

WEF Residuals & Biosolids Committee Agriculture & Industrial Byproducts Subcommittee

RBC Specialty Conference 2009

Portland Convention Center Portland, OR

Monday, May 4, 2009 7:00 – 8:00 am Room A108

Kari Fitzmorris, *Chair* Lynne Moss, *Vice-Chair*

AGENDA

A. Introductions & Welcome Kari Fitzmorris B. WEF and Residuals Vision for This Subcommittee Peter Brady Update on Vision Mission for the RBC C. Membership list Attendance sheet (name, company, email) D. Minutes Lynne Moss WEFTEC 2008- Chicago, IL E. Upcoming Conferences Sam Hadeed • WEFTEC 2009 - Orlando, FL o October 10-14, 2009 United Soybean Board – Conference potential Lynne Moss Additional conferences of interest – updating our list F. Old Business Kari Fitzmorris Synergies with other WEF Committees Legislative update on CAFO • 2009 Farm Bill – implementation Review of Mission Statement and Committee Goals

Bob Reimers

G. New Business:

Book Development

Draft and reviewers

H. Adjourn

Agricultural & Industrial Residuals Subcommittee

MISSION:

- To promote the beneficial reuse of Animal, Municipal, and Industrial residuals through scientific and environmentally and sound management.
- To promote mutually beneficial relationships between agricultural, industrial, and municipal residuals generators to solve mutual problems without increased use of resources.
- To promote cooperation between government agencies, associations, corporations and the public to improve professional education and the management of agricultural, industrial, and municipal residuals.

GOALS:

- 1. To identify stakeholders key to the beneficial reuse of residuals.
- 2. To identify common needs, expectations, and opportunities between stakeholders.
- 3. To identify existing association meetings, conferences, seminars sharing information on the beneficial reuse of residuals.
- 4. To facilitate workshops and conferences to promote beneficial use of residuals.
- 5. To identify financial resources to facilitate beneficial reuse of residuals



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MEETING MINUTES

Kari Fitzmorris, Lynne Moss

A. Introductions & Welcome.

Chair Kari Fitzmorris lead introductions of attendees.

B. WEF and Residuals Vision for This Subcommittee

Peter Brady reported that at the end of 2008, the current RBC leadership decided to review the direction of the committee. They performed a comprehensive survey that found the committee is generally doing well, but that there needs to be a better focus on Young Professional (YP) engagement and that green energy/sustainability must continue to be a focus for the committee.

With respect to YPs, Mike Moore noted that he found (at a recent YP summit) YPs to have different ideas, ways of communicating, etc, and that the energy they could bring to the table would benefit the committee and WEF overall.

Both Peter and Mike strongly encouraged the subcommittee to promote YP involvement on the subcommittee.

With respect to bioenergy, WEF is concerned that there is confusion about funding available for bioenergy projects and which technologies are appropriate (i.e. not "perpetual motion machines"). Accordingly, it is important for the RBC to keep the WEF website up to date with respect to these issues.

C. Membership List

Kari asked attendees to update membership list information, if needed.

D. Minutes

Lynne Moss presented meeting minutes from Chicago WEFTEC for approval and they were approved.

E. Upcoming Conferences

Sam Hadeed noted that WEFTEC 2009 would be held in Orlando. Florida. It is not known if there will be sessions relating to agricultural/industrial residuals. Kari will check with Lara Hughes.

Lynne provided an update with respect to a potential conference with the United Soybean Board. She believes that the ag industry is more concerned with pending air regulations right now, and water quality may have taken a "back seat". In developing a conference with USB or others, this (and a general sustainability focus,) would have to be considered

Lynne and Kari work with WEF (Susan Merther, specifically) to determine if WEF should serve as co-host for a conference or if we should try to set up sessions in other conferences (for example, USABE). Mike Moore suggested a greenhouse gas session with an agricultural focus for WEFTEC or other conferences we might participate in.

Sam noted that we could (and should) post conferences that we think would be of interest on the RBC website.

Bob Bastian noted that the discussions focused on agricultural operations, and accordingly, Kari's/Lynne's discussions with WEF will focus on industrial conferences as well (which will likely be separate from ag-related efforts, as the target audiences significantly different).

F. Old Business

- Update on Stakeholder Involvement and Outreach Per Kari, the outreach brochure material is still under development, but will be transformed to a white paper instead. We anticipate that we will develop white papers for the Farm Bill and CAFO Rule when they are finalized.
- Legislative update on CAFO Rule In a 2003 redux, the new CAFO rule (promulgated last year) is the subject of litigation.
- 2008 Farm Bill Kari noted that implementation of the Farm Bill is underway. Georgia Southern University is currently working on a project to evaluate the implementation of the conservation programs of the bill

including the assessment of barriers. If anyone would like to participate please contact Kari.

 Value-added Book Development – Bob Reimers reported that the book is still awaiting a chapter from one author but is otherwise ready to go. Also, another book, <u>Manure Pathogens</u> (Dwight Bowman ed.), has been released and includes significant input by subcommittee and RBC members.

G. Adjourn