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[2017 State Annual Meeting AgendaFINAL.pdf](#)  
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Hi Millan! Attached are the documents we discussed on our call today. I have asked DeVos to let me know who will be present at the security meeting on Monday at 11 am, and will get you those names ASAP. I have also copied Jake Winder from Governor Snyder's office and asked him to join us on Monday. With having two VIPs being in house back to back, I wanted to make sure we are eliminating any issues prior to arrival on both ends.

Tate, I have attached an updated detail sheet and media needs. Please let me know if you need any further information or clarification.

Also wanted to know if you had any lunch needs I could arrange, both on Monday and Tuesday. Typically for the Governor's office I send their team with box lunches since it is such a whirlwind when they are on site. I would be happy to do the same for your team!

Please feel free to reach me on my cell at any time (517) 712-0388.

Best,

**Sara Miller**

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What number can I call you at?

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May we do 3?

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How about 2:30pm?

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I am so sorry. I missed my time slot. Please let me know the next best opportunity.

Thank you,

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Yes, I have open time between now and 10:00 am

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content.**

Hi Sara,

Good evening to you. May I give you a call tomorrow morning to discuss some of the logistics for the Administrator Pruitt's upcoming visit? I am available most any time tomorrow morning so whatever works for you will work for me.

Thank you,

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Registration Banquet/Meals Delegate Session Events/Activities

TIME	TUES • NOV 28	WED • NOV 29	THURS • NOV 30
7:00 AM	Kids activity room opens! Ottawa Room, Amway		
8:00 AM	New Zealand Experience Ambassador Ballroom, Amway 9:00 - 10:00 am	AgriPac Breakfast DeVos BCD 7:30 - 9:00 am	District Breakfasts Various Amway Rooms 7:30 - 8:45 am
9:00 AM	Mandatory District Delegate Meeting Various Amway Rooms 10:00 - 11:00 am	Registration DeVos Secchia Lobby 7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Registration DeVos Secchia Lobby 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
10:00 AM	President's Lunch DeVos BCD 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Delegate Session DeVos A 9:15 am - 12:15 pm	Children's Museum Field Trip 9 am - 12:00 pm
11:00 AM	Youth/Collegiate Disc. Meet Grand Gallery Rooms, DeVos 10:15 - 11:00 am	P & E Lunch DeVos BCD 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Delegate Session DeVos A 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
12:00 PM	Youth/Collegiate Disc. Meet Grand Gallery Rooms, DeVos 1:30 - 3:00 pm	Educational Sessions Grand Gallery Overlook 2:15 - 5:00 pm *see program for details	
1:00 PM	Opening Delegate Session DeVos A 1:15 - 5:00 pm *Youth Discussion Meet Announcement	YF Semi-Finals Grand Gallery Rooms, DeVos 2:30 - 3:15 pm	
2:00 PM	Reception Exhibit Hall B 5:30 - 6:30 pm	Pesticide Applicator License Renewal Grandview, Amway 2:30 - 4:30 pm	AWARDS SCHEDULE
3:00 PM	5:30 YF Excellence Presentation Grand Gallery F	Health Services Showcase DeVos Exhibit B 2 - 6:15 pm	<b>Tues. - President's Lunch</b> • Membership Awards • Volunteer of the Year
4:00 PM	Awards Banquet DeVos BCD 6:30 - 8:45 pm	Reception Exhibit Hall B 5:15 - 6:15 pm	<b>Tues. - Awards Banquet</b> • Key Club Winners • YF Leadership • Champions of Excellence
5:00 PM	Silent Auction opens! DeVos Exhibit Hall B	Annual Banquet DeVos BCD 6:15 - 8:30 pm *YF Disc. Meet Finals Foundation Live Auction!	<b>Wed. - P&amp;E Lunch</b> • Educator Awards • Ag Promoter Awards • County Harvest for All • YF Discussion Meet Sweet 16
6:00 PM	Foundation Night Out Ambassador Ballroom 9:30 pm - 12:30 am	5:30 YF Discussion Meet Finalists Announced	<b>Wed. - Annual Banquet</b> • YF Discussion Meet Winner • Distinguished Service to Ag
7:00 PM		Educational Session Topics 2:15 - 3:00 pm • Farm Bill 101 Mary Kay Thatcher • Consumer Panel Conversation	
8:00 PM		3:15 - 4:00 pm • Farm Bill: Dairy Mary Kay Thatcher • Consumer Trends Donna Moenning	
9:00 PM		4:15 - 5:00 pm • Digging into the FARM Science Lab	
10:00 PM			
11:00 PM			
12:00 AM			

