

**Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council
Board Meeting
Ramada Plaza Hotel
Minneapolis, MN
August 20, 2014**

Minutes

Members Present: Kevin Buss, Debi Clasemann, Jim Dose, Carolyn Freese, Paul Fritsche, Dan Grunhovd, Ken Herbranson, Karen Kasper, Keith Knutson, Charles Krause, Barb Liebenstein, Corrine Lieser, John Merdan, Ron Rinkel, Peter Ripka, David Schwartz, Kathy Skiba, Kristine Spadgenske, Chris Sukalski, Suzanne Vold, Tom Walsh, Rita Young

Others Present: Midwest Dairy: Louise Gallagher, Mike Kruger, Bob Lefebvre, Barb Luehmann, Sherry Newell, Kristy Masloski, Wendy Meck

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Kathy Skiba.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Debi Clasemann and she announced the presence of a quorum.

3. Agenda

Charles Krause moved, Suzanne Vold seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

4. Minutes

Corrine Lieser moved, Barb Liebenstein seconded to approve the MDPC minutes of June 20, 2014. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

MDPC Financial Statement

Wendy Meck reviewed the MDPC financial statement.

Ron Rinkel moved, Suzanne Vold seconded to approve the Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council financial statement of June 30, 2014. Motion Carried.

2015 MDPC Election Nominating Process Review

Elections will be held for the even districts in 2015. This includes districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22. The district chair or vice chair is the chair of the nominating committee. Board members up for reelection were polled on their intentions to run again for the upcoming election. Packets will be mailed to the nominating committee members in September.

6. Unfinished/New Business

Kathy Skiba and Ken Herbranson gave a summary of the MDPC/MN Division Re-Districting Task Force and their recommendations.

Kevin Buss moved, Barb Liebenstein seconded to update the MDPC governance as follows:

- 1. Numbers: 22 members through 2018; 16 members beginning 2019.**
- 2. Terms: 3 year terms beginning 2019. [NOTE: After the meeting, Ruth White from the MN Dept. of Agriculture notified staff that the statute allows 2-year maximum terms.]**
- 3. Election: continue with all elected positions. Work with MN Dept. of Ag. on ballot recognition.**
- 4. Selection Process: Enhance current nominating process by: Staff to communicate role of nominating committee and provide assistance as requested and process documented.**
- 5. Boundaries: Prior to 2019 revise boundaries to 8 districts based on production. Two directors per district.**
- 6. Governance Task Force: Meet every 4 years or sooner as deemed necessary.**
- 7. Website: Update website to include director contact information, meeting notices, financial information, minutes, promotional order, and election information.**

Motion Carried.

Action Item: Distribute district map options to board members.

7. Adjourn

Corrine Lieser moved, Paul Fritsche seconded to approve adjourning the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Clasemann
Secretary

Kathy Skiba
Chair