

**Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council  
Board Meeting  
Minneapolis Marriott City Center  
March 8, 2016**

**Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Jim Dose, Kristine Spadgenske

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** deb Vander Kooi

**Others Present:** Midwest Dairy Staff: Eir GarciaSilva, Louise Gallagher, Jodi Jetson, Mike Kruger, Alex Larson, Lisa McCann, Wendy Meck, Lucas Sjostrom

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.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, Paul Fritsche seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**4. Minutes**

Corrine Lieser moved, Peter Ripka seconded to approve the MDPC minutes of November 23, 2015 with changes. Motion Carried.

**5. Election**

**Seat Board Nominees**

Corrine Lieser moved, Keith Knutson seconded to seat the elected directors from odd-number districts as presented. Motion Carried.

**Appoint Tellers (2)**

The following were appointed as tellers:

Alex Larson

Lucas Sjoström

The MDPC Board reorganized and the following were elected as officers:

Chair	Kathy Skiba
Vice-chair	Barb Liebenstein

**Dan Grunhoyd moved, Paul Fritsche seconded to cast a unanimous ballot.  
Motion Carried.**

Secretary	Debi Clasemann
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**Corrine Lieser moved, Kevin Buss seconded to cast a unanimous ballot.  
Motion Carried.**

Treasurer	Chris Sukalski
Executive Committee Member at-large	Peter Ripka

**Paul Fritsche moved, Barb Liebenstein seconded to destroy the ballots. Motion Carried.**

**6. Reports**

**Financial Audit Report**

Wendy Meck reviewed the 2015 Audit Report.

**Suzanne Vold moved, Paul Fritsche seconded to approve the Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council 2015 Audit Report as presented. Motion Carried.**

**Reserves Update**

Louise Gallagher reviewed the financial reserves.

*Action Item: Jodi Jetson to send Midwest Dairy opportunity fund application to board members.*

**7. New/Unfinished Business**

Kathy Skiba opened discussion for any new or unfinished business.

**8. Adjourn**

**Peter Ripka moved, Tom Walsh seconded to approve adjourning the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Debi Clasemann  
Secretary



Kathy Skiba  
Chair

