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### **PESTICIDE APPLICATOR PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL** **MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 26, 2025

#### **A. ROLL CALL**

Bob Leon, Ecologic Entomology & New England Pest Management Association	Present
Molly Moran, Forshaw	Present
Jeff Utley, Nutrien Ag Solutions	Present
Jason Carota, Harrison McPhee	Present
Bob Mann, National Landscape Association of Landscape Professionals	Present
Nicholas Millen, Arborjet	Present

The Pesticide Applicator Pesticide Advisory Council ("Council") did meet or exceed the minimum number three (3) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

#### **DOCUMENT(S) PRESENTED:**

Minutes from January 13, 2025

#### **A. REVIEW OF January 13, 2025 MINUTES:**

**Motion to Accept the Minutes:** B. Mann

**Second:** J. Utley

**In favor:** All

**Abstention:** None

#### **B. NEW COUNCIL MEMBER INTRODUCTION, JASON CAROTA**

J. Carota stated that his background is in landscape for 30 years and he is happy to be on the Council.

#### **C. CONSERVATIONIS PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD, BOB MANN**

B. Mann stated that he attended several of the Conservationist Council meetings when they were discussing the notification recommendations. B. Mann drafted a letter in response to these recommendations that he would like to submit to the Pesticide Board. B. Mann asked the Council if they had any other things they would like to see in the letter.

B. Leon stated that his concerns are from the structural pest control industry's point of view. He is concerned with the recommendation to notify abutters (multi-unit buildings, single units, commercial properties) because the contracting entity may not want that information to be made public. He also noted that sometimes applications will be rescheduled due to weather or other issues, and he wondered what would happen in those cases. He noted that they very rarely get requests for this information from abutters and therefore believed it would be unnecessary and cause an unnecessary extra cost. Relative to bait boxes, he does not believe that they need to be labeled inside (as recommended) as no one should be accessing the station other than the pest control company.

B. Mann stated that he believes that most people provide information/notification to individuals when asked. He also noted that the products used go through a rigorous review from the Environmental Protection Agency and therefore when using the product according to label directions it should pose the least amount of impact.

M. Moran concurred with B. Leon and thought the letter was well worded. B. Mann stated that he will take the comments from the members and add them to the letter for the next meeting.

#### Comments from the Public:

A member of the public asked for confirmation that outdoor rodenticide bait stations are not required to be labeled on the outside of the box if used outside a building. T. LaScola stated that this was true and the labeling requirement is only for indoor applications due to how it is placed in the regulations. She noted that she believed most companies put labels on the inside of bait boxes when placed outside. B. Leon concurred.

A member of the public stated that there was a data set of animals poisoned by rodenticides.

A member of the public asked if the document the Council was discussing was on the website. T. LaScola stated that it would not be but could be provided through a public records request.

### **D. PESTICIDE PROGRAM UPDATES, T. LASCOLA**

**Rodenticide Scientific Review:** T. LaScola indicated that the draft Phase 2 of the rodenticide review has been completed. It is posted online for the public to review and provide comments. The comment period closes Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**License Renewals:** T. LaScola reminded the Council that the time to renew licenses is upon us. Licensed applicators should be receiving emails letting them know the renewal period is open within the next couple of weeks.

### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business

### **F. ADJOURN**

**Motion to Adjourn:** B. Mann

**Second:** J. Utley

**In Favor:** All

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