



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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40th Anniversary Year Virtual Meeting Agenda

September 10-11, 2020

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Attire: Zoom Casual

Teleconference Instructions:

This CBC meeting will be accessible to all participants remotely using one of two options:

1. **Zoom webinar***: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89830471347>

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**1:00 P.M. WELCOME
 ROLL CALL
 ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
 WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

1:15 P.M. CHAIRMAN'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- **August Executive Council meeting**
- **Federal Stimulus/Appropriations Updates**

- **EPA Oversight Lawsuits**

1:30 P.M. AGRICULTURE TAKES CENTER STAGE

Lands devoted to agriculture cover 8.3 million acres spread out across the Chesapeake Bay watershed - the largest non-forested land use. Farming methods have a critical importance in both achieving ecosystem restoration and sustaining our economies. Each jurisdiction's Phase III WIP relies heavily on the agricultural sector to achieve the pollution reductions needed to achieve the 2025 goals.

- *What key practices have delivered to-date, how have they been funded, and what policies have made it possible?*
- *What are the goals and plans moving forward, and are policy changes warranted?*
- *And how does animal waste fit into the equation?*

Although animal waste is a valuable organic fertilizer, many challenges exist to use it without creating negative environmental impacts.

Jeff Sweeney, Integrated Analysis Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Lindsay Thompson, Director
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Maryland Grain Producers Association

Isabel Hardesty, Deputy Director
ShoreRivers

2:30 P.M. BREAK

**2:45 P.M. INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
PART I: THE PROGRAMS AND POLICY**

NGOs are working to expand the options for the agricultural community to increase conservation, while keeping acres in production. What have been their successes and what are the challenges? What policy changes are needed to overcome obstacles?

Tim Rosen, Director of Agriculture and Restoration
ShoreRivers

**[3:00 P.M.] PART II: PUTTING IT IN PRACTICE
VIRTUAL TOUR OF DENTON AND HUTCHISON FARMS**

The hydrology of much of the Bay watershed has been altered to improve farm production, to move water off the landscape more rapidly and lower the water table. This created unintended negative impacts to water quality. Conservation drainage seeks to address these impacts while maintaining crop yields.

Tim Rosen, Director of Agriculture and Restoration
ShoreRivers

Kyle Hutchison, Farmer
Hutchison Brothers Farm, Cordova, Talbot County

3:20 P.M. MEMBER FEEDBACK

Reflections on the virtual meeting format. Opportunities for tomorrow and the future.

3:30 P.M. ADJOURN

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8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST DELEGATION MEETINGS

Separate Zoom Links/Call-in numbers for each Delegation

**9:15 A.M. CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

**9:20 A.M. NUTRIENT AND SEDIMENT TRENDS FOR THE BAY WATERSHED
*Factors Causing These Trends***

In 2020, the US Geological Survey (USGS) updated trends for nutrient and sediment loads in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through 2018. The results are based on the monitoring data collected through the nontidal network. The message is mixed, exposing both success stories and opportunities to do more.

Scott Phillips, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator
USGS

9:45 A.M. BREAK

**10:00 A.M. THE DELMARVA LAND AND LITTER COOPERATIVE (DLLC)
*A Collaborative Approach to Sustainability***

Formed in 2015, the DLLC seeks to develop consensus-based strategies to promote sustainable farming on the Delmarva Peninsula. Its membership includes a diverse mix of representatives: farmers, business, conservation and government.

- *What brings each member to the table?*
- *How are you working together to resolve the current challenges with manure management?*
- *Are you identifying new approaches, transportation options, or beneficial uses? What policy options could help?*

INTRODUCTION AND FACILITATION:

Kurt Fuchs, SVP Government Affairs, MidAtlantic Farm Credit
Chair, Delmarva Land and Litter

PANELISTS:

Alan Girard, Eastern Shore Director
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Holly Porter, Executive Director
Delmarva Poultry Industry

Steve Levitsky, Vice President of Sustainability
Perdue

Amy Jacobs, Agricultural Program Director
The Nature Conservancy (Maryland Chapter)

**11:00 A.M. NEW BUSINESS
MEMBER FEEDBACK**

11:20 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT

11:30 A.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Lancaster, PA
on November 5-6, 2020*