## Administrator Pruitt

Security walk-thru at DeVos Place: 11:00 am with Sara Miller and DeVos team

Set arrival/departure time: 1pm – 2pm

Arrival logistics: Arrive at Lyon Street entrance of DeVos place. Map below. Any vehicles can stay on Lyon Street. He will be greeted by President Bednarski and Sara Miller, Event Specialist

DeVos head of security contact: Cheryl Platschorre, (616) 893-3188

On-site contact: Sara Miller (517) 712-0388 (cell)

In the event that Governor Snyder will still be on site, we can arrange time for the two of them to meet with President Bednarski in the remote security office. As of right now, he will be departing by 1:00 p.m.

Schedule of events:

Opening Delegate Session: 1:15 p.m. (Ballroom A); will be held back stage

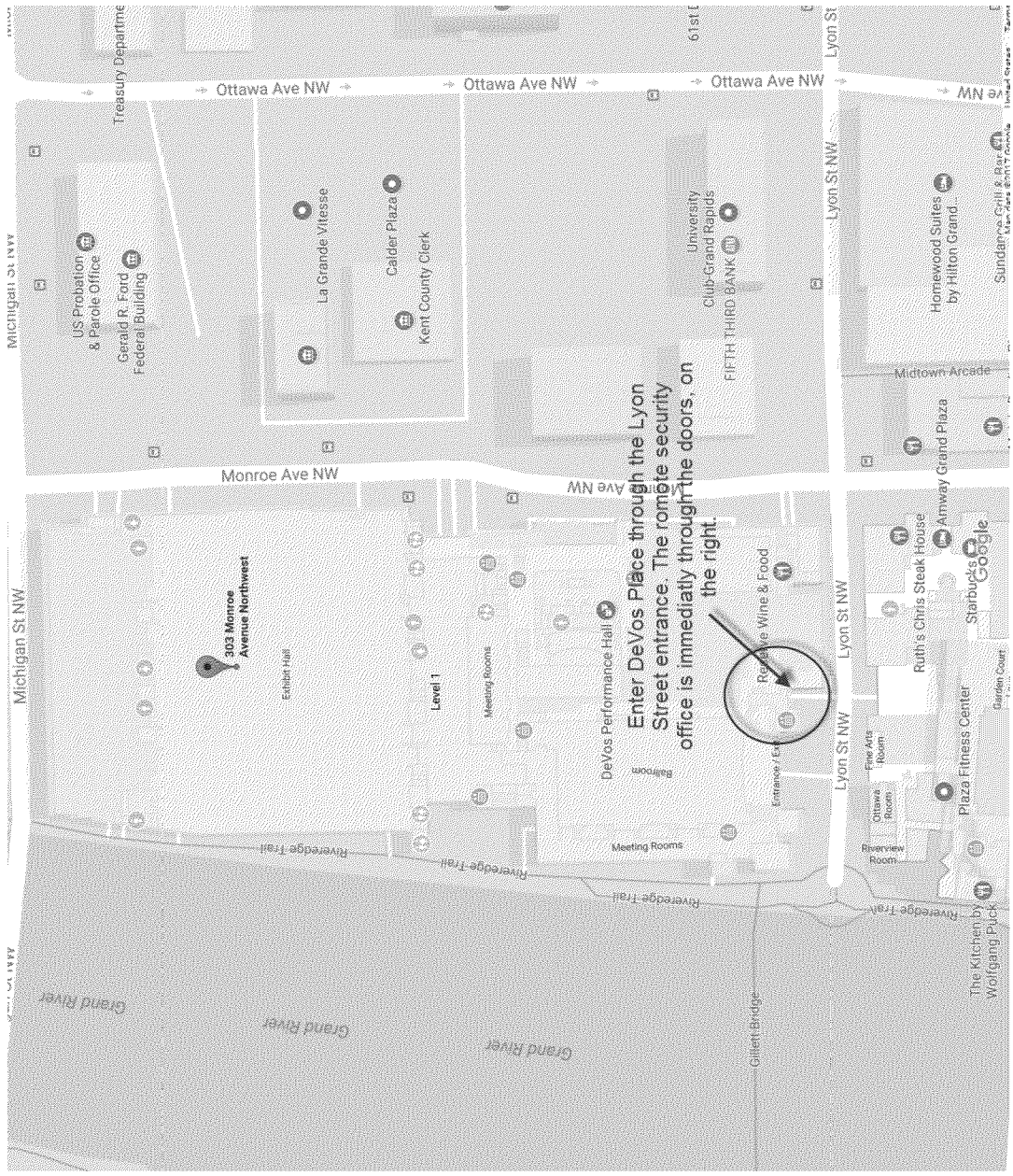
- Call to order
- Flag presentation/National Anthem
- Invocation
- President Bednarski opens session
- President Bednarski introduces Administrator Pruitt (scripting below)
- Administrator Pruitt will be called on stage (approximately 1:20 depending on how quickly we can get the session started)
- Fire side chat with President Bednarski, around 20 min
- Immediately following his remarks, we will move back to ballroom BCD for Press availability.

