Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Farmland Preservation Advisory Board

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

ORC 901.23 lays out the purpose of the board:
(B) The board shall provide advice to the director regarding all of the following:
1. The design and implementation of an agricultural easement purchase program
2. The selection of applications that will be awarded matching grants under division (D) of section 901.22 of the Revised Code for the purchase of agricultural easements;
3. The design and implementation of any other statewide farmland protection measures that the director considers appropriate.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The advisory board meets twice a year and requires a total of about 150 hours of staff time from the 3.5 FTE employed by the Office of Farmland Preservation.

Agency’s past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

The advisory board does not have a dedicated budget, is not compensated for their time and only receives mileage reimbursement.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

There are twelve members and an employee of the Ohio Department of Agriculture designated by the Director serves as the nonvoting chairperson of the board. There is no compensation except, by law, members are reimbursed for their mileage.

The twelve members are as follows:
1. county commissioner
2. township trustee
3. representative of OSU
4. representative of a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of farmland
5. representative of development interests
6. representative of environment interests
7. representative of planning interests
8. representative of soil & water conservation interests
9-12 one farmer from each quadrant of the state

Additional notes

The Department respectfully requests reauthorization of the Board.