



## **MINUTES**

Thursday September 14, 2006

8:00 am

TBG – Terrace Room

**Members of  
Advisory  
Group**

Dick Bostdorff

Michael Carroll

Bill Dearing

Beth Fausey

Tony Keil

Walt Krueger

Joe Perlaky

Lindsay Potts

Neil Reid

Tom Wardell

- Dean Krauskopf called the meeting to order at 8:02 am
- Attendance: (23)
  - Dean Krauskopf, Joe Perlaky, Bob Feldstein, Tony Keil, Beth Fausey, Tom Wardell, Paula Ross, George Dabrunz, Dick Bostdorff, Gene Klotz, Bill Dearing, Jeff Creque, Mike Beroske, Mary Donnell, Steve Wehl, Tom Moser, David McCann, Sue Wines, Hugh Storer, Karen Johnson-Webb, Jan Hunter, Charles Krause, and Sandy Knitz.
- Report: Champion
  - Regular Meeting Minutes (9-14-06)
  - Advisory Group Meeting Minutes (No September Meeting)
- Reports: Projects
  - Branding:
    - The calendar will be distributed in October
    - Poinsettia X-mas program – Joe will identify interested growers
    - Dean reports no contact with Coastal Ohio as yet.

- Energy Committee:

- *Ferrell Gas* – Joe reports the deadline for special propane pricing is September 15<sup>th</sup>
- *Palmer Inc.* – Kirk continues to sign up MVG natural gas users.

- Other Business:

- Brooks Insurance - Scott Lodge continues to meet with growers on an individual basis to discuss their umbrella insurance program. Joe is scheduled to meet with him and Shannon Dillon regarding Workers Comp pooling.
- UT Family Business Center – Joe reports there were 3 MVG in attendance for the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Blade Printing and Maumee Bay Brewing Companies.
- Farmers Market Report – Joe will add Paula Ross to the regular meeting agenda.
- Reynolds Road Improvements – The deadline has passed for growers to purchase product for a 07 planting. No word on the projects status.
- Charles Krause, USDA Research Leader & Plant Pathologist informed the growers of an opportunity to attend a free instructional program being offered at the ARS Wooster facility. It will focus on spray technology ...specifically calibration and coverage issues. Please contact him at (330) 263-3676 or [krause.2@osu.edu](mailto:krause.2@osu.edu) for more information.

- It was suggested that Joe schedule a different time for the Advisory Board Committee meetings.
  - Dick Bostdorff requested information on the MVG's 06 Activities & Accomplishments for presentation at an OFA committee meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Jeff Creque announced he is working closely with Dave Beck at CIFT regarding the installation of a Corn Burner (Iowa) at this facility. The operation costs and performance of the unit will be monitored during this years winter season.
  - Their was a report stating that new government regulations might prompt greater use of soy diesel due to less sulfur included in the blend.
  - National City representatives Dave McCann, Susan Wines and Hugh Storer gave a presentation outlining several business programs available to the growers. Work perks, direct deposits, free banking services, MasterCard discount rate <2% including several programs available regarding financing, leasing and lease-purchase opportunities.
  - Tom Moser, *Ag Credit Association's* Manager of Operations will present an overview of their ag credit program at our October meeting.
  - Next months meeting will be hosted by Beth Fausey at the ABE Center in BG. Directions will be provided.
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- The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.
  - Minutes submitted by Joe Perlaky

ALL MEETINGS ARE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. 8 AM TBG  
The next meeting is October 12  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
ABE Center in Bowling Green