## Additional questions:

1. Contact info for on-site team:
2. Do you need any special press clearance?
3. Media style preference? Scrum or mic/Press feed?
4. Any background info on those on stage?
5. Additional security needs?
6. Any special meal requirements?
7. Box lunches for detail with Administrator?

## Additional details:

1. Approximately 660 people will be in attendance at President's lunch (ballroom BCD)
2. 421 Delegates will be on the floor, and additional seating in the balcony for 90 people (ballroom A)
3. Business attire



OPENING DELEGATE SESSION

TUES, NOV 28, 2017

DEVOS - A 1:15 P.M. – 5:00 P.M

**(ON STAGE, CARL BEDNARSKI, SCOTT PIGGOTT, JIM ROBINSON, ANDY KOK, DAVID BAKER, MIKE FUSILIER, ERIN HUMM - CHAIRPERSON OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, DON SOMERS– CHAIRPERSON OF THE RULES COMMITTEE, KATIE PUNG AND AMANDA BEARD, THE AMERICAN FLAG IS IN THE BACK WITH COLOR GUARD & FB VETERANS READY TO CARRY IT TO THE STAGE.)**

**(BLANK AMENDMENT FORM AT BEDNARSKI'S PODIUM)**

**(SHADES OF GRAY QUARTET NEEDS HANDHELD MIC FOR SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM – OFF STAGE LEFT)**

**(1:15 P.M. -- CARL BEDNARSKI GOES TO LECTERN) BEDNARSKI: (TAPS THE GAVEL THREE TIMES)**

At this time, it is my pleasure to call the 98th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau to order. During the next three days, we will have the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues that will affect our farms, local communities, our state and nation. This is a culmination of a process that began with your county policy development committees and you are encouraged to be an active participant in this process. Our Farm Bureau will only improve with your active participation.

Next, I'd like to welcome the Junior ROTC from Union High School here in Grand Rapids and the following veterans that are serving as delegates today:

Jared Greenia – St. Clair County  
Scott Anderson – Branch County

to present the flags on stage to begin our annual meeting. Once they are in position, Kent County member Ron Thomet, Bud Kraft, Al Smith and RT Williams of the Shades of Gray quartet will lead us in the singing of the national anthem.

**(FLAGS ARE PRESENTED IN FRONT OF STAGE, SHADES OF GRAY QUARTET ENTERS BEHIND THE FLAGS & NATIONAL ANTHEM SUNG)**

**BEDNARSKI:**

Thank you Gentlemen.

**(QUARTET EXITS STAGE)**

Living in the United States, we certainly are the land of the free and the home of the brave. We wouldn't be able to enjoy those freedoms if it weren't for the sacrifices of those who have served in the armed forces. At this time, I would like to ask anyone that has served or is currently serving in the military to please stand so that we can show our appreciation and thank you for your service to our country.

