



Kent County Agri-Business Community Work Group

TO: Diane Jones and Stan Ponstein, County Commissioners
Steve Grimm, Cannon Township Supervisor
Bryan Harrison, Caledonia Charter Township Supervisor
Rick Baker - President/CEO, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Patty Birkholz - West Michigan Regional Director, League of Conservation Voters
Bert Bleke - Former K-12 Administrator, Interested Citizen
Rick Chapla – Vice-President of Business Development, The Right Place, Inc.
Mimi Fritz - Manager, Downtown Market
Dr. Paul Isely - Professor, Grand Valley State University
Bryan Posthumus - Agri-business owner, Lowell & Grattan Townships
Ed Robinette - Local Agri-business, East County
Steve Wilson – Executive Director, Frey Foundation

COPY: Mary Swanson, Assistant County Administrator
Dan Koorndyk, Chair, Kent County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Jim Saalfeld, County Commissioner

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Agri-Business Community Work Group

DATE: February 3, 2015

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Agri-Business Community Work Group is scheduled for **Monday, February 9, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Commissioners Chamber (Room 310) of the County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The following agenda is presented.

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Approval of the January 12, 2015 Meeting Notes
- 3) Matt Woolford, Equalization Director, Agricultural Land Valuation
- 4) Discussion with Kent County growers Mark Youngquist, Michigan Apple Committee; Steve Thome, Tree Fruit Commission; and Rob Steffens, Sparta Township Trustee
- 5) Public Comment
- 6) Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, **March 2, 2015** at 4:30 p.m. (Note date change)