Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
July 1, 2013
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Roger Duncan  Tom Orvis
Carlos Estacio III  Ed Perry
John Herlihy  Wayne Zipser
Arby Hoobyar

Board Members Absent:
Sherman Boone
Lisa Funk
Tracy Miller

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present  Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Absent
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Absent  Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present
Milton O’Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:
Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner’s Office

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2013 MEETING
It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the June 10, 2013 minutes.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
At the July 1, 2013 Ag Advisory Board meeting, Tom Orvis was nominated for the position of Chairman and Sherman Boone was nominated for Vice-Chairman.

It was M/S/P (unanimous), that Tom Orvis be elected to Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term beginning July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

It was M/S/P (unanimous), that Sherman Boone be elected to Vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term beginning July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.
V. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS (MEETING TIME CHANGE)
At the July 1, 2013 Ag Advisory meeting, a motion was made to recommend changing the Bylaws, Article V, Section 1, Frequency and Time of Meetings, changing the meeting start time from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The proposed Bylaw language change was sent to all voting members with voting to take place at the July 1st meeting.

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to recommend changing the meeting time from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The Ag Commissioner shall draft a Board Agenda item requesting approval of this change from the Board of Supervisors to be effective by the August meeting date.

VI. CANDIDATES TO FILL AG ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY REPRESENTING DISTRICT 4
Agricultural Commissioner O’Haire reminded the members of the current vacancy and to encourage qualified representatives to apply.

VII. WALNUT THEFT ORDINANCE - UPDATE
The Chief Executive Office will meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the topic of a Walnut Theft Ordinance and whether they would like the Ag Advisory Board to study the subject. The Board’s decision should be available by the next meeting.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

IX. NEXT MEETING
A. Meeting Date/Time:

If the requested time change is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

✓ None

Please contact Milton O’Haire or Susan Azevedo with items you wish placed on the agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County