**(LEAD APPLAUSE – COLOR GUARD EXITS)**

Thank you.

At this time, I would like to call upon Mike Fusilier who serves on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board as District three director from Washtenaw County to lead us in the pledge of allegiance and an invocation to begin our meeting.

***FUSILIER GOES TO LECTERN TO LEAD PLEDGE FOLLOWED BY INVOCATION.  
BEDNARSKI RETURNS TO PODIUM.)***

**BEDNARSKI:**

Thank you Mike.

We are going to break away from our normal delegate floor activities.

The Farm Bureau organization aggressively challenged EPA's 2015 Clean Water Act revisions known as Waters of the US or WOTUS. Many of us in production agriculture viewed this as a scientifically-unjust and vast power grab to expand regulatory control of your farmland and normal production practices.

Many of you turned that challenge into an opportunity to fix a flawed and misguided EPA regulatory process. In addition to countless congressional office visits and phone calls, I'm proud to report that more than 1,000 of you submitted comments supporting our stance to force EPA to rescind WOTUS this past summer.

Now that WOTUS has been rescinded, we need to exercise the same focus and attention on developing a revised Clean Water Act that balances the needs of agriculture while protecting our water resources.

Here in Michigan, your commitment to utilize the voluntary Michigan Ag Environmental Assurance Program or MAEAP, continues to be recognized as a role-model of a voluntary environmental program, focused on results.

This year, another four hundred and fifty-nine Michigan farmers achieved MAEAP verification. More than four-thousand farms have now been verified since 2002. In fact, Southeast Michigan farmers in the Western Lake Erie Basin, have reduced sediment run-off by two-hundred thousand tons in the last three years and reduced annual phosphorus run-off by one-hundred seventy tons.

Our next guest played an active role in securing an Executive Order this past February that effectively helped to rescind WOTUS. With us today is the 14<sup>th</sup> EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and that EPA is vital to that mission. As administrator, his overarching goal is to lead EPA, so future generations inherit a better and healthier environment.

Pruitt became a national leader by advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track-record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment.

As a show of respect to our special guest, I would ask you please refrain from taking photos or shooting video.

Please join me in welcoming EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt!

**(LEAD APPLAUSE)**

**(PRUITT MAKES REMARKS FROM THE PODIUM, AT CONCLUSION, BEDNARSKI RETURNS TO PODIUM)**

Thank you Administrator Pruitt for joining us today to kick off our policy session. Never before has a federal official of your stature taken the time to attend our annual policy session and we want to once again thank you for doing so... **(APPLAUSE)** Good luck continuing to represent the interests of farmers in your work.

Now, on to the delegate session...

Notice of our meeting must be sent to the county Farm Bureaus as a legal requirement of our organization. Andy Kok, our secretary is on stage and he advises me that this notice was mailed in accordance with the organization's bylaws and an affidavit to that effect is on file in the official records of the company.

The Credentials and Rules Committees have been appointed, and these committees have met and are now ready to present their reports.

**(CHAIRPERSON HUMM GOES TO LECTERN)**

The members of the Credentials Committee are **Chairperson Erin Humm from Gratiot County and committee members are Daryl Griner from Cass County and Greg Whitaker from Cheboygan County.**

**Erin**, would you please present the report of the Credentials Committee at this time?

**(BEDNARSKI IS SEATED. WHEN THE REPORT IS CONCLUDED, HUMM RETURNS TO SEAT AND BEDNARSKI CONTINUES.)**

**BEDNARSKI:**

Thank you, **Erin**. There is a motion to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. Is

there a second? All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed, no. Motion carries.

There being a quorum of accredited voting delegates, and so reported, I now declare this meeting an official session. We are now ready to hear the report from the Rules Committee.

**Don Somers** from **Shiawassee** County Farm Bureau serves as the chairman of the rules committee. The other Committee members are:

**Matt Mokma** from Allegan County Farm Bureau and

**Kristi Keilen** from Clinton County Farm Bureau

**Don**, would you please present the Rules Committee report.

**(SOMERS GOES TO LECTERN; BEDNARSKI IS SEATED. WHEN THE REPORT IS COMPLETED, SOMERS RETURNS TO SEAT AND BEDNARSKI GOES BACK TO LECTERN.)**

**BEDNARSKI:**

Thank you, Don.

