

KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARLES DRAXLER – DAIRY INDUSTRY
JIM GREGORY – AG CHEMICALS & PETROLEUM
DIANA PECK – KINGS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

DON MILLS – WATER
BILL TOS – NUT CROPS
GERALD THEODORE – SMALL FARMS

JOHNNY STARLING – AG PROCESSING
BOB PRYS – FEED/SEED & GRAIN
JIM MACIEL – AG EQUIPMENT

STAFF: MARK SHERMAN (559) 582-3211 EXT. 2675

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING January 13, 2010

Call to Order:

Chairman Mills called the meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Agricultural Center of the Kings County Government Center, 680 N. Campus Dr., Hanford, CA.

Committee Members Present:

Don Mills, Diana Peck, Gerald Theodore,
Charles Draxler, Jim Maciel

Committee Members Absent:

Bill Tos, Jim Gregory, Johnny Starling,
Bob Prys

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Tim Niswander, Kathy Sargent, Greg Gatzka

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Auxiliary Members Present:

Kerry Arroues, Carol Collar

Auxiliary Members Absent:

Peggy Gregory, Jeff Tyner, Jay Salyer,

Committee Coordinator Present

Committee Coordinator Absent

Joe Neves

County Staff Present:

Chuck Kinney, Mark Sherman,
Terri Yarbrough, Jeremy Kinney

County Staff Absent:

Visitors Present:

Doyle Colby, Nangpay Vang

Unscheduled Comments:

Greg Gatzka reported that there had been a possible challenge to the Dairy Element by Attorney Michael LaSalle. Mr. Gatzka asked Committee members for their inputs concerning review of the Dairy Element. Committee Member Draxler stated that the Dairy Element was outdated and suggested recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Community Development Agency review the Dairy Element.

Minutes: October 14, 2009 Meeting:

A Motion was made and seconded (Maciel/Theodore) to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Committee Secretary, Greg Gatzka, opened nominations for the election of Officers for the Agricultural Advisory Committee. A motion was made and seconded (Theodore/Maciel) to nominate Don Mills for another term as Chairman and close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded (Draxler/Theodore) to nominate Diana Peck for another term as Vice Chair and close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Commission Activities Update:

Chairman Mills reported that the Water Commission was asked by the Board of Supervisors to address water sales out of the County. Recent water transfers have elevated public concern and the Board of Supervisors is reviewing a possible ground water ordinance. There has been discussion to prohibit any in-lieu water sources for surface waters leaving the area.

Joint Land Use Study Update:

Jeremy Kinney reported that the Board of Supervisors entered into a Joint Powers Agreement between Kings County, Fresno County, City of Lemoore, and NAS Lemoore with the intent of preparing a Joint Land Use Study. Mr. Kinney stated that the study is a civilian driven process and that the purpose was to identify incompatible uses. The proposed scope of work for the study contains eight major tasks with a completion date of December 2010.

Miscellaneous

Correspondence: none

Member Comments: Kathy Sargent introduced Administrative Intern Nangpay Vang.

Staff Comments: none

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for April 14, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory R. Gatzka, Secretary