



ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

September 4, 2008

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Thread

Joe Perlaky called the meeting to order at 8:06 am

Attendance – (12) Joe Perlaky, Dick Bostdorff, Kirk Mizerek, Beth Fausey, Paula Ross, Bill Dearing, Theresa Hoen, Charles Krause, Neil Reid, Tom Wardell, Michael Carroll, & Serenity Carr

Members of Advisory Group

Dick Bostdorff

Michael Carroll

Tom Creque

Bill Dearing

Beth Fausey

Theresa Hoen

Tony Keil

Walt Krueger

Joe Perlaky

Lindsay Potts

Neil Reid

Tom Wardell

▪ Old Business (Events)

- Gas Program- Kirk had good news to report. Prices are officially locked in a little over \$9 until May of 2009. The previous hurricanes had no damaging effect on oil production. Palmer is setting up the new GES website which will provide updated information for the growers. The website will be available for login by November 1, 2008.

- Bylaws- Joe stated that the executive job description has been examined by a legal advisor from UT's Office of Research legal council for a *general opinion*. Stephen Snyder examined contract term & conditions and made a few incidental changes. Heather Bradley also made recommendations which the advisory board will bring before the board at the regular meeting on Thursday September 11th for approval. These additional responsibilities and duties include:

1. Ability to fill the role of public relations liaison/and or spokesperson.
2. Responsible for the hiring and supervision of all hired staff.
3. Responsible for managing all volunteers

- Membership – Paula reported that membership applications have been mailed. The Advisory Group recommended on waiving the fees for the first year. Marcy Kaptur will celebrate the signing of our first associate member.
- Grant – Neil and Michael reported they have not been officially notified in writing by the USDA next years 08-09 grant.
- Extreme Makeover Home Edition- Joe stated that Extreme Makeover Home Edition will be coming to Toledo. TBG and MVGA have been asked to participate in this 4-day event. As of yet there is no inventory list of plants. We have approximately 6 or 7 grower volunteers

offering to provide product. Buckeye Cable System and The Toledo Blade are the main sponsors of the event. Donations need to be delivered on Friday before midnight, planting will take place between midnight and 6 am.

- Recycling- Joe reported that the recycling initiative will take place the week of October 13th. This is a pilot program to service the growers. The truck from Superior Recycling, a local company, will make a loop that will pick up the growers' recyclable materials.
- Grower Meeting- Lars Jensen from Ellegaard machine manufactures and Ken Martin from Blackmore Company will be presenting information regarding their Ellepot propagation system to the growers. Andy Olsen, Senior Policy Advocate at the Environmental Law & Policy Center from Madison, Wisconsin will be coming to share his knowledge and recommendations regarding the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant.

Minutes – Serenity Carr

Adjourn – 9:10 am

ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8 AM AT THREAD. OUR NEXT MEETING IS October 2.