There is a motion to adopt the report of the Rules Committee. Is there a second? Any discussion? All in favor of the motion please say aye, opposed no. Motion carries.

Thank you, members of the Credentials and Rules Committees, for your assistance.

**(COMMITTEE CHAIRS LEAVE THE STAGE. COMPANY MANAGERS SHOULD BE**

**NEAR THE STAGE TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE DELEGATES.)**

Andy Kok will be serving as our parliamentarian for the delegate sessions during our annual meeting. Andy is the General Counsel and Secretary for Michigan Farm Bureau.

We will now proceed with the reading of the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting, unless there is a motion to dispense with the reading and approve them as written. Is there such a motion? A second? All those in favor, say aye, opposed, no. Motion carries.

At this time, it would be appropriate for the delegates to ratify the actions of the board of directors and officers during the past year and for the president to be given authority to appoint the necessary committees for any special or annual meeting of this organization during the coming year. Is there such a motion? A second?

Now, I would like to introduce the managers of the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies.

**Scott Piggott** is the **Chief Executive Officer** of **Michigan Farm Bureau**,

**David Baker** is the **Treasurer** of **Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Insurance**,

And finally, **Jim Robinson**, serves as the **Chief Executive Officer** of **Farm Bureau Insurance**.

Thank you for being in attendance at the annual meeting today. The members of the

Michigan Farm Bureau appreciate your efforts and dedication and we look forward to your participation.

I'd like to introduce two other people on stage who have an important role in the successful administration of our annual meeting.

They are **Amanda Beard**, who serves as executive assistant to the Michigan Farm Bureau Legal Department and **Katie Pung**, the Executive Assistant to the President. They will be taking the minutes of our meeting.

Last but not least, please help me show our appreciation to Farm Bureau Insurance for sponsoring the Koffee Klatcheteria and the snacks provided at each delegate table, as well as their tremendous financial support of the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

**(PAUSE AND LEAD APPLAUSE.....)**

If you were at lunch, you heard that our current Chief Executive Officer of Farm Bureau Insurance will retire in June. Jim Robinson has served in that capacity for the last 13 years and has presented an update on our insurance company every year at our annual meeting. Many of you in the delegate body may have enjoyed working with him in any one of his previous roles, but I can certainly tell you that your board of directors has appreciated all of Jim's initiatives during his tenure. Since Jim took over as CEO in December 2004 here are some of the financial accomplishments for growth:

- Total Assets of the Insurance Companies increased by over 70% to just under \$4 billion at \$3.96 billion.
- Total Capital and Surplus of the Insurance Companies increased by over 130% from \$492 million to \$1.1 billion.
- Life Insurance In force increased by over 100% from \$8.2 billion to \$17.2 billion.

- Property Casualty Direct Written Premium exceeded \$750 million in 2016, an increase of over 40% under Jim's leadership.

On a side note, Jim is looking forward in retirement to getting closer to his goal of sharing 1,000 sunsets over Lake Michigan with his family at their lake house in South Haven.

At this time, I'd like to ask Jim Robinson to present his last report to the delegate body.  
Jim...

**(ROBINSON TO LECTERN, BEDNARSKI IS SEATED.)**

**ROBINSON REPORT**

**(AFTER ROBINSON REPORT, BEDNARSKI RETURNS TO LECTERN, ROBINSON REMAINS FOR QUESTIONS.)**

**BEDNARSKI:**

Thank you, Jim. Are there any questions?

Let's thank Jim for his report and more importantly, his 42 years of dedicated service to the members of Michigan Farm Bureau.

The chair will entertain a motion to accept the report from Farm Bureau Insurance. A second? Any discussion? All those in favor say aye, opposed, no. Motion carried. (rap gavel)

**(ROBINSON EXITS THE STAGE)**

Those who are annual meeting veterans know this week's priority focus is on policy development.

**(PD COMMITTEE ENTERS STAGE)**

While the Policy Development Committee members are getting to their seats, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our members who took time this year to participate in our

grassroots policy process. I had the privilege of attending many of your county annual meetings this fall, and I was very impressed with the quality of the issue discussion and debate.

