

Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)
Agenda
February 15, 2011

1. Introductions if necessary? (Please note that Council member Craig Rice may be attending depending on the County Council public hearing schedule)
2. Approval of the AAC Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2011. (See Attachment (A.))
3. Update FY 2011-2012 Budget. DED-Ag Services. Status of PAA position assigned to UME
4. Farmland Preservation Update:
 - New Farmland Preservation Brochure will be handed out
 - APAB recommendation Appraisal Study determined \$375,000 FMV lot value in RDT
 - BLT Base Value for BLT = 60% FMV and BLT Max Value for BLT = 70 % FMV
 - AEP program suspended for FY 2011 due to economic considerations
 - County Executive will issue an Executive Order and BLT purchase period will start
5. Update on ZTA 10-15 Airstrips-Agricultural Zones (See Attachment B). The PHED Committee work session is scheduled February 28, 2011.
6. New Appointments to AAC are pending: Interviews of new candidates January 19, 2011
7. Follow up on the February 10, 2011 Annual AAC & APAB meeting with County Executive. (See Attachment C. e-Alert regarding Pepco)
8. Update on the Zoning Rewrite Process: A group of agricultural representatives will be meeting with staff representatives of MNCPPC on March 7, 2011 to review the draft recommendations on the agricultural zones.
9. Update on Poole's Store and Farm and Home Business: Outcome of the January 29, 2011 Open House and Public meeting.
10. Next scheduled meeting of the AAC is March 15, 2011 @ 7:30pm in Room B at the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Winter Agronomy Meeting February 23, 2011 (See Attached Agenda)
Mo Co Countryside Alliance Ag Producers Summit February 25, 2011 (See Attached Flyer)
Deer Management Lecture Series February 28, 2011 (See Attached Flyer)
SB 582 Atrazine Study, SB 487 Fertilizer Use Act, SB 544 Ches Bay Nitrogen Reduction Act