

TO: Biomass Research and Development Board Members
SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesday, September 18, 2013
LOCATION: USDA, Whitten Building, 217W

Welcome/Initial Business

- Minutes from the June Board meeting were approved as read.
- Two new Board representatives were welcomed to the meeting—Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the Department of the Interior, and Dr. Pramod Khargonekar, Assistant Director in charge of the Engineering Directorate at the National Science Foundation.

Presentation on Recent Bioenergy Successes

- John Ferrell, DOE, and Todd Campbell, USDA, gave a joint presentation on some of the recent accomplishments in the bioenergy industry.

Updates from the Technical Advisory Committee

- Elliott Levine, the Designated Federal Officer presented updates from the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Levine noted that the next TAC meeting would be held in Washington, DC again on November 21-22nd.

National Biofuels Action Plan Update

- Since receiving Board approval in the summer of 2012, the update to the National Biofuels Action Plan (NBAP) has been moving through the process to be released. Currently, the USDA General Counsel is reviewing the report to ensure that no updates need to be made due to the time lag.

Biomass R&D Board Roundtable Discussion:

- The roundtable discussion focused on the path forward for 2014 for the Biomass R&D Board.

Farm Bill Discussion and Update

- David Howard, a representative from USDA's Congressional Affairs Office discussed the status of the bill

September 18 Meeting Attendees

Biomass Research and Development Board Attending Members

- David Danielson, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE, Co-chair
- Cathie Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, USDA, Acting Co-chair
- Sharlene Weatherwax, Associate Director BER, DOE
- Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, DOI
- Pramod Khargonekar, Assistant Director, Engineering Directorate, NSF

Representatives Attending for Members

- Shawn Johnson, Grants Manager, DOT
- Donna Perla, Senior Advisor, EPA

Board Operations Committee Members

- George Antos, Program Director, NSF
- Todd Campbell, Senior Energy Advisor, RD-USDA
- John Ferrell, Feedstocks Program Manager, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Alicia Lindauer, Board and Operations Committee Liaison, Bioenergy Technologies Office

Additional Attendees

DOE

- Daniel Fishman, Technology Manager, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Mark Elless, Technology Manager, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Zia Haq, DPA Coordinator and Chief Analyst, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Cathy Ronning, Biologist, Office of Science
- Ashley Rose, support to Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Erin Searcy, INL M&O contractor with the Bioenergy Technologies Office

USDA

- World Nieh, National Program Lead for Forest Products, Forest Service
- Daniel Cassidy, National Program Leader, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- David Howard, Congressional Affairs

DOT

- Stephen Costa, Project Manager, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Volpe Center

DOI

- Karen Mouritsen, Bureau of Land Management