I'd now like to introduce a key player in that process – Michigan Farm Bureau's **Vice President, Andy Hagenow**.

Andy is serving his sixth year as chairman of the State Policy Development Committee. He and his wife, Char, operate a livestock and cropping operation near Rockford, here in Kent County.

**(PD POWERPOINT 17 GOES ON SCREEN)**

At this time, I will ask Andy to introduce the members of the 2017 Policy Development Committee.

**(BEGIN SLIDE SHOW – ADVANCE TO SLIDE 2) ANDY HAGENOW:**

Thank you, President Bednarski. It has been my privilege to work with the members of the Policy Development Committee. On behalf of the Farm Bureau members, I'd like to say thank you to these individuals who have invested their time and knowledge in the formation of the policies we will present this week.

I would ask them to please stand as I call their names. Representing **district one** from **Van Buren County** is **Art Thomas**.

From **Jackson County** and representing **district two** is **Jill Sears**.

**District three's** representative is **Carl Graham** from **Wayne County**.

**Brad Lubbers** of **Allegan County** serves as the member from **district four**, and is also the vice chairman of our committee.

And **district five's** representative is **John Forell** of **Eaton County**.

**Rob Haag** from Huron County represents **district six**

**Scott Henry** of **Newaygo County** represents **district seven**.

From **Saginaw County** and representing **district eight** is **Teresa Crook**.

**Dean Smallegan** of **Missaukee County** represents **district nine**, and representing **district ten** from

**Otsego County** is **Larry Nowak**.

From the **Upper Peninsula** is the **district eleven** committee member, **Scot Menke** of **Menominee County**.

Serving in **at-large** positions are **Helen Dietrich** of **Ottawa County**, **Laurie Laing** of **Calhoun County**, and **Will Wilson** from **Shiawassee County**.

Three members represent the state young farmer committee. They are **Mitch Bigelow** of **Bay County**, **Nathan Engelhard** of **Tuscola County** and **Caleb Stewart** from **Clinton County**.

Three members represent the **MFB Board**. They are **Doug Darling** of **Monroe County**, **Brigette Leach** of **Kalamazoo County**, and I serve as the final board member and chair of the committee.

These volunteers worked hard sifting through over 750 recommendations that were acted upon at county Farm Bureau annual meetings. We're proud to present the final product of that grassroots policy development process for your consideration this week.

Please join me in showing the committee our appreciation for the many days and hours of work they have already put in.

**(APPLAUSE)**

**(BEDNARSKI RETURNS TO LECTERN, HAGENOW REMAINS AT THE SECOND PODIUM.) BEDNARSKI:**

Thank you **Andy** and members of the Policy Development Committee. Your efforts are most appreciated.

In the rules approved, we have agreed to a two-minute time limit for debate by delegates. I would call your attention to the red light here in the front of the room, which will serve as a timer. When the red light comes on, please conclude your remarks.

Also, please remember to identify yourself and indicate your county before you speak.

If you are currently on the delegate floor, you are probably already aware of this, but you'll note we have one common entry point where assigned staff are verifying that you have your name badge and delegate badge, signifying you are a properly registered delegate. That process will be followed the entire week – so make sure you have the delegate badge – if you don't, please visit with your respective delegate chair.

If you are not a delegate and you want to sit and listen to delegate session, feel free head to the upper level via stairs or elevator and watch from above.

And finally, before we begin consideration of resolutions this afternoon, I'd like to introduce the staff to my left who will be doing the screen work and taking care of your amendments.

Please help me recognize **Andrena Reid, Dennie Olson** and **Melissa Palma** and **Corina Salinaz** behind the curtain who will be processing your amendment forms. Thank you in advance for your help this week.

**(BLANK AMENDMENT FORM AT BEDNARSKI'S PODIUM) BEDNARSKI:**

As we begin to work on our proposed policies, I want to make the delegates aware of how the process will work.

I suggest you follow along in the book until a change from the floor is made and then use the screen to clarify the change. Proposed language made by the policy development committee will be underlined, just as in the resolution book.

Language that was removed by the policy development committee will have a line through it, just as in the book.

