

Program Year 2023 Agricultural BMP TAC
Animal Waste Subcommittee
10-4-21 Meeting Agenda
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Augusta County Government Center
18 Government Center Lane Verona, VA
Smith Transfer Room West

Voting Members Present

Amanda Pennington, chair, DCR
Rachel Winters, Headwaters SWCD
Meggen Dalton, Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Steve Escobar, Virginia Horse Council
Jay Yankey, Prince William SWCD
Allen Jackson, Blue Ridge SWCD
Kevin Dunn, Peter Francisco SWCD
Beck Stanley, Agribusiness Council
Darrell Marshal, VDACS
Phil Davis, DEQ
Sam Truban, Lord Fairfax SWCD

Non voting members present

Ben Chester, DCR
Jason Wilfong, DCR
Sandra Stuart, Natural Bridge SWCD
Michael Tabor, Blue Ridge SWCD
David Bryan, DCR

Non voting members arriving at 1:30

Doug Hughes, DEQ
Hobey Bauhan, Poultry Federation

- Matrix Item 1A-Create CCI practices for animal waste.
 - David Bryan
 - If we can tie the practice back to a VACS instance, they are basically verifications
 - If we cannot, they are (Resource Improvement) RI's and have similar credit, however, a shorter lifespan, 5-years. Just do not have the associated NRCS standards.
 - The way they are credited:
 - Composters
 - Loafing lot practices
 - WP-4B and WP-4LL
 - WP-4

- So need three separate CCI specs
 - Needs to be a 5 year credit
 - Mortality composting rate discussion
 - Sliding scale based on the number of bins required.
 - Use existing number of bins or calculate the number of bins required (for poultry).
 - If they are composting inside an existing litter structure that is not eligible for payment
 - Current WP-4C only for poultry or swine
 - \$250 per bin for poultry
 - Swine-don't know enough about swine right now. CCI for composters is going to be for poultry right now, will look at revising to include other species next year.
 - Vote, Motion to approve structure and animal unit payments above, passed unanimously
 - Vote, motion to approve composting bin payment \$250 per bin, passed unanimously
 - Subcommittee decided to defer loafing lot CCI until next year, will create CCI specs for WP-4 and poultry composters.
- 1:30 Matrix Item 6A-Allow Cost Share for Littersheds and Mortality Composters before poultry is placed on the property
 - Idea originated with DEQ, problem with cakeouts.
 - Can be in compliance with permit but still have a water quality problem.
 - Should be putting something up at least within a month to avoid creating water quality issues.
 - How does this work with the bay model? Do we only get credit if we fix problems? It should be just report the structure and animal numbers, we should get the same credit.
 - Beef and dairies have to qualify with the risk assessment but poultry does not.
 - Hobey-should look at the program programmatically and consider solving problems before they occur.
 - Concerns from the floor:
 - How do you use a finite amount of money when you have existing concerns to put a producer into production and not cause a water quality problem when there are existing water quality problems.
 - Motion-table suggestion but provide training to district staff on how to make the process more efficient so they can get the littershed and composters ASAP.
 - 6 voted in favor
 - Amanda
 - Allen
 - Jay
 - Steve
 - Kevin
 - Sam
 - Vote count for Nays was not taken as it did not have the votes to pass.
 - Motion to defer

- Darrell
- Phil
- Beck
- Rachel
- Megen
- Steve
- Jay
- Kevin
- Nay votes not taken as motion did not have enough votes to pass, however, the matrix items is deferred to next year by default as a vote to table or advance could not pass.