced in the meetings that he and NRC Chair Charters had in August with the hunt clubs.

Mr. Squibb said it would be important that the clubs take a significant number of deer.

Commissioner Tatter asked if farmers are taking a significant number of deer using disease control permits.

Mr. Squibb said they are not and that the number of permits requested has dropped about 80 percent from five years ago. He added that the number of deer taken by disease control permits also has dropped by at least 80 percent.

Commissioner Tatter believes the Michigan Farm Bureau should be asked to appeal to the agriculture community in Deer Management Unit (DMU) 452 to use the disease control permits.

Mr. Squibb said the DNR would be more than willing to issue permits to those who are interested.

Commissioner Tatter asked how close we are to a three-year cycle in turning over the deer herd within Deer Management Unit 452.

Mr. Squibb responded that he believes we are gaining. He said that preliminary information is that the harvest survey would show a 50 percent return rate in DMU 452, and by March the DNR would like that to be 70 percent. Unofficially, 2,395 deer or 4.2 deer per square mile have been taken from DMU 452. The DNR is seeing positive impacts in the deer checked and the yearling deer percentages that are infected appear to be lower. This is a good indication that, except in the hot spot areas, we are getting a handle on the situation.

REVIEW OF CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: Steve Shine, Environmental Stewardship Division

Steve Shine of the Environmental Stewardship Division, distributed information and provided a Power Point presentation on Michigan's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The program was established under an agreement signed by the Governor and the USDA. It is a partnership between the Conservation Districts, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, MDA, DNR, DEQ, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Mr. Shine said that there are 40,527 acres already enrolled in the program. Within that acreage, 1,866 miles of filter strips and over 10,000 acres of wetland practices have been established in the three watersheds.

APPROVAL OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Task Force Chair for the Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices for Manure Management and Utilization (GAAMPs), distributed and reviewed the proposed GAAMPs that were initially presented in draft form to the Commission at its December 2001 meeting. Since that meeting, a public meeting was held in January 2002. The GAAMPs before the Commission today include the changes resulting from task force review and the public meeting.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER TATTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MANURE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dr. Lee Jacobs, Task Force Chair for the Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices for Nutrient Utilization, distributed and reviewed the proposed GAAMPs that were initially presented in draft form to the Commission at its December 2001 meeting. Since that meeting, a public meeting was held in January 2002. There were no suggested changes to the GAAMPs from the task force or the public.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR NUTRIENT UTILIZATION AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Darling and Commissioner Tatter suggested that all GAAMP pages be numbered consecutively and formal titles added to the list of task force members in all GAAMPs.

APPROVAL TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL ON NEW AND EXPANDING LIVESTOCK FACILITIES: Marvin Johansen, Environmental Stewardship Division

Marvin Johansen of the Environmental Stewardship Division presented a letter to the task force chair of the Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices for Site Selection and Odor Control to initiate the annual review process.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON MOVED TO INITIATE THE ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS OF THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL ON NEW AND EXPANDING LIVESTOCK FACILITIES. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REVIEW OF MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU 2002 POLICIES: Tonia Koppenaal and Ron Nelson of the Michigan Farm Bureau

Tonia Koppenaal of the Michigan Farm Bureau distributed and reviewed the Michigan Farm Bureau 2002 Policy Book, adopted by the delegates to the 82nd Annual Meeting held in November in Traverse City, Michigan. She highlighted the policies addressing value-added initiatives and bovine tuberculosis. Other policies that she highlighted were the Grain Marketing Contracts, Grain Dealers Act, and Water Use in the Great Lakes Basin.

Ron Nelson of the Michigan Farm Bureau discussed the state budget and the challenges that the lack of funding will create for MDA. He said that the zero-interest loan program is a major issue and will be addressed today in legislative committee. He noted that the funding of the Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory is critical.

Director Wyant asked Ms. Koppenaal to explain the grain indemnity fund concept.

Ms. Koppenaal explained that the Michigan Farm Bureau supports amendments to the Michigan Agricultural Commodity Insurance Act to provide the opportunity for producers to take advantage of the enabling legislation. It would allow the legislature to:

- Create the fund by eliminating the requirement for a petition and producer referendum;
- Provide payment of 90 percent of all producer claims;
- Allow interest earned on the fund to be returned to the fund;
- Cap the fund at \$5 million with assessments resuming whenever the fund balance falls below \$3 million.

Indemnity programs are currently in place in 13 states, including Illinois, Ohio and Indiana, as well as the province of Ontario. Most of these programs have been established by legislative action without the requirement for a producer referendum.

APPROVAL OF FAIRS, EXHIBITIONS AND RACING REGULATIONS: Barb Hensinger, Director of the Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division

Barb Hensinger, Director of the Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division distributed and presented for approval Regulation 808, Payment of Breeders' Awards; Regulation 814, Futurity and Sire Stakes Races; and Regulation 820, Michigan-Bred Pari-Mutuel Races. Public hearings have been held on these regulations and currently are at the Office of Regulatory Review.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER TATTER MOVED TO APPROVE REGULATION 808, PAYMENT OF BREEDERS' AWARDS; REGULATION 814, FUTURITY AND SIRE STAKES RACES; REGULATION 820, MICHIGAN-BRED PARI-MUTUEL RACES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Hensinger requested approval to begin the review process of Regulation 811, Premium Allotments to Fairs and Expositions; Regulation 816, Stabling and Training Facilities for Standardbred Harness Horses; and Regulation 817, Quarter Horse Breeders' Awards and State Supplements.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED APPROVAL TO BEGIN THE REVIEW PROCESS OF REGULATION 811, PREMIUM ALLOTMENTS TO FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS; REGULATION 816, STABLING AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR STANDARDBRED HARNESS HORSES; AND REGULATION 817, QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS' AWARDS AND STATE SUPPLEMENTS. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment received.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following documentation is on file in the Commission of Agriculture office and is available upon request. Please contact Vicki Burke, Commission Secretary, Michigan Commission of Agriculture, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, Michigan 48909, (517) 373-1085, or e-mail burkev@michigan.gov. Commission meeting minutes also can be viewed on the web www.michigan.gov/mda

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