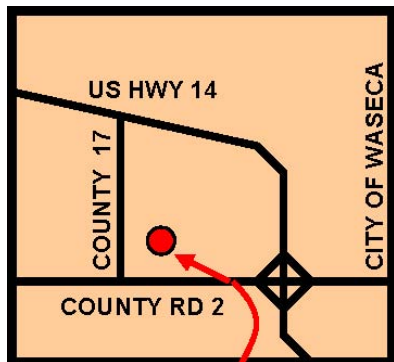


2014 - Waseca County Farmer Forum



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Please Join us... *It's Free!*

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Registration needed by Monday March 17, 2014

Farmamerica
7367-360th Avenue, Waseca, MN

AGENDA

Enclosed FYI:

- **Registration**
- **Sponsor info**
- **Speaker bios**

8:30 a.m. Registration and Consultations with Resource Personnel – coffee and rolls

- *Russell Guse, Waseca County Ditch Inspector ~ Ditch Redeterminations*
- *Jonathan Graves, Waseca County GIS Coordinator ~ Views of land from Waseca County GIS Data*
- *Justin Gode, Roundbank ~ Agricultural Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Loan Program*

9:00 a.m. Welcome, Opening Remarks: Stewardship Opportunities for Southern Minnesota

~ **Moderator: Gyles Randall, Soil Scientist and Professor, Retired, U of M Southern Research and Outreach Center**

9:30 a.m. Focus on Feedlots: Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) and Biosecurity

~ **Beth S. Thompson, JD, DVM, Senior Veterinarian, MN Board of Animal Health**
~ **Terry Sistad, Agriculture Advisor, MN Board of Animal Health**

A summary of the current issues relating to biosecurity and (PED) will be discussed as well as current thinking on composting and dead box construction will be examined.

10:30 a.m. Farmer-Led Watershed Councils

~ **Julia Olmstead, Project Coordinator, University of Wisconsin Extension**

Discussion about why the State of Wisconsin decided to try handing over some decision-making around water quality issues to farmers. She'll talk about what it took to get the project launched, what's happened so far, and where the farmers and project partners hope to go.

11:30 a.m. Integrated Drainage & Wetland Landscape Systems – Challenges & Opportunities

~ **Shawn Richmond, Iowa CREP Program Coordinator**

Overview of a pilot program in Iowa that seeks to establish a market driven approach for integrating water quality wetlands into drainage infrastructure modernization to achieve both increased environmental and agronomic outcomes.

12:30 p.m. Lunch - 2-piece broasted chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, jello salad, dinner roll, beverage

1:00 p.m. Ethanol: Prospective on the Industry and Its Future Nationally and Here in Waseca County

~ **Randall J. Doyal, CEO and Chairman of AI-Corn Clean Fuel and Chairman of Guardian Energy and the Renewable Products Marketing Group**

A timely discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing the ethanol industry and the impact on the local and national economy.

1:45 p.m. How Organics and Non-GMO (genetically modified organism) Products Contribute to Agriculture in Minnesota

~ **Chad Stannard, SunOpta Grains**

Organic and non-gmo agriculture in Minnesota will be examined along with the trends and challenges for the future.

2:15 p.m. Closing Comments

~ **Blair Nelson, Waseca County Board Chairman & Mark Leiferman, Waseca County Planning and Zoning**

FARMER FORUM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
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I / WE WILL ATTEND:
 MORNING SESSIONS
 LUNCH – *please register each person attending lunch and include name and address.*
 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

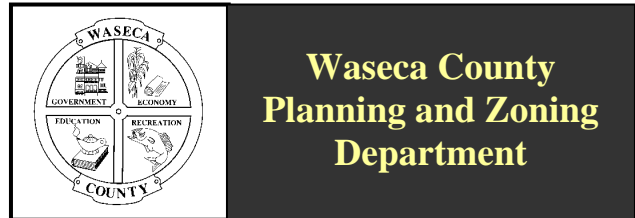
Registration Deadline ~ Monday, March 17, 2014

Mail form to: Waseca County Planning & Zoning, 300 N State St, Waseca, MN 56093
 Or register by phone: Call Shelley Hyatt at 507-835-0653 (voice mail 24/7)