When an amendment or change is suggested from the floor, the operators will make the change on the screen and it will appear in blue and either double underlined or double strike through.

Changes that are only two or three words can be made from the floor. If you are suggesting an amendment that is more than five words, or a substitute resolution, we request that you write it out on the amendment form at your tables **(hold one up,**

attached).

**It is very important that changes be clearly printed** so our computer operators can enter the exact language you will be proposing. Once you complete the form, remove the pink copy for yourself and give the rest of the form to an MFB staff member seated on standby (***ask assigned staff members to raise their hand***).

We ask that you anticipate changes before the resolution is taken under consideration by the delegate body and turn in your forms at least four resolutions prior to the one you are proposing to change.

This will give the computer operators a chance to enter it before you present the change to the delegate body, which will help with the flow of our session.

Some of you have asked for more guidance on parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rules of Order. In the front inside cover of your delegate book you find a summary of common motions and how to use them. Also, feel free to talk to any of the Farm Bureau staff if you have questions about how to make motions in this process and they can help you.

Again this year, we will be using electronic voting devices. Throughout the session I may request the use of the devices to expedite the voting process. This will not replace the voice vote but may replace the hand vote if needed. When an electronic vote is requested you will see a yes or no on the screen.

**1 will be a “yes” vote and 2 will be “no.”**

You can begin voting when I say “vote now.” There will be a 15 second time limit and you can change your vote during those 15 seconds if needed. Let’s test the clickers now.

**(BEDNARSKI - DIRECT ATTENTION TO THE SCREENS WHERE A SLIDE WILL APPEAR)**

**BEDNARSKI:**

Here's the question I would like you to vote yes or no on to test our clickers?  
Is this your first Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting serving as a delegate?  
Press 1 for yes, 2 for no, vote now.  
(Results will be shown after the 15 second timer.)

Now, it is time to start our policy considerations.

**Andy** would you please begin these proceedings?

***(HAGENOW APPROACHES PODIUM TO BEGIN THE PD PROCESS)***

***(AT 4:20 PM – ACMOODY AND KUTCHEY MOVE TO STAGE LEFT TO BE INTRODUCED ON STAGE)***

***(AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M. BEDNARSKI MAKES THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION TO GIVE A REPORT ON THE STATE STUDY COMMITTEE)***

At last year's annual meeting, the delegates requested a Study Committee be appointed to review our entire organization and provide recommendations to next year's Council of President's Conference, to do so, I have appointed Amanda Kutchey from Macomb County and Brian Acmoody from Branch to co-chair the committee, and I thought it would be important for them to give you an update on their progress.

***(KUTCHEY AND ACMOODY TAKE THE PODIUM)***

**(HECK, BLIGHT, HOLLINGER AND TOP SIX YOUTH AND COLLEGIATE DISCUSSION MEET FINALISTS STANDBY)**

**BEDNARSKI:**

Before we close, I'd like to welcome the Michigan Farm Bureau Youth and Collegiate Discussion Meet competitors in the audience and call Chris Heck, State Young Farmer Committee member, to the stage for an award presentation.

**HECK:**

Thank you, President Bednarski. From blue corduroy jackets to suit and ties, polished opening statements to intelligent solutions, we've spent this morning and afternoon watching some of the state's best and brightest young leaders compete in the Youth and Collegiate Discussion Meet. Seeing them in action, it's evident we grow informed advocates and passionate leaders. It's my pleasure to introduce our top six competitors. I'd like to ask State Young Farmer Committee member Afton Blight to bring our finalists on stage.

Please hold your applause until all students have been introduced.

**(BLIGHT ESCORTS TOP SIX YOUTH DISCUSSION MEET FINALISTS ONSTAGE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, BLIGHT SHAKES EACH PERSON'S HAND AS THEY ARE INTRODUCED)**

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\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County, and

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County

Let's give all our Youth Discussion Meet finalists a round of applause!

