

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection

Thursday, October 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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

AGENDA

| Activity | | Time |
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| 1. | Tour of Syngenta's Stanton Seedcare Institute- Dave Flakne <i>Tour will begin promptly at 9 am. Please arrive at the facility a few minutes early.</i> Note: Due to space constraints, this portion of the meeting is not open to members of the public | 9:00 |
| 2. | Tour of farm conservation practices en route to NRCS Farmington– Sarah Foltz Jordan -Open Hands Farm -Spring Wind Farm -Little Hill Berry Farm -Kimber Contours Note: No restrooms will be available during the farm tours <i>Due to space constraints, this portion of the meeting is not open to members of the public</i> | 10:30 |
| 3. | LUNCH | 12:30 |
| 4. | Development of recommendation(s) on increasing pollinator habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcommittee report• Questions and discussion• Develop recommendations | 1:00 |
| 5. | Next meeting focus: reduce pesticides <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pesticides<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Incentives to reduce pesticide use○ Education and information for applicators – novice to expert○ Pesticide applicator-beekeeper communication○ Regulation | 2:00 |
| 6. | Next Steps | 3:00 |
| 7. | ADJOURN | 3:30 |

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: Erika Bailey-Johnson, Jim Calkins, Steve Ellis, David Flakne, Sarah Foltz Jordan, Lex Horan, Bob Koch, Dan MacSwain, Kevin Paap, Erin Rupp, Dan Schutte, Ted Suss, Brian Thalmann, 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

The audio recording of the meeting will be posted at this link:
ftp://files.pca.state.mn.us/pub/EQB_Board/GovComOn_Pollinator_Protection/