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PESTICIDE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Ashely Randle, MDAR (Chair)	Present
Meg Blanchet, DPH, Designee for Commissioner Goldstein	Absent
Michael Moore, DPH, Food Protection Program	Present
Misty Anne Marold, DFG, Designee for Commissioner O'Shea	Present
Kathy Romero, DEP, Designee for Commissioner Heiple	Present
Nicole Keleher, DCR, Designee for Commissioner Arrigo	Present
Richard Berman, Commercial Applicator	Present
Brian Magee, Toxicologist	Absent
Steven Ward, Farmer	Present
Jack Looney, Public Member	Present
R. Christopher Brittan, Public Member	Present
Steven Bird, Toxicologist	Absent

The Board did meet or exceed the minimum number (7) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

A. PESTICIDE PROGRAM UPDATES, TARYN LASCOLA

Glyphosate Commission: T. LaScola provided background information on the Glyphosate Commission and informed the Board that the Phase 2 of the review has been completed and the draft will be posted online for the public to review and comment.

Pesticide Annual Use Report: MDAR has posted the 2023 annual use report form. MDAR added some sites that it had removed in the 2022 use report. The sites added were primarily agricultural sites. Additionally, MDAR reviewed some of the issues that it saw in the 2022 information that was collected to determine if changes could be made to the 2023 form. It was unable to make substantial changes to the form, but MDAR created a guidance document for applicators which addressed these issues. T. LaScola informed the Board that she had sent out a survey to other states in the country to gather information as to what other states require and how they keep the use data information.

B. CONSERVATIONST PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD, ROSEMARY MALFI

Annual use data: R. Malfi stated that most of the meetings over the past few months had been around use data and how it is collected. She indicated that geographical data is important for research, regulators, and the public. She noted that the Council does understand the privacy concerns. She indicated that she would like to discuss this issue with the Pesticide Applicator Pesticide Advisory Council.

Notification: She informed the Board that Council is reviewing the pre-notification and post notification requirements and rights of neighboring areas and that is an area of interest.

Rodenticides: She also informed the Board that rodenticides were discussed at the last meeting and while the Council understands the Board does not have regulatory authority over the registration status of products the Board could make changes to the regulations relative to placement of rodenticides near conservation areas. M. Marold stated that she would be interested in learning how the Council would approach areas where there is infrastructure within the conservation areas.

C. PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES, BOB LEON

Certification: B. Leon stated that the Council has been discussing the two-year waiting period relative to obtaining a commercial certification.

Annual use data: He stated that the Council discussed the request for geographical location for the annual use report and the Council will be providing a response to the Board at the next meeting.

D. APPLICATOR LICENSING, RICHARD BERMAN

R. Berman discussed the 25b products and the issues with not requiring a license to apply them. T. LaScola stated that this change would be done with 333 CMR 10 which MDAR is currently reviewing and updating.

G. NEW BUSINESS

None

H. ADJOURN

Motion: J. Looney

Second: K. Romero

Discussion: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None