**(PAUSE & LEAD APPLAUSE)**

Ladies and gentlemen, our 2017 State Youth Discussion Meet runner up is:

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County

**(BLIGHT SHAKES HAND, PRESENTS PLAQUE AND POSES FOR PHOTO WITH RUNNER UP)**

And our 2017 State Youth Discussion Meet winner is:

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County

**(PAUSE & LEAD APPLAUSE)**

**(BLIGHT SHAKES HAND, PRESENTS PLAQUE AND POSES FOR PHOTO WITH WINNER AND THEY EXIT THE STAGE)**

Now, for our college students. It's my pleasure to introduce our top six Collegiate Farm

Bureau Discussion Meet competitors. Gy Hollinger will you please escort our top six finalist to the stage. Please hold applause until all students have been introduced.

**(HOLLINGER ESCORTS TOP SIX YOUTH DISCUSSION MEET FINALISTS ONSTAGE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, HOLLINGER SHAKES EACH PERSON'S HAND AS THEY ARE INTRODUCED)**

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\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County

Let's give all our Collegiate Discussion Meet finalists a round of applause!

**(PAUSE & LEAD APPLAUSE)**

Ladies and gentlemen, our 2017 State Collegiate Discussion Meet runner up is:

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County

**(HOLLINGER SHAKES HAND, PRESENTS PLAQUE AND POSES FOR PHOTO WITH RUNNER UP)**

And our 2017 State Collegiate Discussion Meet winner is:

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ County

**(PAUSE & LEAD APPLAUSE)**

**(HOLLINGER SHAKES HAND, PRESENTS PLAQUE AND POSES FOR PHOTO WITH WINNER AND EXITS STAGE)**

Congratulations to all our contestants. I'll pass things back to President Bednarski to wrap up our first delegate session.

**BEDNARSKI:**

***(MAKES THE CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ADJOURN FOR RECEPTION AND ANNUAL BANQUET)***

Just a few announcements before we close our first delegate session.

Be sure to enjoy the reception prior to tonight's banquet in Exhibit Hall B and check out our Young Farmer Excellence Award Winners Kevin and Sarah Messing's presentation in Grand Gallery Room F at 5:30.

All of our receptions will be held in the exhibit hall for you to interact with our sponsors and member service providers. The reception begins at 5:30 and the banquet will begin promptly at 6:30.

Be sure to visit the Foundation Country Store for Farm Bureau items and ag in the classroom books and to bid on items in the silent auction and our Collective Memories exhibit to inspect the photographs from our nearly 100 year history. It is your chance to share your story with us and contribute your knowledge of who is in one of our historical photos.

Stop by the booth of tonight's reception sponsor, Consumers Energy. Enjoy the reception. See you at 5:30.

## **Here are some questions we think our farmer members would like to have addressed in Administrator Pruitt's conversation with MFB President Carl Bednarski**

- 1) What is the status and what should we expect from the new WOTUS rule?
  - How can agriculture play an active role in providing input?
- 2) Can you help clarify what livestock farmers need to do about the requirement to report air emissions under CERCLA and EPCRA?
  - Should Farm Bureau be pursuing a legislative solution in light of the court ruling and ongoing legal challenges?
- 3) What is the role for voluntary environmental programs such as Michigan's Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program?
- 4) What is EPA considering in developing and updating the Renewable Fuel Standards?
- 5) How do you see EPA's involvement with the states working to address harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie?
- 6) What should farmers expect – or watch out for – with EPA's continuing reviews of important pesticides, after the approval of chlorpyrifos?

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Hello Millan,

Thank you so much for your time today on our call. Here are the follow-up items we discussed:

1. The program director is working on an overview of the talk he is giving now and I will pass it along to you as soon as I have it
2. As mentioned on the call, both the Administrator and Rep. Jim Jordan will be speaking during the dinner program
3. Our complete program agenda can be found here: <https://www.rb2017.org/index/agenda>
4. Mr. Meese will not be in attendance this year
5. We will send you the list of guests as his table as soon as we confirm them

The items you will send me once you have them available:

1. The names and hotel dates of the Administrator's staff
2. The confirmed date/time of the walk through with his advance team
3. Additional item: can you please have all staff attending Resource Bank with the Administrator register using this link by COB tomorrow:  
[https://www.rb2017.org/index/begin?reg\\_type\\_id=9717](https://www.rb2017.org/index/begin?reg_type_id=9717)

Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. Thank you!

Jessica

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