

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection

Friday December 8, 2017

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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520 Lafayette Rd., Saint Paul, MN 55155

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

AGENDA

Activity	Time
1. Welcome, agenda review, and introductions	9:00
2. Review and approval of meeting notes	9:10
3. Seven Grandfather Teachings –Erika Bailey-Johnson	9:15
4. Update on Legislative funding to the Bee Lab- Marla Spivak	9:45
5. Pesticide subcommittee reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave, Kevin, Brian, Bob• Questions• Lex, Erin, Steve, Ted• Questions	9:55
6. Discussion on pesticide recommendations	11:00
7. LUNCH	12:00
8. Continue discussion on pesticide recommendations	12:30
9. Next Steps	2:15
10. ADJOURN	3:00

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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON POLLINATOR PROTECTION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 31, 2017
Minnesota Zoo Education Event Center
13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection Members present: Jim Calkins, Steve Ellis, David Flakne, Sarah Foltz Jordan, Lex Horan, Bob Koch, Dan MacSwain, Erin Rupp, Dan Schutte, Ted Suss, Yao Yang

I. Welcome, agenda review and introductions

II. Review and approval of meeting notes

III. Introduction to the Minnesota Zoo's work

Dr. Erik Runquist, butterfly conservation biologist at the Minnesota Zoo, provided an overview of the Zoo's activities related to breeding and conserving endangered prairie butterflies.

IV. Bee kill investigation protocol overview

Jamison Scholer, an entomologist with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, presented on MDA's process for investigating bee kill compensation claims.

V. Minnesota Zoo prairie butterfly research facility tour

Dr. Runquist, along with Dr. Tara Harris (VP for Conservation at the Minnesota Zoo) and Cale Nordmeyer, led a tour of the butterfly research facilities and discussed the Zoo's conservation mission.

VI. Development of recommendations for reducing pesticide use and increasing pollinator habitat

The Committee discussed the ideas that had been previously presented for each of the topics. Five Committee members (Sarah Foltz Jordan, Dan MacSwain, Dan Schutte, David Flakne, and Jim Calkins) volunteered to participate in a subcommittee to move forward with habitat proposals.

VII. Adjourn

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**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON POLLINATOR PROTECTION
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 26 2017

Stanton Seedcare Institute- 485 MN-19 Dennison, MN 55018

NRCS Farmington- 4100 220th St., Farmington, MN 55024

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection Members present: Erika Bailey-Johnson, Steve Ellis, David Flakne, Sarah Foltz Jordan, Lex Horan, Bob Koch, Dan MacSwain, Amber Glaeser (Proxy for Kevin Paap), Erin Rupp, Dan Schutte, Marla Spivak, Ted Suss, Yao Yang

VIII. Tour of Syngenta Seedcare Institute

Mr. Flakne and Dr. Ravi Ramachandran led Committee members and agency staff on a tour of the facility and provided an overview of activities at the Institute.

IX. Farm Tours

Sarah Foltz Jordan led Committee members on tours of three adjacent organic fruit and vegetable farms (Open Hands Farm, Spring Wind Farm, and Little Hill Berry Farm) with pollinator conservation practices installed as well as a large-scale grain farm (Kimber Contours) that is in the process of converting into an organic operation.

X. The Role of NRCS in Pollinator Conservation

Karin Jokela (Xerces Society) and Matt (NAME?) presented on several of the programs available through the NRCS that can provide pollinator habitat. One major point they made is that the NRCS is short-staffed, and they don't have the capacity to meet the demand for technical assistance for pollinator project funding.

XI. Pollinator Habitat Subcommittee Report

Sarah Foltz Jordan, Dan MacSwain, and Dan Schutte walked through the working document that the Habitat Subcommittee had begun. The Committee discussed the direction of the document and agreed that the Subcommittee should continue moving forward to refine recommendations.

XII. Development of recommendations for reducing pesticide use and increasing pollinator habitat

The Committee discussed how it will make recommendations for reducing pesticides, and decided to create subcommittees to tackle the issue. Members nominated for subcommittees included Mr. Horan, Mr. Flakne, Mr. Paap, Ms. Rupp, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Thalmann, Mr. Suss, and Mr. Koch.

XIII. Adjourn

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