Or send email: Shelley.Hyatt@co.waseca.mn.us

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Randall J. Doyal, CEO and General Manger of AI-Corn Clean Fuel and Chairman of Guardian Energy

Mr. Doyal is a 30-year veteran of the fuel ethanol industry, beginning his career in 1982 with Mountain Development Corporation as a cooker and continuing on to his current position as General Manager and CEO of AI-Corn Clean Fuel in Claremont, Minnesota. AI-Corn Clean Fuels produces 50 million gallons of ethanol annually. Locally, he is also the Chairman for the Guardian Energy facility near Janesville, Minnesota. In addition, Mr. Doyal serves as the Chairman of the Renewable Products Marketing Group and the Vice Chairman of the Renewable Fuels Association.

Gyles W. Randall, PhD, Southern Research & Outreach Center, Waseca – Stewardship Opportunities for So. Minnesota

A native to Wanamingo, Minnesota, Gyles grew up on a general livestock and crop farm before receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Soil Science from the University of Minnesota and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Gyles then joined the University of Minnesota Southern Experiment Station in 1972, retiring in 2010. Initially, he developed a research program that determined how nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, zinc, sulfur, manure, and lime could be applied to corn and soybeans for improved economic production and nutrient efficiency. As environmental concerns became prevalent, the environmental consequences of N, P and manure were addressed. Tile drainage facilities installed at Lamberton and Waseca in the mid 70's enabled determination of N, P, S, atrazine, alachlor, and Salmonella losses in tile drainage water. Tillage studies for corn and soybeans were also conducted for many site-years. His research was conducted primarily at the Southern Experiment Station/Research Center plus in 24 southern Minnesota counties. The information gained has been the foundation of best management practice (BMP) bulletins for N and tillage management in southeastern and south-central Minnesota and for numerous speaking invitations. He has been active in the research and education activities surrounding the loss of nitrates into the Mississippi River, feeding hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. His talk today is based on his research and education record and on his involvement in establishing agricultural policies.

Julia Olmstead, Project Coordinator, University of Wisconsin Extension

Julia Olmstead coordinates University of Wisconsin-Extension's Farmer-Led Watershed Council project in the Red Cedar and St. Croix River Basins. From 2009-2012 she was a senior associate at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, a Minneapolis-based non-profit. She has a master's degree in journalism from the University of California-Berkeley, an M.S. in plant breeding and sustainable agriculture from Iowa State University, and a B.A. from UW-Madison.

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Shawn Richmond, Iowa CREP Program Coordinator

Shawn Richmond is the program coordinator of the Iowa Conservation Reserve Enhance Program (CREP) and has worked at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) for the past twelve years. He has a MS degree in Water Resources from Iowa State University, where he focused on wetlands research and GIS technologies that the Iowa CREP is based upon. His work with IDALS focuses on working with landowners to strategically restore wetlands where they can maximize water quality benefits while also providing valuable habitat and recreation.

Terry Sistad, Agriculture Advisor, MN Board of Animal Health

Terry joined the Board in 2009, and was initially in NW Minnesota, helping the Board eradicate tuberculosis. Terry has since relocated to SW Minnesota. He has a diverse background, which includes working as a herdsman in both hog and dairy operations, and also welding and fabricating. Terry was also a volunteer firefighter in NW Minnesota. Terry's current position includes work in the livestock markets, helping producers with carcass issues, and all other types of field work involving livestock.

Chad Stannard, SunOpta Grains

Chad Stannard has worked 17 years in the grain industry buying and selling grain. Chad works for SunOpta Grains and Food out of Hope, MN. He is their Grain Origination Manager in which contracts both commercial corn and soybeans, nongmo corn and soybeans, sunflower seeds, and organic grain. He originates grain in 34 states and contracts over 60% of the US production of organic corn and soybeans. Chad has also served on United States Soybean Export Council.

Beth S. Thompson, Senior Veterinarian, MN Board of Animal Health

Beth joined the Board in 2008. Prior to that, she worked with a large hog company that had swine in Minnesota and Iowa. Beth is a program director for the swine and traceability programs, and also oversees carcass disposal, fairs, markets and livestock dealers. She's originally from South Dakota, and currently lives near Zumbrota.